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Carnival

A NIGHT IN RIO

What a tremendous Carnival we celebrated last Saturday. A sincere thank you to everyone who attended and participated through donations, contributions and volunteering. It truly takes an army of volunteers to put on such a successful event and we are grateful to each and every one of you.

We would like to extend a very special thank you to all our Carnival committee chairs. Please review the list, and if you get a chance, personally thank these incredible volunteers. So many more parents and teachers have volunteered and extended advice, and for that, we sincerely thank you. If we have unwittingly forgotten anyone, we do apologize.

Thank you volunteers! ~JoAnne & Alice

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Grandparent Letter	Lynne Witham
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The Byte	Betsy Johnson, Tobey Bryant
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HOW YOUR STUDENT BENEFITS FROM AN INVESTMENT IN BSF...

- **National Board Certification – TEACHERS**

This year, **88** teachers in the Bellevue School District are going through the rigorous process of National Board Certification, the largest class yet! Bellevue ranks #1 in the state in Board Certified teachers (126), and Washington State ranks 10th in the nation overall.

Students benefit from teachers who are focused on ‘the big picture’ and how they can help their students learn in more effective, engaging and thoughtful ways. Teachers who have gone through the certification process comment that while it is very demanding, the results are well worth it.

- **AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) – STUDENTS**

Imagine students sitting in small discussion groups where, one by one, the students pose questions and, with the help of the others, come up with how to answer them – “*What was the main reason to find easier trade routes to India and how did that affect the way we live today?*”

With the guidance of the tutor, students share their thoughts and ideas with each other. They confirm they understand the answer or, if they don’t have the answer, where to go to get more information. And by using the Cornell method of note-taking, each student learns to look for and ask the more pertinent question, one that digs deeper, pushes them to compare and contrast the information, as well as have variable sources to support their statements.

These are all skills learned in their AVID class, a nationally recognized study and time management skills program for middle and high school students. Due to the success at both the middle and high school level, this year the district is expanding the program to include all 5th grade students.

Thanks to the support from parents and the greater Bellevue community, this year the Bellevue Schools Foundation is providing **\$232,700** toward **National Board Certification** and **\$114,000** to the **AVID** programs respectively.

SPRING FOR SCHOOLS BENEFIT LUNCHEON

Mark your calendars now! The 20th Annual Bellevue Schools Foundation Spring for Schools Benefit Luncheon will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2008 at Meydenbauer Center, from 11:30am – 1:30pm. More details to follow...

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Creative Kids Corner

Max Sweatt of Ms. Jackson's 4th grade class has done a great job showing his school spirit ! Thanks, Max, for this terrrrrrific Medina Tiger !



Virtues Corner

The Virtue of the Month is Respect: *Respect* is when adults and children speak and act with courtesy. It is treating others with dignity and honoring the rules of our family and school and nation. When you respect yourself, others will respect you. At Medina, parents and kids use respect when we speak courteously to everyone, and especially when we treat others the way we would like to be treated.



Dates to Remember...

March 31	Submission Deadline for April Tiger Bytes
June 5	Bellevue Schools Foundation Luncheon
June 13	Field Day



Tiger Bytes Submissions:

send to lindakbracken@msn.com

Medina PTA Website Submissions:

send to webmaster@medinapta.org

Go to www.medinapta.org for the online version of Tiger Bytes.