

AG Bell History (rough draft)

1996-1997

Principal Dr. Nancy Wilson

PTSA Co-Vice Presidents Bari Clemons, Heidi Hall (vacated early due to move), Gwen Morton, Jennie Rockwell; Secretaries Deb Kovarik, Jeri Park; Treasurers Monica Pillips, Jeanne Taylor
Chimes published every other month or monthly by Denise Arnim

PTSA Fundraisers: Innisbrook gift wrap (sold over \$11,678. Of which Bell benefits 50% - additionally \$337.75 received in donations), Campbell Soup Labels; Pass the Hat instead of spring fundraiser raises \$512

Membership \$7 single, \$11 couple, \$5 senior.

A second computer lab added with 23 Macintosh computers so in addition to the Apple II-GS lab where primary students work on basic skills twice a week, there is now a greater variety of software in the new Mac lab. Each classroom also has several computers for student use. New internet home page set up for the school.

Mr. Dogen receives an increase from \$100 to \$150 for safety patrol from the PTSA

Emergency Preparedness committee raises more than the needed \$400 to add to the PTSA donation of \$2,000 last spring to purchase outdoor storage container.

Election Day Bakesale raises \$395 from the donations of baked goodies and another \$26 from the sale of cookbooks, mugs and water bottles

PTSA Reflections Art Program Theme: "It Could Happen"

Fridays "Bank at School" students can make deposits to their Washington Mutual accounts lunch recess at school

Imaginators donate an assembly November 26 thanks to Thomas Ryan and TomCat Enterprises.

December 6: 1st Annual Holiday Fest – cookies and the AG Bell choir led by Carol Davidson along with Allison Cox, renowned storyteller

Book Fair earned \$1400 for library and on top of that received \$500 worth of books from Scholastic. Special Guest Father Berenstain from the Berenstain books roamed around.

Feb 9: Family Swim – admission 2 cans of food or \$1.00 to benefit the MSC Kirkland Food Bank. Week long drive collects 966 donations.

Skate King Night Feb 27.

PTSA Celebrates 100 years - originally called the National Congress of Mothers

Kids PTA Weekends at the Kingdome: Seattle Mariners April 19, April 20 and May 31 and June 1. Tickets are \$9 (300 level) and Outfield Reserve \$6 which is a \$2 discount

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Jump Rope program has 15-20 kids participating each week.

May 2 Bell Sock Hop by Dave Barrow and the Backbeats at Kirkland Junior High has over 500 AG Bell families! Raised over \$400 after expenses.

Hot Dog USA Rope Skipping Team donates an assembly to the Bell students

Golden Acorn Winners Eva Holen and Margaret Johanson

Bell Ringer Awardees Bari Clemons, Gwen Morton, Jennie Rockwell, Monica Phillips, Jeanne Taylor and Cheryl Butcher

*Sources: November 1996 Chimes, December/January 1997 Chimes, Jan/Feb 1997 Chimes, March/April 1997 Chimes no. 5, Mar/April Chimes no. 6, May 1997, June 1997
Missing September/October 1996 Chimes*

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1997-1998

Principal Dr. Nancy Wilson

PTSA Co-VPs Lisa Haley, Jennie Rockwell and Stacy Woods

Chimes published every other month editor Denise Arnim

PTSA membership \$7 per person \$12 per couple \$5 for senior

Website <http://wwwbel.lkwash.wednet.edu>

PTSA Fundraisers: Innisbrook Gift Wrap (sold \$13,000 keep more than \$6,500 for Bell also received \$125.00 in donations)

Bank at School through Washington Mutual – students can make deposits to their Washington Mutual account every Friday

Sep 25 PTSA Annual Potluck with 125 people

New partnership with Youth Eastside Services on site at Bell to offer counseling services to students and families who already receive Medicaid health benefits

Oct 23 District sponsors a Family Wellness Clinic at Bell for families without insurance or medical coupons scheduled but cancelled

Book-It sponsored by Pizza Hut – students receive a certificate for a free pizza if they meet their reading goal

School Lunches students \$1.50, Adults \$2.25 milk/juice 40 cents

PTSA Reflections Art Program Theme: “Wouldn’t it be great if . . .” (?)

