



SPARKY'S SCOOP

February 5, 2021

We Love Our Library Write A Check Campaign

"We **LOVE** Our Library"



For the month of February, the PTC is hosting our annual 'write a check' fundraising campaign. This year we will be raising money for our school library. It is great to see so many families are taking advantage of the library this year. In fact, the library is running out of books! We would love to provide the funds for Mrs. Kimball and staff to add books to the libraries and classrooms. The library needs more books in every reading level and genre. Our wonderful librarian has been working hard to diversify the collections and have books to interest any reader.

Ways to Donate:

Please make sure to write a note "We love our library" no matter how you choose to donate so the funds can be appropriately distributed

1. **PayPal:** Go to <https://www.sextonmountainptc.org/> and click on the yellow 'Donate' button. Please choose friends and family so we don't pay a fee.
2. **Venmo:** Sexton Mountain PTC (@Sexton-MountainPTC)
3. **Write a Check and Mail:**

Sexton Mountain PTC
15645 SW Sexton Mountain Dr.
Beaverton, OR 97007



Return to School

Don't forget to log into Parentvue and make your choice of continuing CDL or switching to Hybrid! Please select your Return to School choice for your student by February 15th.

Explore the site below to find out more information to make an informed decision about your child's education. There are FAQ's as well as a video describing the difference between CDL and Hybrid, and the changes that will come with both.

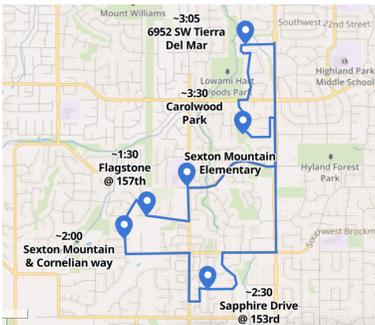
<https://www.beaverton.k12.or.us/departments/public-safety/emergency-preparedness/coronavirus/return-to-school>

SME Library To Go!

Don't forget about our book bus!

Coming to your neighborhood every Wednesday afternoon!

1:31 to 1:56 -- SW Flagstone Drive at 157th Ave
1:58 to 2:23 -- SW Sexton Mountain Drive at SW Cornelian Way
2:27 to 2:57 -- SW Sapphire Drive at 153rd Ave
3:03 to 3:27 -- 6952 SW Tierra Del Mar



Have you joined the PTC?

You are invited to join the Sexton Mountain Elementary PTC!

All parents/guardians of current SME students are welcome to join, as are all SME teachers/staff. Members are invited to attend general membership meetings and vote on PTC business such as officer elections and annual budgets. Membership is free - just fill out the form below.

Going forward, an invitation to join the PTC will go out at the beginning of each school year. Membership is open throughout the year. Come join us!

[PTC Membership Form](#)

Also, be sure to check out the PTC [website!](#)

School Picture Day

The school's PICTURE DAY has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 17th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. Below you will find a link to sign up for an appointment to have your student's photo taken that day by Dorian Studios. Each student needs an appointment and Dorian can accommodate 15-20 students per time slot. Please come to the school before your appointment time to check-in and ensure you are wearing a face mask. If you are early, please remain in your car until 3 minutes prior to your appointment time. When you arrive, we ask that you wear your face mask until your appointment starts. The photographers will also be wearing masks and we will be sanitizing often. Everyone must have an appointment. We will share more about the actual process of students entering and exiting the building as we get closer to the date.

The link to the sign up is <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4BAFA828A5FAC61-sexton>

You can pre-order pictures by visiting dorianstudio.com and searching for our school's name. Your online order can be placed now and up to four (4) days after picture day.

Safe Routes to School

Walk & Roll: It's Good for Your Heart

Whether you walk or bike a few blocks or over a mile, physical activity is good for your heart, your whole body, and it's fun! With cold winter weather, children spend less time playing outside, but a nice brisk walk or bike ride will help achieve their recommended 60 minutes daily exercise and help prevent childhood obesity and support healthy bones.

 **Walk & Roll:
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Your Heart!**



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Safe Routes to School

Wet Weather Doesn't Mean You Need to Stay Inside!

Join K-12 students and families for a wintery walk or roll in your neighborhood on February 24th!

The following tips can help keep you safe and comfortable while walking and rolling in Winter:

Be Safe – Stay 6 feet away from those not in your household and wear a mask.

