

Brinnon School District
No. 46
46 Shoolhouse Rd.
Brinnon, WA 98320

The Bugle



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January 2014

Congratulations to our January Achievement Winners!

Pre-School:

*Kamberly Duckworth,
for Dedication to the
Performing Arts*

K—2nd Grade:

*Kattahlinah Hjelvik
and Ty Orton, for
Attentiveness*

3rd—5th Grade:

*Taylor Miller, Selena
Malek and Alex Roaf,
for Academic Effort*

6th—8th Grade:

*Isaac Boling, Brandon
Johnson and Brennen
Filmer, for being En-
gaged in Learning
(Science)*



*Brinnon School...
Home of the Bobcats
100 Years—Proud
and Strong!*

Board of Directors:

*Bill Barnet, Jerry
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Shirley Towne.*

*Superintendent:
Wally Lis
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Winter School Happenings....

The January School Assembly had more than our monthly achievement winners... We had the Port Townsend Rainier Paragliding club come to visit! In addition to showing us videos of them “flying” (which they often do over the school!), they showed us their gear and even brought in a full size kite which they were able to make “take flight” inside our gym for a brief moment! Our students were very interested and they

asked a lot of intelligent questions. We want to say **Thank You** to the club for their exciting visit!

Every Wednesday, our Student Council opens a “Store” right here in our gym from 2:30-3:00. They practice their leadership, math and budgeting skills to set up and sell a variety of items; ranging from games, hats, school supplies and more. At the same time, you can enjoy the delightful smell of fresh popped popcorn wafting through the halls as

they sell it by the bag for .75 cents a piece to benefit our Middle School. It’s a great highlight in the middle of our week!

January is School Board Appreciation Month. We want to give a big **THANK YOU** to our Board Directors for all you do! You are appreciated!

The flu season is here! See our website for important flu information from our nurse!



Pre-School News..... Teacher: Kathi Mueller

Our Pre-School students enjoyed playing snowmen and winter people at our Winter Program. All the students were enthusiastic to perform! Who knows? Maybe

we have a future Academy Award winner in our midst! We also had a visit from the Children’s Librarian from Port Hadlock, who read a book called Zomo, which

rhymes with one of our students name of “Momo”! Feb. brings a trip to the Brinnon fire station for a tour and movie. That’s all for now!





Why we LOVE our school!

***Because of
choice time and
computers.-Kat***

***It tells us about
different things.
-David***

***You get to do a
bunch of fun
things. -Aiden***

***We have good
teachers, good
lunches, and
computers.
-Kadence***

***I like the
computers.-Max***

***Choice Time!
-Will***

***I like school be-
cause of Mrs.
Johnston.
-Parker***

Choice time!-Ty

***I like school be-
cause it is
awesome.-Noah***

Busy in and out of the Classroom Grades K—2nd

Teacher: Lisa Johnston

The first half of the school year is almost over! We have been busy with academic goals as well as real life experiences.

In math, we have been focusing on becoming fluent with addition and subtraction, telling time, and problem solving. The new Common Core state standards ask for kids to have a bigger role in their learning. Instead of relying solely on workbook pages, students are actively involved and learning that there is more than one way to find a solution. It is

exciting to see the students really thinking through problems instead of just trying to get a page finished.

With reading, we are looking at not only fluency, but understanding what we are reading.

Along with this we are becoming writers too. We write every day in our journals and sometimes we choose a piece to type and share on the bulletin board in the hallway. If you are ever in the neighborhood, please stop by and see what the primary students have been up to.

We have had many adventures outside of the classroom as well. So far we have been apple picking, taken a walking trip to the fire station and Whitney Gardens, and also had a visit to The Refuge. Thank you to all who hosted us as we learn more about this lovely place we call home.



Technology Makes Learning Fun in the K-2 Classroom!!

The rapid clicking of keyboards can often be heard in the primary classroom. The students are hard at work writing, researching, or even playing educational games. Brinnon School is fortunate to have excellent technology resources. From interactive whiteboards to a full computer lab, we are

wired for success. In this age of automation, it is important for students to be fully computer literate. Each class has a short, dedicated technology time every day. They can practice the skills learned during this time in the classrooms as we integrate these lessons into our eve-

ryday activities. What's next for the primary students? We will be working on a research report and creating a power point presentation to share our information with others.



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January/ February Important Dates

Monday, Jan. 27
No School
(snow make up
day)

Tuesday, Jan. 28
End of Quarter

Friday, Jan. 31
Early Release
12:30
(Teacher In-
Service)

February, 14
Early Release
12:30
(Teacher In-
Service)



February, 17
No School
(Presidents Day)

Friday, Feb. 28
Early Release
12:30
(Teacher In-
Service)

Extending Learning in the Classroom—Grades 6-8

Teacher: Gay Corey

Many of our Middle School students now have, or are on their way to having their Health Cards. These students assist with daily lunches and other food events, giving them an employable skill when they enter the workforce. ~ We also worked on a Landscape Design Project for the front of the school. The students researched plants that are viable to grow in the desired space, taking into account our hungry elk neighbors, weather, cost, aesthetic value and more.