November Election Day Bakesale raises \$232

PTSA Mini Grants \$1,500 to Daly/Hovis (1st grade) Home and Back, Reading and Math; 4th grade Cedar River Watershed Field Trip; Mrs. Steel (1st^{grade}) hardcover Books and Story Items, 5th/6th TAI Materials; Fuglevand/Tracy (2nd grade) Take Home Reading Materials; Mrs. Welch (K-3) math Safari Machine and Lesson Books

Multi-Cultural Night December 5

Bookfair in December earns \$1,600 for library

Feb 8 Family Swim and Juanita High School Pool and food drive kick off to support Kirkland Mult-Service Center – admission to swim is 2 cans of food or \$1.00

February 26 Celebrity Read in with Todd Johnson and T. Wheedle from KOMO 4, Capt. Joe Simon from the Kirkland Police Department, Dave Ramsey the Kirkland City Manager, Dr. Ron Barnes, The Superintendent of the LWSD and Tim Stonich LWSD Liaison

February 26 Fourth Graders to Olympia

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Sue Holmes AG Bell Librarian honored by Kirkland Rotary as an Outstanding Educator of 1998

Sources: September Communicator, October Communicator, January Communicator, Nov 1997 Chimes; District Food Service Flyer, Dec/Jan 1998 Chimes, Feb 1998, February Communicator AG Bell Elementary Annual Report

Missing: Sept/Oct 1998 Chimes, Mar/Apr 1998 Chimes, May/June Chimes

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1998-1999

Principal Dr. Nancy Wilson

PTSA President Diane Nakamichi; VP Stacy Woods; VP Denise Arnim; Secretary Debbie Miller; Treasurer Julie Alexander

Chimes published every other month by co-editors Monica Phillips and Jeanne Taylor.

Website <http://www.bel.lk.wash.wednet.edu>

PTSA membership \$7 a person or \$13 a couple seniors \$5

PTSA Fundraisers: Innisbook Gift Wrap (sold over \$15,000 – school gets 50%)

PTSA Meeting and All School Potluck. Power went out making it a challenge to bring dinner items!

Bank at School through Washington Mutual allows students to make deposits at school on Thursdays

October 5th all four 5th/6th classes explore West Tiger Mountain compliments of the Mountains to Sound Greenway, Dept of Natural Resources and City of Issaquah

Nov 4 Skate King Night

PTSA Reflections Art Program theme: “Suddenly you turn around and . . .” Kodak

Student Council organized Holiday Gift Baskets. Donations received of 1,365 items for Northwest Harvest

Student Council sold Valentine’s lolligrams which raised \$260.71 for playground equipment. Left over money went to donation for the school sign that was stolen.

Student Council investigates having a student store and organizes a 6th grade softball

Student Council organizes coin drive for Kosovo and raised \$900 for refugees

March 4th 2nd annual Celebrity Read in from 7:00-8:00 by Romaine Watt and Seahawk Matt LaBounty.

March 5th dress up as favorite character. Part of Read Across America Week

March 10 Skate King Night \$4.00 admission.

March 21 AG Bell’s annual family Swim at Juanita high school pool and food drive kick off. Admission 1 food item or \$1.00. Raised 1, 331 cans

March 26 Annual AG Bell Sock Hop at Kirkland Jr. High. Hosted by 97.3 KBSG

April 29 Open House and Ice Cream Social. Sundaes 50 cents

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May 9 Sixth annual Mother Day Walk – Bell’s first year - joining other schools walk Marina Park to promote safe walking habits and reinforce Kirkland as a walking community

May 20th Family BBQ and parent Meeting in the evening. \$3.00 students \$4.00 adults

Announcement of new math curriculum for the fall of 1999 by Scott Foresman-Addison called “Investigations”

LWSD purchases on-line magazine database called SIRS

Towel Drive and Bake Sale raised \$200 and 192 towels for Pigs Peace Sanctuary

Bell Ringer Awards to Denise Arnim, Debi Miller and Kathy Youngers

Golden Acorn Awards to Kathy Hovis, Monica Phillips and Jeanne Taylor

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Missing Nov/Dec 1998 Chimes*

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1999-2000

Principal Nancy Wilson

PTSA President Debi Miller; VP Denise Arnim; VP Cheryl Mana'o; Secretary Dana Oliver; Co-treasurers Jeanne Taylor and Monica Phillips;

Chimes published every other month co-editors Monica Phillips and Jeanne Taylor

Bell homepage www.bel.lkwash.wednet.edu/

AG Bell now offers five preschool classes

Professional days are now included in the calendar to enable training days for teachers – previous training needed to occur late in the evening or using substitutes whose availability has lessened.

