

Black Diamond PTA Newsletter

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Dates to Remember

Winter Break: December 21st through January 3rd

Back to School: January 4, 2010

Martin Luther King Jr.: No School January 18th

Spaghetti Feed: February 10th

Mid Winter Break: February 15th through February 21st

PTA Meetings in the library

January 7th – 3:45 p.m.

February 4th – 3:45 p.m.

March 4th – 7:00 p.m.

April 15th – 3:45 p.m.

May 13th – 3:45 p.m.

June 17th – 3:45 p.m.



Wishing You a Happy Holidays

It is that time of year when we are all rushing about trying to get the perfect gift, bake the best cookies for our neighbors and friends, or take in every holiday event we can. Your PTA Board would like to thank each and every one of you for all your hard work.

There has been some wonderful things happening in our Black Diamond Elementary School and it is

because you all have opened your hearts and minds in giving back to the community.

A special thank you to Jack & Tina McGann for pulling together a free Thanksgiving dinner for our community and to Jennifer Kent for her willingness to make sure kids from the Black Diamond Community Center

Giving tree have something this holiday season. I also want to acknowledge the Student Government Club because they have come together to organize a coat, hat and glove drive. This is just a small sample of what we can do when we come together as a community.

We wish you and your family a wonderful Holiday and a very safe New Year. We look forward to what 2010 will bring.

Dianna Perry
PTA Secretary



Our goal is to provide support for the school, staff and children as well as being a voice for all children in our community.

Black Diamond Holiday Concerts

We would like to thank Mrs. Coach for putting together another wonderful Holiday concert. It is always fun to see the children and hear what they are learning. It is a wonderful evening of holiday music.

were very festive too.

The bake sale was a huge success and we would like to say thank you to Jennifer Leithum and Chanon Luke for their hard work.

Again this year, Mrs. Huizenga and Mrs. Eide had the children do a fun project that decorated the cafeteria. The Nutcrackers

PTA Volunteer of the Month

This year the PTA would like to recognize someone as Volunteer of the Month. We would like to recognize all of the wonderful people who help out in classrooms, behind the scenes or take on a special task.

October's Volunteer of the Month is **April Fleming**. April volunteers weekly in the classroom, put together a hop'n

50's dance and stained the Olivia Anderson memorial bench. Thank you April, for always going the extra mile for our children.

November's Volunteer of the Month is **Jack and Tina McGann**. Jack and Tina organized a free Thanksgiving dinner for our Black Diamond Community. There was turkeys to be cooked,

potatoes to be mashed and pies to be baked and because of Jack and Tina's enthusiasm for this event everyone came together to help them out. For putting the children and the Black Diamond Community first, we want to recognize you all and say Thank You!

District Workshop

The Enumclaw School District will be conducting a Board Review Monday, January 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at the District Board Room. Black Diamond Elementary will be scheduled to

present/share with our Board the work that we are doing in our Professional Learning Communities during our Friday Early Release time. We are all welcome to attend this workshop.

2009-2010 PTA Membership

The Black Diamond Elementary PTA received a Bronze Level Certificate for getting 50% membership before September 30, 2009. The highest PTA membership was back in 2004-2005 with 117 members. We currently have 120 members. We have set a goal for 150 members. Once the goal has been met, the PTA will have an ice cream social for the entire school. If you have any questions, please contact Karrie Hildebrand at karrie@continuex.com.



2010 Grad Christmas Tree Sale

Class of 2010 Grad Night Party
 Christmas Tree Sales Fundraiser
 Nov. 28th thru Dec 23rd
 Hwy 410 next to Mazatlan Restaurant. Fresh, fragrant local trees for sale, a wide variety of types. Complimentary delivery of your tree within the Enumclaw area is available. Your purchase will support the Enumclaw High School Graduating Seniors, drug and alcohol free, party.

School Levy

The Enumclaw School District has a levy which will be on the Special Election in February. If you are interested in working on the planning committee for the Black Diamond community then please contact Tina McGann at TMCGANN8851@MSN.COM.

Mother's In Touch

With the return of our children to school, many of us face those age-old fears: will my child behave? Will they have a good teacher? Will other children say and do things that I don't care for my child hearing and seeing? Will my child remember all the things we've taught him about Christ and true godly character?

Moms in Touch, Int. has an answer for you: PRAY!! This group meets once a week to pray for one hour for your school, your staff, and your child. If your school already has one in place, we encourage you to join them. If your school doesn't have one, we encourage you to begin one. It is a very simple process, and is MORE than worth the time and effort exerted. Call Shari Hanbey at 360-886-0833 for more details and more information. This could be the most powerful thing you ever do!!

Twass the Night before Christmas Poem

By: Clement Clarke Moore

Twass the night before Christmas, when all through the house
 Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
 The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
 In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

The Children were nestled all snug in their beds,
 While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads.
 And mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
 Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
 I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
 Away to the window I flew like a flash,
 Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow
 Gave the luster of mid-day to objects below.
 When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
 But a miniature sleigh, and eight tinny reindeer.

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
 I knew in a moment it much be St. Nick.
 More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
 And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name!

"Now Dasher! Now, Dancer! Now, Prancer and Vixen!
 On, Comet! On Cupid! On, on Donner and Blitzen!
 To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall!
 Now dash away! Dash away! Dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
 When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky.
 So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
 With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
 The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.
 As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
 Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
 And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.
 A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
 And he looked like a peddler, just opening his pack.

His eyes-how they twinkled! His dimples how merry!
 His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
 His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
 And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow.

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
 And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath.
 He had a broad face and a little round belly,
 That shook when he laughed, like a bowlful of jelly!

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
 And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself!
 A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
 Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread.

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
 And filled all the stockings, then turned with a jerk.
 And laying his finger aside of his nose,
 And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose!

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
 And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
 But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight,
 "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"