~ As you saw on the front page, our Student Council Officers run a “store” here on Wednesdays. They are learning a lot of skills, including: budgeting skills to determine cost/profit ratios, leadership skills by setting up the store and tracking inventory, customer relation skills and working together as a team....more valuable workplace skills under their belt! ~ The students are also going to be working on getting

First Aid/CPR certified; a necessary training to be an employable babysitter.

Some Levy Facts...

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Library/Computer Lab Para-Educator: Angela Broderson

Great things are happening here in the Library and Computer Lab. Students are continuing to learn about being good digital citizens. The K-2nd grade class is learning cyber safety with Clicky. Have them show you!
www.netsmartkids.org/LearnWithClicky.

Our Fall theme in the library was Fall into Reading. The students decorated the library and front office with colored leaves. For winter, one of a kind student made snowflakes adorn our walls. Teaching keyboarding skills continue to be im-



portant and will serve our students well as they move ahead in school! Soon they will be learning the Dewy Decimal system and how to research using Reference and Non-Reference sections of our Library.

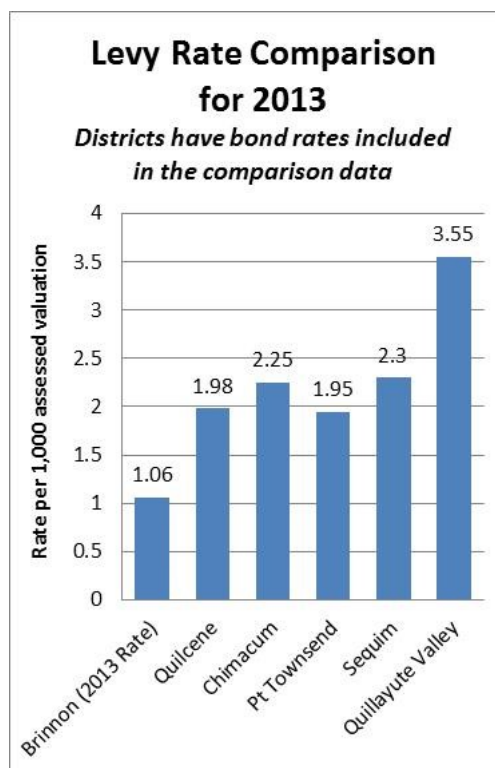
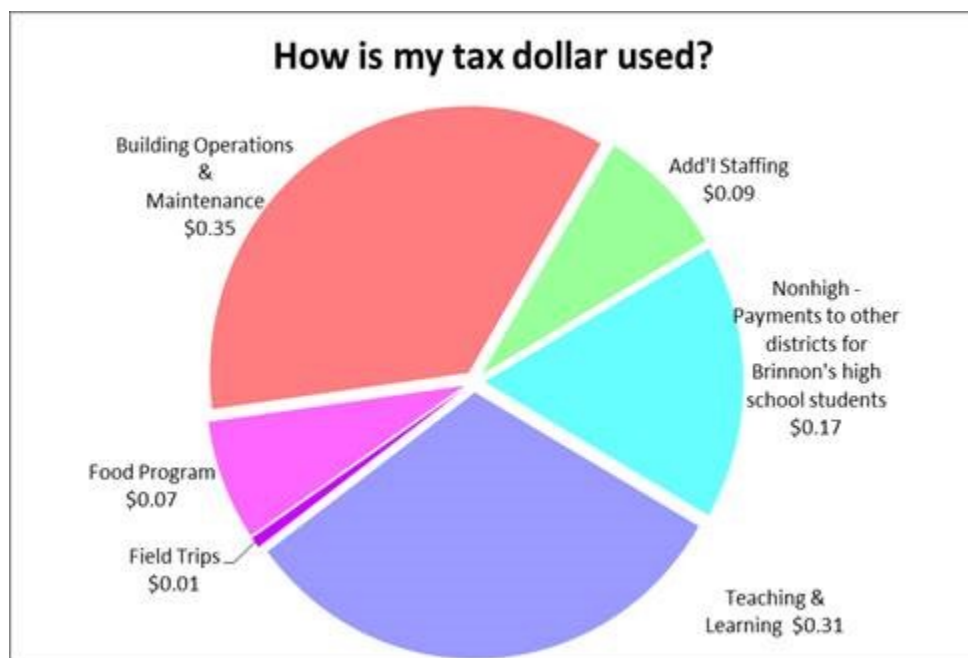
We are working to keep library skills **FUN!**



Important Levy Vote
Information: The Washington State Supreme Court told legislators, again, that they are not fully funding K-12 education at an adequate level. Until the state legislature takes action, our local community is being asked to fill the gap in funding. On February 11th, the BSD Board of Directors is asking you to continue to support our school by considering a levy. In the current reality of education funding, a significant amount of M&O funds are going towards educational programs. Some districts have renamed their levy proposal to “educational program and operations levy” to reflect the amount of dollars earmarked for instructional programs. As shown in the pie chart, over 30 cents of every dollar is spent on instructional programs.