September Potluck on the 16th with visit by the Kirkland Fire Department with truck and aid car to answer questions

PTSA Fundraisers Innisbrook (sold \$17,500 and 50% go to Bell), General Mills Boxtops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels

School website publishes CyberNews containing grade level information and all school news. Grant enabled Bell to purchase DreamWriters and digital cameras – students apply to be CyberNews reporters and learn how to use DreamWriters, cameras and scanner to learn the skills to put the magazine on the website.

Late October staff Dr. Wilson, Kathy Hovis, Brenda Fuglevand, Sue Holmes, and parent Margaret Johanson and acting district superintendent Karen Bates flew to Washington DC to accept the 1998-1999 Blue Ribbon Award

United Way Campaign fund can be designated to the Juanita Foundation and specified to the AG Bell Lunch Buddy Program

Skate King night November 17

PTSA Reflections Art Program Theme: “Anything is Possible”

Art opportunities for students include visit from Helen Anderson from the Upstairs Group of Kirkland Arts Center who offered lunch period workshop. Caryn Fregoso a parent at Bell and professional artist offer after school workshops on painting and drawing

Bell Dads invited to play basket ball at the gym every Wednesday night

“Bank at School” program offered by PTA with Washington Mutual Bank that allows children to make bank deposits at school twice a month

November Jump Rope classes offered three times afterschool for Kindergarten through adults – cost \$12

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Student Council meets Tuesdays after school – each intermediate class has 2 – 3 representatives. Their Holiday Baskets and food drive collected 1,552 food and gift items for the Eastside Multi Service food bank

December 10 Friday Family Event included book fair in the library and school choir performance led by music teacher Carol Davidson. New gift walk raised \$130

Third year in a row PTSA awards mini grants totaling \$1,500 (10 X \$150 dispersements) Stanley (ESL K-2) \$150 “Let’s Go” curriculum materials for beginning ESL students; Arnim (K-2) \$150 Spanish teaching tools to enhance the Spanish learning in the Mac lab program; Huppert/Minish (K) \$300 Materials to create math activity bags to explore math concepts at home; Hovis/Daly (1st) Math, phonics and board learning games that students can check out to play at home; Vandergrift (3rd) \$200 Worm composting farm to enhance the study of minerals by demonstrating how compost improves soil; Entire 4th Grade Team \$300 Cedar River Watershed field trip of all 4th graders to study the water cycle and aquatic habitats; Entire 5th/6th grade team \$600 (\$100 from mini grant committee \$500 from residual funds from field trip account) Museum of Flight trip for all 5th/6th graders that includes 2 unique simulation activities.

Family Swim to kick off Annual AG Bell Food Drive Feb 13 at Juanita High School Pool. Admission cost is two cans of food or \$1.00 donation. Supporting the Kirkland Food Bank and the Kirkland Multi-Service Center

Science Night February 17 – making slime, seeing your heartbeat, being a detective

Skate King Night March 8

March 17 Sock Hop “The Really Bad Band” provides music. Dance and Best Outfit Contest. Root Beer Float Booth. Also called “Shamrock Hop”

Bell Ringer Service Awards parents: Laurie Corrin, Mark and Melody Ferguson and Cheryl Mana’o
Bell Ringer Service Awards staff: Debbie Hanson (custodian) Savy Keo (custodian), and Tricia Stanley (ESL)

Golden Acorn Award goes to Dr. Nancy Wilson retiring AG Bell principal

Girl Scout troop #602 plants 180 color spots around the school thanks to the donation of the Bellevue Home Depot for Earth Day

*Sources: September Communicator, October Communicator, Sept/Oct 1999 Chimes, Jan/Feb 2000 Chimes, June 2000 Chimes
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2000-2001

Principal Jeffrey O. Newport (first year at Bell)

PTSA President Debbie Miller; 1st VP Cheryl Mana'o; 2nd VP Christi Miret; Co treasurers Monica Phillips and Jeanne Taylor; Secretary Laurie Corrin

Chimes published every other month editor Michelle Lustgarten

PTSA Fundraisers: Campbell's labels, General Mills Box Tops for Education (including online shopping)

Source June 200 Chimes

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2001-2002

Principal Jeffrey O. Newport

PTSA President Cheryl Mana’o, Vice President Anne Herendeen, Vice President Dana Oliver, Secretary Deena McIlroy, Treasurer Rachel Mickelson

Chimes Newsletter Editor Michelle Lustgarten published every other month

Fund raiser following 9/11 raised over \$2,000.00 for the American Red Cross

PTSA Fundraisers included Innisbrook Gift Wrap (raised over \$16,000 which Bell’s proceeds were 50%, Campbell labels, General Mills Boxtops for Education including their shop on-line feature. Election day bake sale made over \$450. AG Bell Spirit T-shirts and sweatshirts go for \$10-\$17

PTSA membership increased to \$10 per person and \$15 per couple.

