A Message from Principal Bryan

Dear Capitol Hill Families,

Welcome back!!

I would like to thank all of you for helping to make the beginning of this school year start off with such good energy. Our Open House last Thursday was a big success with over 900 families attending.

Students and staff have been excited and energized in classes and hallways, and their enthusiasm is contagious.

With the busy start of the school year, it is often easy to overlook some of the important house-keeping details we need to accomplish, and I would like to take this opportunity to remind you to check the Capitol Hill website for the following items:

• Required Student Forms: One-Stop/iUpdate*
• PTO Direct-Drive Fundraiser – the Donate button in the upper right corner of the website.
• Calendar Events
  • PTO’s First Family Night, September 20th (more info to come)
  • School Picture Day, October 14

(*) A mailing arrived at your home from our district in August with your username and password; call the school office if you need help.

You are reading this message in the Headliner, a newsletter published every other Friday for Capitol Hill families that contains school-wide information. Please make sure you have updated your CAMPUS information with your email. Headliners are sent to what is listed in CAMPUS.

Thanks again for the great start and I look forward to another year of robust arts and academics at Capitol Hill.

Sincerely,

Patrick Bryan
Principal, Capitol Hill Magnet School

If you need an interpreter please contact Der Thao, lead clerk, at 651-325-2500 or at der.thao@spps.org.

Si necesita un interpret pongase en contacto con Paul Quigle en 651-325-2500 o en paul.quigle@spps.org

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Capitol Hill PTO News

September 20 is the first PTO Family Dinner & Meeting of the year!
5:30 - Family Dinner in Blue Atrium (GF, DF options will be available)
6:15 - 7:00 - PTO meeting in the Gym: an overview of budget, plans, and needs for 2016/17

Mark your calendars! Future PTO Family Dinner & Meeting dates are 12/6, 3/7, and 5/23. In partnership with the school, a light meal and childcare are provided at no cost at every PTO meeting. Please join us!

Sign-up for the Capitol Hill Family Directory! Registration closes September 22.
Step 1: New and returning families go to the following website to view, edit, or add their information and preferences: www.join.myschoolanywhere.com (requires this code: CapitolHillDirectory)
Step 2: To complete the process, you’ll receive an email that grants you secure access. Please add mail@myschoolanywheremail.com to your email contacts to ensure you receive this message and prevent it from going to a spam or junk folder.

Please contribute to the Capitol Hill Direct Drive if you have not done so already!
A suggested donation of $100 per student supports field trips, classrooms, staff, and students for the 2016-17 school year. The amount you give is up to you! You can make your donation by cash or check at the main office (please include your student(s) name in the memo) or give online at www.givemn.org/organization/Capitol-Hill-Fund-Raising
Double your Donation! Ask your employee to match your gift! Capitol Hill PTO is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization; all donations are tax-deductible.

The PTO section of the Capitol Hill webpage has been updated. Check it out at capitolhill.spps.org/Page/2523
Attention Capitol Hill 6th, 7th & 8th Grade Students and Parents!

On Monday, September 19 at 6 p.m. there will be informational sessions regarding the upcoming student trips to Washington D.C. and France & England. You will have the opportunity to hear from both trip coordinators during the two 20-minute sessions from 6-6:20 p.m. and 6:20-6:40 p.m. Please mark this important date on your calendar and we look forward to seeing you on the 19th of September!

Sincerely,
Mary Steffy and Mark Westpfahl
Room 2533    Room 2506

Attention all middle school students

Come Join the fun! All 6th, 7th and 8th graders are invited to join "We Act" a service learning group on Tuesdays during lunch recess throughout the school year. Help make an impact in our school, community and world! Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 12 at 11:50-12:30 in the small gym. Bring your friends and make some new friends!

Some of last year's projects included collecting over 800 pounds of food for our neighborhood food shelf; packaged 52,704 meals for children in Guatemala and Haiti; Collected Books for Africa; Mailed letters and gifts to US Military members overseas; Had a bake sale that helped provide education for kids in Tanzania; Collected 70+ bikes for Free Bikes & Kidz; Students volunteered and helped our school with giving tours, Fall Festival, Give to the Max, Carnival Open houses, provided help in the classrooms and organized a fabulous Talent Show to raise funds to provide clean water for kids in Africa!

What are your new ideas for this year? The sky's the limit! Come join in the fun!

Questions? Contact Grace Raymond at grace.raymond@spps.org OR Lisa Larson at lisa.larson@spps.org

Elementary Band and Orchestra Sign-up Information

Sign-ups for elementary band and orchestra are taking place now. Orchestra is available for all elementary students in grades 1-5 and band is available for grades 4-5. Sign-up forms are being sent home with students this week and are due back next week. Sign-up forms are also available on Mr. Fulton's (band) and Mr. Middleton's (orchestra) pages on the school website at www.Capitolhill.spps.org. Lessons will start around the end of September. We look forward to another wonderful year of music making!

Any Middle School schedule change of class forms must be in to Ms. Wehner by 3:00 on Monday!!

Mr. Hare would like shoe boxes (60) and tennis balls (80) for experiments this year.
Thank you to everyone who enjoyed Jamba Juice smoothies and bought "I support the arts at our public schools" at our Open House last week. The proceeds will go towards an amazing school play production in March. If you are still interested in buying a t-shirt, please email Lisa Schibel at lisa.schibel@spps.org.

**Makerspace class**

A new Specialist class for students in grades 3-5 is Makerspace. This class grew out of last year’s Engineering class. Makerspaces are places where people create things. Ms. Meg King-Abraham is excited to create a space for students to design, tinker and build! To do this, students will need a wide variety of materials. Many are items that can be reused and repurposed.

**We are currently interested in collecting:**

- Legos, K’nex, other construction toys (We would love green 10 x 10 Lego baseplates!)
- cardboard rolls from paper towels, posters, toilet paper
- yarn, fabric and sewing notions
- cardstock, construction paper, index cards, origami paper
- Duct tape, masking tape
- cereal and shoe boxes, small containers
- wire, jewelry pieces, beads

Items can be brought to Room 2524. There will be a large box outside the door for donations. Thank you in advance!

**Athletics**

Click on Athletics at capitolhill.spps.org to get information and schedules for Fall Sports.

Jazz Band Auditions 2016-2017
For 6th, 7th and 8th graders
If you play Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, Piano, Guitar, Bass or Drums, please sign up for auditions in the band room. You will be expected to play your scales and sight read 4 measures of a simple jazz band chart and play a short prepared piece from our Jazz Band songs. Please look for your music in the band room. You will have until Sept. 19 to practice on your music. This is very important! Please be prepared!
Auditions will begin Monday, Sept. 19 during band. Thanks