



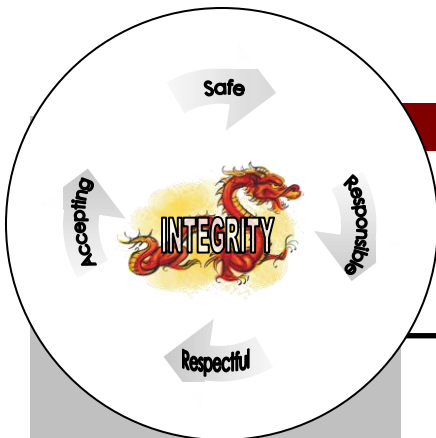
## DAYBREAK SCHOOLS

# A Dragon Tale

March / April 2011

Daybreak K-8 Schools  
1900 NW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Battle Ground, Washington 98604

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### Dragon Gear Apparel

Order Forms can be found in school offices.

Orders due March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### Snow Make-up Day

Please note: We will have school on Mon. June 20<sup>th</sup> to make up for our snow day.



### DBP / DBM Skate Night

Join ASB at Golden Skate for a fun night of roller skating on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:15 – 7:15. We get the entire skating rink all to ourselves. It'll be a good time for students, teachers, and families and friends to get together and have a little fun. Any profit will go the A.S.B. for Field Day at the end of the year. It is only \$5.00 (including skates). See you there!!!

### Kindergarten Registration 2011-2012

Do you have or know of someone that has a child who will be entering kindergarten next year? Daybreak Primary School will be registering incoming Kindergarten students during the week of April 18<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>, between 9:00am-3:00pm. Please bring updated immunization records and a birth certificate. If you have any questions you can call the primary school at 885-6950.

## Dear Daybreak Families,

Our Daybreak campus has been busy with a variety of events this winter. Thank you for your recent support of our band festival, PTA Bingo Night, Love and Logic Parent Classes, as well as our annual Dr. Seuss Birthday Bash. We enjoy seeing families together and appreciate your support as we continue to build traditions at Daybreak.

During January, February, and March, staff received professional development on assessment strategies which inform instruction on a daily basis. This time served as a foundation for the continuous work teachers are doing to improve student achievement across our district.

In the months ahead, we can look forward to the season of field trips, MSP testing, and year end events. As always, we appreciate the positive support we receive from our community.

Jill Dutchess, Primary Principal  
Shelly Whitten, Middle Principal  
Michelle Reinhardt, Primary Asst. Principal  
Brian Hanson, Middle Asst. Principal



Mrs. Reinhardt and her husband welcomed Baby Josiah into the world on March 3rd. Although he was 3 weeks early, he weighed in at 6 lbs, 4 oz and was 18 inches long. He and mom are doing great! Diane Castle (admin intern) will be filling in during her absence.

## Love and Logic Tip: *Thinking Words* vs. *Fighting Words*

Our Love & Logic trainings were a great success! To further this program, monthly newsletters will begin to publish some tips on how to continue this with their families.

In many homes, setting limits means issuing commands. Love and Logic suggests asking questions and offering choices instead, which places the responsibility for decision-making on the children.

Love and Logic techniques help kids do exactly what we want them to do: think—as much as possible. When students choose an option, they do the thinking. This makes the choice stick with them. Notice the difference between fighting and thinking words in the examples that follow:

**Fighting Words:** You're going to clean your room or I'm not letting you go outside.  
**Thinking Words:** *I'll be happy to let you go outside as soon as your room is cleaned.*

**Fighting Words:** I'm not letting you play on the football team with grades like that.  
**Thinking Words:** *Feel free to play football as long as your grades are okay.*

## Read, Read, Read!

Our students are reading an amazing variety of books: biographies, historical fiction, poetry novels, and much more. The top three classes at the middle school for borrowing books are Ms. Baty's students, Ms. Robinson's students, and Mr. Walsh's students. Check out these upcoming reading events and resources:

- The Daybreak Primary All School Read event begins March 14th. The oldest child in the family at DBP will bring home the reading book, reading schedule and informational letter on that day. We're looking forward to a wonderful community reading experience. The final book celebration will be combined with the Daybreak Open House on April 14th.
- The Daybreak Spring Book Fair will be held at Barnes & Noble Vancouver on Tuesday, April 26th. Many fun events are planned to highlight Daybreak students. Please plan to join us there to support our students and school. More information will be sent home as the date gets closer.
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## Safety Alerts



Pedestrians and motorists are asked to be aware of new safety devices, consisting of an overhead crosswalk beacon and school speed limit beacons, in the vicinity of Daybreak Schools. The safety improvements were funded by a grant that was obtained by the Battle Ground School District and administered by the City of Battle Ground.

The overhead crosswalk beacon warns drivers that a pedestrian is about to enter the crosswalk. State law requires that vehicles must stop when pedestrians are crossing within a crosswalk. Pedestrians should use the same level of caution crossing NW 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue with the new flashing light system as they would crossing any street, by always looking to make sure that vehicles have stopped before proceeding into the crosswalk.

The existing 20 MPH school speed limit signs have been replaced with solar powered school speed limit beacons that are activated around the times of school pedestrian activity.

With the activation of the new school safety systems, the Battle Ground Police Department will be encouraging motorists to obey the school speed zone and pedestrian crosswalk by radar and crosswalk enforcement.

There will be "no parking zone" posted all along 239<sup>th</sup> St. as the road does not have the width to accommodate both parking and travel in the east bound lane. This curb painting and signage will be done in the spring as weather allows. We ask that you make this change immediately as parked cars are creating a hazard for busses and cars traveling along 239<sup>th</sup>.