Mondo Shrimp Restaurant donated \$15 gift certificates for all Bell staff

PTSA Reflections Art Program theme: “I hold in my hand . . .”

Walk to School week was Oct 1-5 with over 450 walkers.

PTSA Family Bingo night was October 15 with prizes and cookies.

4th graders crocheted small squares to be put together to make large blankets to donate around the country.

Family Skate night at Skate King Dec. 5 had over 180 skaters

2nd graders visit the BCC Planetarium

4th Graders “Proud to be American” display featured in the window of the Lake Washington Resource Center at Redmond Town Center.

Accelerated Reader Program has tests for 1,450 titles. 4th Graders sponsored a bake sale to earn money to purchase additional tests.

Scholastic Book Fair raised \$1800 to purchase new books for the library.

February – students can buy primroses for \$1.00 at the school or bring their own – representatives from each class were then chosen to help plant them on the grounds

Feb. 10 Family Swim and Food and Personal Care Items Drive at Juanita Pool collected over 1,099 items for the Kirkland Food Bank

Bell Peace Prize award program began after spring break – to recognize positive behaviors. Students are entered into a drawing for a prize. Weekly Bell Prize assemblies held on Fridays.

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Mrs. Daly's and Miss Piro's class have evening Dinosaur program in May. Mrs. Hovis' and Mrs. Nagelmann's classes have an evening program in June about ocean life.

PTSA recommends \$300 for Mad Science afterschool program. Tuition for afterschool program is \$75 and the PTSA could offer \$300 worth of scholarships. PTSA recommends \$600 to send 10 Bell parents to the Art Docent program at Bellevue Art Museum where after they would incorporate art in the classroom and train other parents.

May 17 Seattle Children's Theater Dramashop sponsored by the King County Library System for 25 5th and 6th graders in the Bell library.

First ever Expert's Fair June 12th for 3rd/5th/6th graders in the 500 wing. Students researched on a topic of their own choosing and presented their findings.

Golden Acorn Award Winner Cheryl Mana'o

Sources: Sept/Oct Chimes, Nov/Dec Chimes, Jan/Feb Chimes, Mar/Apr Chimes, May/June Chimes, September 20, 2001 General Membership Minutes (draft)

AG Bell History (rough draft)

2002-2003

Principal Jeff Newport

PTSA President Anne Herendeen; PTSA VP Melody Ferguson; VP Dana Oliver; Secretary Deena McIlroy;
Treasurer Mara Sweeney

Chimes Newsletter Editor Michelle Lustgarten published every other month

September Pot Luck

PTSA Fundraisers: Innisbrook Gift Wrap sold more than \$15,000 which made over \$7,500 for the school.
General Mills Box Tops for Education. Bake Sale brought in more than \$300.

Welcome Basket program. Families joining the school in the middle of the year will take home an envelope with goodies like Partylite candles, coupons for area merchants and area information.

Reflections art program: "Signs of Courage"

October 26 (Saturday) Hoedown! Square Dancing, games prizes and dessert. \$10 per family or \$3 per person.

First Grade "Top Dog" program begun – every first grader will be a Top Dog during the year.

Student Store – 5th and 6th graders staff it Tues-Thur 12:15-1:15.

Scholastic Bookfair raised \$1300 in December

"Day of Action" January 14 (Tuesday). Schools closed so teachers could participate in advocating to the legislature about education funding issues. Schools were opened on May 7th instead which had previously been designated as teacher professional development day.

AG Bell Heritage Festival January 16th – cultural songs, activities and classroom projects.

Kellen Rice Book Collection created in memory of AG Bell student who died in September 2000.

Read Across America Week Mar 3-7. Guest storyteller Cathy Spagnoli.

Art Docent Program begins.

Mad Science program after school once a week for eight weeks. Cost \$75

Music teacher Mrs. Davidson directed the second graders in a production called "Mice From Outer Space"

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Missing Mar/Apr 2003 Chimes, May/June 2003 Chimes*

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2003-2004

Principal Jeff Newport

PTSA President Melody Ferguson; VP Michelle Owen; VP Maryziel Galarpe; Secretary Catherine Turley; Treasurer Dana Mason

Chimes Newsletter editor Michelle Lustgarten published every other month

Fundraisers: T-shirts, emergency kits, GM Boxtops for Education, PCC receipts, WAMU “Wamoola”.