Be Seen – Wear bright, reflective clothing, use a bike light, and stay alert on dark, winter days.

Be Prepared – Dress for the weather. Rain gear and warm layers keep you dry and comfortable all season long.

After your trip, visit the link below and fill out the form to earn a raffle prize. 25 raffle prizes will include: reflective umbrella, clip-on safety light, bicycle seat cover and bicycle light!

Tag #BSDtogether #BSDsaferoutes to be featured on BSD's social media accounts.

<https://forms.gle/kkWkVeo1WwUnHcSv7>

Upcoming Events

Feb. 5	No School - Grading
Feb. 15	No School - Holiday
Feb. 17	Synchronous Learning Day
Feb. 17 3-7pm	Picture Day
Feb. 24	No School - Staff Development
Feb 25@6pm	Kindergarten Orientation
Mar 22-26	Spring Break



Don't Hibernate! Participate!

Winter
WALK+ROLL
DAY

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WIN PRIZES

Visit www.beaverton.k12.or.us/safe-routes for event details and how to win prizes

Meet Our Fifth Grade Team



Hi, I'm Claire Bartlett! I grew up in Hood River, OR and absolutely love the Pacific Northwest. My family loves to spend time outside camping, paddle boarding, bike riding or reading in our hammocks. My daughter, Phoebe, is an 8th grader at Raleigh Hills K-8 and my son, Keller, is in 4th grade at the same school.

I've been teaching 5th grade at Sexton Mountain for the past 7 years. When I was a 5th grader, all I ever wanted to be, was a 5th grade teacher; that was my DREAM job. So, you could say, I'm living my dream!

Hello SME Families! My name is Heidi Demmitt and I am one of the 5th grade teachers.

I am originally from Iowa and went to the University of Iowa (go Hawks!). I started my teaching career in Iowa City and after getting my masters, moved to Oregon. This is my 20th year of teaching, 15 of which have been in BSD. I have taught 3rd through 6th grades, but I think 5th grade is my favorite.

My husband and I love to hike, camp, and read in our hammocks. We enjoy playing games, doing puzzles, and watching football. We have two very spoiled cats, Hugo and Nadia. In my free time, I love reading! I am usually reading multiple books - fiction, non-fiction, and a book I could recommend to 5th graders.





Above: Michelle Brock, Ken and Billie Brock, Chris Brock

Below: Joey, Etta, and Olive Brock



My name is Dianne Dronkers and I am very happy to be working at Sexton Mountain! This is my second year at Sexton Mountain, and my 25th year as a teacher. I have a BS in Economics and a Masters of Education from Portland State University. I grew up in San Francisco (Daly City), California with three brothers and three sisters. My husband and I have lived in Oregon for over 30 years. We have four children, a son-in-law and a grandson. Our two youngest children are in college and the others live nearby. I love gardening, road trips, and playing with my four-year-old grandson. I've driven across the country twice and up to Alaska once, visiting national parks along the way. (While we haven't visited any National Parks this year, I've been to 49 of the 63 National Parks.) I love teaching and am very excited to be teaching at Sexton Mountain!

My name is Michelle Brock and I have been fortunate to be a teacher for 26 years. My teaching career began in Arizona where I taught 4th grade in a small district. I then moved to Oregon found my way to BSD. While here, I have taught 3rd, 4th, and 5th grades at both Vose Elementary and Sexton Mountain Elementary. I enjoyed all three but feel that I have found my home in 5th grade at Sexton Mountain.

When I am not at work, I can be found playing with our 3 dogs (or as we refer to them, our fur babies), Olive, Etta, and Joey, gardening or being with my family. In fact, we turned our front yard into a native pollinator garden to help our neighbors as well as the pollinators themselves. We hope to have bees this year to do even more. Another of my favorite things to do is to read, anything and everything. I love learning new things and especially enjoy learning from my students. I am also on a local women's dragon boat team and enjoy spending time on the water.

My husband and I are very lucky to have his parents living with us. My husband and I go camping, put together puzzles, and play games as often as we can. Travel is also a huge part of our lives. My husband, Chris and his father are very artistic and can be found creating things around the house. My mother-in-law and I take on sewing projects, including quilts for friends and family and masks for area hospitals.