**Also, please be aware that crossing guards along 20<sup>th</sup> have been rearranged a little and there is no longer a crossing guard at 9<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>. Students need to cross where there are crossing guards and should plan accordingly.**

As always we appreciate your help in modeling and training students to use good pedestrian travel skills. Thank you for your help.

## Bullying Prevention



Battle Ground School District will be hosting a Bullying Prevention Night at Prairie High School. April 25<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8pm. Speaker Trudy Ludwig will give information to parents on how to help their children with this issue. Questions? Contact Cynthia Schroeder 885-6573.

## We are the Green Team!

DBM has joined the Washington Green Schools program which provides the tools to involve students, teachers and community members in assessing and taking action to increase resource conservation and waste reduction in schools. At Daybreak it is an opportunity to become a leader at school and in the future.

Our work will include:

- Reducing our carbon footprint.
- Lower utility costs at the school.
- Provide leadership opportunities to all members.
- Create a healthier environment for students and staff.

You can follow our progress on <http://wagreenschools.org/>

## Music Concerts

### 4th Grade Music Program

Our fourth grade music program is on Thursday, March 31st at 6:30pm. We will be singing and playing our recorders in the commons for your listening pleasure. Our dress rehearsal for the primary students will be at 9:30AM on the same day. Parents are welcome to join us for both performances.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program

Our second graders will perform on Thursday, April 28th at 6:30pm. Please join us as our second grade entertains us with songs and movement activities from this year's music lessons. Our dress rehearsal for the primary school's attendance will be 4/28 at 2:15 PM. Parents are welcome to join us for both performances.

## Vacation Planning?

Just a reminder...

The MSP state testing window for students in grade 3-8 will be May 2<sup>nd</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>. Please plan your travel around these important dates.

## Flute Choir

Mrs. Solberg has enjoyed advising flute choir this year. They have performed at several events throughout the year including the Veteran's Assembly, Holiday Music in Hallways, the Talent show, and the Seventh Grade Awards Assembly.

The students play both classical and modern music. Practices are held during lunch recess. The students work hard and practice at home. Great job girls!

## Congratulations Band!

Mr. Izzett hosted a regional band festival at Daybreak on the March 2nd. The advanced band (6,7,8 combined) scored the highest out of all participating bands! Way to go! The 5<sup>th</sup> grade level was not adjudicated, but received outstanding comments. WAY TO GO! Please congratulate your band students!

## Middle School Photos?

Are you proud of anything you do? Showcase what you do outside of school by submitting pictures to the yearbook. The middle school yearbook needs pictures of students participating in after school activities such as basketball, wrestling, horse-back riding, etc. These will be scanned and safely returned to you. Please turn them into Room #206, by March 25th. Thank you!

## Notes from your School Nurse...

Health update forms for the next school year will be going out this April. Please remember to fill out the forms and return the required paperwork as soon as possible. We request that they are turned in and signed before the next school year. Please plan to see your child's physician to update immunizations for the next school year. Please bring a copy of any new immunizations to school.



Additionally, as we are at the peak of flu season, please remember to keep your child at home if they are ill. We require students to stay home until they are fever and vomit/diarrhea free for 24 hours. Remember to use frequent hand washing and stay well hydrated.

## Important Dates

|                |  |                 |
|----------------|--|-----------------|
| March 8        | PTA Meeting (Media Center)   | 7 – 8:30pm      |
| March 8        | Field Trip – Openshaw, Lemburg (PUD)   | 9am             |
| March 10       | Band Festival – PHS  |                 |
| March 11       | K-4 Reading Assembly   | 9:50am          |
| March 11       | Read & Play (DBP Fishbowl #115)  | 10am – 12pm     |
| March 11       | End of 6 week Grading Period – DBM   |                 |
| March 14       | Jump Rope for Heart (Small Gym)  |                 |
| March 17       | Field Trip – Voeller, Reynolds (PUD)   |                 |
| March 18       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Trimester Ends – DBP   |                 |
| March 18       | Read & Play (DBP Fishbowl #115)  | 10am – 12pm     |
| March 22       | Parent Focus Group – DBP   |                 |
| March 25       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Pioneer Living Experience  | 12pm            |
| March 26       | Skate Night (Golden Skate)   | 5:15-7:15pm     |
| March 31       | CTE Fair – 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade (Large Gym)   | 8:30am – 10am   |
| March 31       | 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Music Program / Awards Assembly  | 6:30pm – 7:30pm |
| April 4 – 9    | Spring Break   |                 |
| April 12       | PTA Meeting (Media Center)   | 7 – 8:30pm      |
| April 13       | Class Pictures (DBM & DBP)   |                 |
| April 14       | DBP Open House & All School Read   | 6:30 – 8pm      |
| April 19 -- 21 | Early Release – Student Led Conferences<br>AM Kindergarten attend (4/19 and 4/21)<br>PM Kindergarten attend (4/20) |                 |
| April 22       | No School – Snow makeup day  |                 |
| April 25       | Bullying Prevention Night (Prairie High School)  | 7 – 9pm         |
| April 26       | Barnes & Nobles Book Fair (Vancouver Store)  | 6 -- 8pm        |
| April 28       | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Music Program  | 6:30pm          |
| April 29       | Read & Play (DBP Fishbowl #115)  | 10am – 12pm     |
| April 29       | End of 6 week Grading Period -- DBM  |                 |
| May 2 – 19     | MSP Testing Window   |                 |
| May 6          | Read & Play (DBP Fishbowl #115)  | 10am – 12pm     |
| May 10         | PTA Meeting (Media Center)   | 7pm – 8:30pm    |
| May 20         | DBM Walk-a-thon  |                 |
| May 30         | Memorial Day – No School   |                 |

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**There is always one moment in childhood when the door opens and lets the future in.**

- Deepak Chopra