



# Ardmore Elementary School News



DECEMBER 2015

## Upcoming Events

Dec 11	Eagle Chat 6:30-8pm
Dec 21 —Jan 1	No School: Winter Break
Jan 4	School Resumes
Jan 5	PTSA Board Meeting 6-7:30pm

Ardmore Elementary School  
 16166 NE 32nd Street  
 Bellevue, WA 98008  
 425.456.4700

Ardmore Website  
<http://www.bsd405.org/ardmore>

Ardmore PTSA Website  
<http://www.ardmoreelementary.org/>

## Eagle Eye View

At Ardmore Elementary we are fortunate to have a partnership with an organization called Jubilee Reach, an organization that supports schools and communities in Bellevue through wrap-around social services for students and families. Ardmore Elementary also houses a Jubilee Reach Site Coach, Stacie Thomas, who assists in social-emotional skill building on the playground areas, as well as social-emotional support in the classrooms. I wanted to take a moment in the December newsletter to have Stacie introduce herself:

*Hello Ardmore Families!*

*My name is Stacie Thomas and I am the Jubilee REACH Site Coach at Ardmore Elementary School. Jubilee REACH is a non-profit organization which serves students in the Bellevue School District to increase social support and academic performance. As Site Coach, I am organizing and directing Jubilee REACH Athletics and Activities at Ardmore. We are working in classrooms to encourage students, walking alongside them to build relationships and trust. While outside, we will be connecting with students by supervising outdoor activities and forming a safe, interactive place. In order to make progress, we are striving to bring the community together to support Ardmore students. You are invited to make a difference and be involved with Jubilee REACH. All of us can embody influence and the more involved, the greater the impact. We are looking for volunteers who would like to participate as student coaches and supervise outdoor activities. I'm looking forward to the rest of the school year supporting your children and connecting with each of you.*

*Jubilee REACH Office is located in the 'Conference Room' on the lower level of Ardmore.*

*Stacie Thomas | [staciet@jubileereach.org](mailto:staciet@jubileereach.org)*

## Learn About the Virtues Online

If you would like information about the virtues so that you can use the language of virtues at home, visit [www.virtuesproject.com](http://www.virtuesproject.com).

**Dec Virtue:  
Compassion**

Esta información es muy importante. Por favor, que alguien le traduzca.  
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## Eagle Eye View

Hello Ardmore families!

As we get closer to the holidays I'd like to again thank all of our parent volunteers who have helped with our events. Without you we would be unable to operate as a PTSA. So if you've chaired an event, helped pop popcorn, helped us stack chairs after events or stepped in wherever needed, we thank you and truly appreciate your help!

We have things going on throughout the year and many of them require months of advanced planning, so please forgive what seems like an early request. The Ardmore Multicultural Night and Talent show is scheduled for March 10, 2016. This is my favorite event of the year. Just looking around the halls it's clear that we are a hugely diverse school. This event is a great celebration of the diversity that is Ardmore. We are seeking parent volunteers to help make this our best year ever. There are a wide range of jobs along with some take-home jobs that we need to fill. Please have a look at [helptime.com](http://helptime.com) (search for Ardmore in the Event finder) to see how you can help!

On behalf of the PTSA I'd like to warmest wishes this holiday season and a happy, healthy 2016.

Sincerely,  
Misty Dampier



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PS -- **Bookmark the link** or set up a shortcut on your desktop to use all year long. **Share the link** with friends and family too.

**From Family Connections Center  
Breaktime-Mealtime Program**

Parents can pick up their Breaktime-Mealtime boxes the week of December 14 from 7:30-3:00pm in the Family Connections Center. If you have any questions, please call [Cristina Morse \(425\)456-4703](tel:4254564703) or [Ligia Calvo \(425\) 456-4762](tel:4254564762). Happy Holidays!

## Eagle Eye View

### Raise Money for the PTSA at the 2015-2016 Magic Season Ice Arena presented by Alaska Airlines Visa Signature® card.

\$3 from every paying visitor goes to the PTSA during the dates listed below!

**November 27-December 18, 2015 & January 3-10, 2016**

Please notify the rink staff upon payment that you are from Ardmore School.

Admission to the rink is \$12/person (includes skate rental), \$9/person for those eight and under.

Ice skating opens to the public on Friday, November 27 and closes on Sunday, January 10 and is a part of the Bellevue Magic Season. Families can make it a night of holiday fun with a visit to Snowflake Lane at The Bellevue Collection and stroll through Garden d'Lights at the Bellevue Botanical Garden. More information about the Bellevue Magic Season can be found at [www.BellevueDowntown.com/events/magic-season](http://www.BellevueDowntown.com/events/magic-season).

Interested in learning how to skate? Visit the ice arena on December 1-3, 8-10, 15-17 and January 5-7 between 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. courtesy of Overlake Medical Center, to learn how to skate from the pros! Skating instructors will be on-site to give complimentary skating lessons. Normal admission rates apply for each skater.