Also Noteworthy, as you’ll see in the adjacent bar graph, this replacement Brinnon levy proposal is lower than all of our surrounding communities.

Previous M & O Levy dollars have funded some of the following improvement projects: Purchase of a refrigerator and steam table for the school kitchen, Improvement of school lighting, inside and out, repairs on our school furnaces and classroom thermostats, purchase of a portable generator for power outages, new roofing on the portables, indoor and outdoor security cameras to improve school safety, computer equipment to keep our students up to speed with the latest technology... and many other improvement/repair projects that an aging school requires...





Our Version of Rudolph...

(Grades 3-5 Classroom)



Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer, taught us more about respect.

Treating others the way you... want to be treated is best.

Showing kindness and consideration is the way.

Liking yourself enough to be yourself every day.

Accepting others for who they are, way deep down inside.

Doing your part to get along makes life a really fun ride!

Yeah!



Martin Luther King, Jr. and Rudolph? — Grades 3-5

Teacher: Cyndi Wallace

Celebrating the life and legacy of Martin Luther King, Jr. gave our intermediate students a chance to look at the importance of showing respect to all from a broader historical perspective. They were quick to connect his message to anti-bullying, and are shocked that people could have been so intolerant of skin color differences. Our discussions also brought to mind our class collaboration on a respect themed 'Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer' version of the song for our winter performance.

It is exciting to witness their passion for making our school, community, and world a place in

which all feel valued. Our Intermediate class rocks!

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Save the Date!



The 28th Annual PTO Auction Fund-raiser will be held on **Saturday, April 26th 2014**. More information soon...The next PTO Meeting is Tuesday, Feb. 11th at 3:30 in the school library. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Don't be a Bully!



All Brinnon Students have received "Don't be a Bully" t-shirts courtesy of the PTO (the t-shirts are from The Pizza Factory in P.T.). Staff and students are encouraged to wear them on Thursdays. On a recent Thursday, three of our students wearing the t-shirts, were asked:

"Why do you feel it's important to wear your t-shirts to school?" Here are their replies:

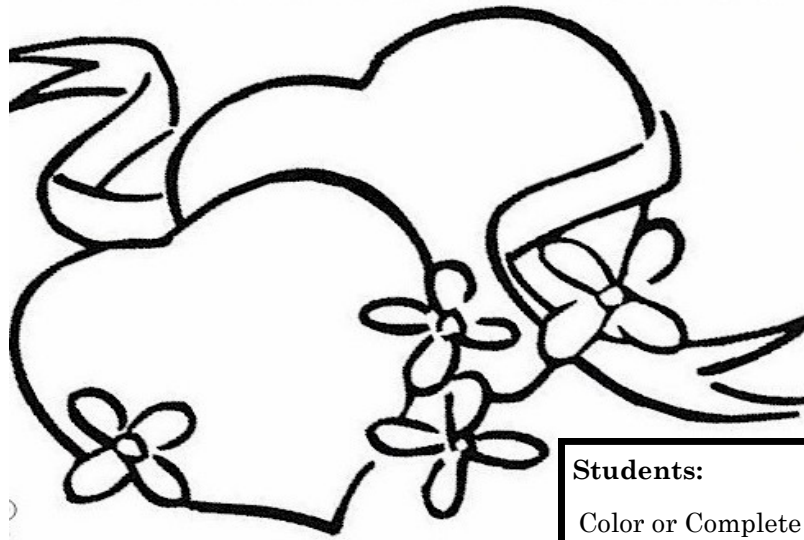
"School is not a place to be bullied." ~ Richard Gunstone
"Brinnon School is definitely a good place to learn, respect people, use good words and not to fight." ~Alex Roaf

Teacher: Kris Green

"I think it's important we need the school to be bully free. We don't like bullies. I've been bullied in school before and the reason why we wear these shirts is because we deserve not to be bullied at all."
~Victoria Truppner.



valentine's Day



FLOWERS
HEARTS
KISS
LOVE
VALENTINE

ARROW
CANDY
CARD
CHOCOLATE
CUPID

Students:

Color or Complete
this Word Search
and bring it in to
Mrs. Prater for a
little
surprise!

WORD SEARCH

C	H	O	C	O	L	A	T	E	G	U
E	S	Y	V	Y	P	M	B	I	I	U
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