The ice arena is a production of the Bellevue Downtown Association (BDA), a 501(c)(6) non-profit organization.

### Preschool Openings at Ardmore

It is well known that in 2014 the Bellevue School district rated nationally for teacher quality and was Washington State's TOP School District for overall quality and best outcomes. But did you know that your child can be enrolled in the district at age 3 in our preschool program? And your school age child can receive enhanced district learning opportunities afterschool?

The district's preschoolers get a jump start by participating in learning activities that will continue when they enter kindergarten. This includes social-emotional (Second Step), literacy (OWL), math (Dreambox) and Handwriting without Tears. District afterschool students are provided homework support and engage in project learning experiences with friends right at their elementary school.

Enrollments are accepted throughout the year and families who have students currently enrolled are eligible for priority enrollment for the 2016-2017 school year. For more information you may go to [www.bsd405.org/elp](http://www.bsd405.org/elp) or call 425-456-4030. We are committed to giving every child the very best education right from the beginning-best overall quality, best teacher quality and best outcomes. The Bellevue School district preschool and afterschool programs-check it out and spread the word!

## Community News

# Future Wolverines Gymnastics Camp

Dear Families of Bellevue School District,

The Bellevue High School gymnastics team would like to invite your elementary age kids to join us for the Future Wolverines Gymnastics Camp!

The camp attendees will work one-on-one with the high school gymnasts and coaches to get a taste of how fun gymnastics can be! All levels of ability are welcome and no gymnastics experience is necessary.

**When: Monday-January 25<sup>th</sup> (No School)**  
**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**2:30 pm – 3:00 pm ~ Skills Exhibition**

**Where: Bellevue High School, Auxiliary gym**

**Who: Open to BSD students ages 6-12**

**Cost: \$60 per Student includes lunch, snacks, T-shirt & individual/group picture to take home at the end of the day!**  
 \*\*All proceeds benefit Wolverine Gymnastics Booster Club, a non-profit 501-c-3 organization.

Email coach Devon Crawford to secure a spot today!  
 \*\*Space is limited\*\*

**devonsheacrawford@gmail.com**

**Email confirmation will be sent back to you with permission forms & payment information.**

Happy Tumbling,

Coaches Kate Andrews, Devon Crawford, and Nina Frausto



### BOARD AND SKI WITH BELLEVUE SKI SCHOOL IN 2015-16!

Join the Saturday Bellevue Ski School Program. Give your student (2nd thru 12th grade) 6 and/or 8 Week Sessions, 8 hours on the mountain, with the best trained and dedicated staff. Transportation provided by BSD and Coach Buses. BSD reps on hill each Saturday. Sign up before Dec 15.

Affiliated with the Bellevue School District since 1958. Visit the web site for more information at [www.bellevueskischool.com](http://www.bellevueskischool.com) or email: [info@BellevueSkiSchool.com](mailto:info@BellevueSkiSchool.com)

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### YMCA BASKETBALL INFORMATION

YMCA Basketball is designed for children grades K-6 to have fun while learning sportsmanship and healthy habits as well as rules and skills. There are three divisions, Kinder-1<sup>st</sup> Grade, 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade, and 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Teams are co-ed and will be coached by volunteers. Teams are formed by the practice location and time that best fits your schedule (Please call Bellevue or Coal Creek YMCA for practice options). Practices are held once a week, beginning the week of December 7 and ends March 12 (No practice 12/21-1/1, 1/18, and 2/13-20 resumes). Games will be on a rotating schedule starting January 23, and will take place at Bellevue and Coal Creek YMCAs between 12pm-7pm on Saturdays. Parents/chaperones are asked to attend all practices and games. One jersey and basketball will be provided to each kid.

### LEAGUE CONTACT INFO:

Bellevue YMCA Youth Sports:

Daniel Astudillo, [dastudillo@seattleyymca.org](mailto:dastudillo@seattleyymca.org)

Coal Creek Youth Sports:

Jay Sandstrom, [jsandstrom@seattleyymca.org](mailto:jsandstrom@seattleyymca.org)

Kinder-1st Grade: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/Activity\\_Search/26167](https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/Activity_Search/26167)

2nd-3rd Grade: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/Activity\\_Search/26169](https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/Activity_Search/26169)

4th-6th Grade: [https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/Activity\\_Search/26170](https://apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/Activity_Search/26170)



### LACROSSE

**JOIN THE FUN! Sign Up NOW for Boys Lacrosse - Spring 2016 Registration**

Would you like your child to experience the fastest growing sport in the country and be part of a team experience? Both new and experienced lacrosse players welcomed! Registration for the Spring 2016 season is now open for boys with Sammamish Interlake Lacrosse Club.

### GET INTO THE GAME!

Timing: February - May

Schedule: 2-3 practices and 1 game per week

Equipment: helmet, shoulder and arm pads, gloves, stick, mouth guard, athletic cup

*Scholarships available*

**DON'T DELAY, REGISTER ONLINE TODAY!**

[www.silacrosse.org](http://www.silacrosse.org)