City of Kirkland sponsors “Walk to School Program” with prizes and PedBee

ELL homework club in the ELL portable with parent volunteers.

PTSA Reflections Art program theme: “I’m really happy when . . .”

Dunn lumber donates 55 cut-to-size boards for the fourth grade salt dough maps of Washington state.

Scholastic Bookfair – Power went out and cashiers were adding up the bills with flashlights!

Art Docent Program includes Faith Ringgold’s incorporation of quiltmaking and fabric for her art.

March 1-5 “Read Across America” week – and the celebration of 100th anniversary of Dr. Seuss’ birth – Green Eggs and Ham for lunch, decorated classroom doors and hats. The library received a complete updated collection of Dr. Seuss books thanks to individual family donations.

April Staff Appreciation Week – Staff Lounge and workroom makeover! The PTSA had a professional muralist Lisa DeWildepaint the west wall in the staff room with a restful beach scene paradise along with the Helping Hands poem painted on the wall of the work room (\$3,000 value bartered in exchange for a Bell parent’s Darin Desmond Construction services).

February: Skate King night - 140 Hawaiian dressed skaters and the PTSA cleared \$175

April 30th: Hoedown in the gym. Professional caller with simple square dancing and line dancing and the Woodinville Toe Stompers to demonstrate.

May – PTSA sponsors Portland artist a Roger Kukes visit: presentation and workshops for kids using his drawing methods.

May - Dino performance by all first graders.

June - 2nd Annual AG Bell Expert’s Fair. Student presentations of their research projects along with AG Bell T-shirt sale, Used Book Exchange and Ice Cream Social while viewing the Dale Chihuly style art pieces created by students during art docent lectures.

Sources: Nov Chimes, Jan/Feb Chimes, Mar/Apr Chimes, May/June Chimes

Missing: Sept/Oct 2003 Chimes, December 2003 Chimes

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2004-2005

Principal Jeff Newport

PTSA co-presidents Melody Ferguson and Catherine Turley. VP membership and fundraising Marian Luther; VP enrichment Audrey Harvey; Secretary Sandy Young; Treasurer John Urrutia
Chimes published twice a month – co-editors Lan-Chen Pao and Jana Robertson

AG Bell PTSA is approved as a 501c(3) organization with tax-exempt status.

PTSA fundraisers “Pass the Hat”, Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser, Box Tops for Education, Wamoola for Schools through Washington Mutual Bank.

Skate King Night in September with 134 skaters raised \$134 (cost \$5 per skater)

Walk to School Week had 82 participants averaging 2 days

Last spring, Bell was awarded a two year grant of \$18000 by America’s Foundation 4 Chess. Weekly chess instruction for 2nd and 3rd graders began in September 2004. Grant also funded 5 teacher chess workshop and chess sets for the classrooms. First Family Chess night January 27, 2005.

Guest speaker on September assembly was Salome Thomas-EL author of I Choose to Stay: A Black Man Refuses to Desert the Inner City. He used Chess as a vehicle to motivate students in inner city Philadelphia.

Alcott PTSA donated to Bell their 56 “Art Smart” lessons written by Judith Harlin.

PTSA Reflections art program theme: “A different kind of hero”

Weekly Peace Prize Assemblies. Speakers include Ms. Allison Porter, this year’s Miss Washington and Dr. William Bhaskar – an East Indian immigrant who is a pediatric physician at Evergreen Hospital and part time military physician, Mack Strong (Seattle Seahawk), Mark Robertson (LWHS principal) and Sonia Figaredo-Alberts, Justin Fleming a student at LWHS and a member of the Para-Olympic team that represented our country at the Olympics in Athens, Greece last summer, Eric Liu author of Guiding Lights: The People Who Lead Us Toward Our Purpose in Life, Dr. Don Saul (LWSD Superintendent)

Popcorn Fridays – 25 cents a bag

Kindergarten and First Grade costume Bingo night October 28

National Election – PTSA Bake sale brought in \$565

Music Teacher Carol Davidson leads the 5th and 6th grade classes in a music program to celebrate Veteran’s day with a day and an evening performance.

District e-mail addresses simplified with the new format being the first initial last name@lwsd.org (prior addresses ended in lkwash.wednet.edu)

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Every family receives student directory rather than just PTSA members

Multi-cultural night and Read White and Blue – Reading is All American Scholastic Book Fair scheduled for December 3rd. Book fair raised \$1400 for library

Holiday Angels Toys and Book drive – AG Bell and the Juanita Starbucks partnered – 32 toys and 83 book donations went to hospitalized or needy children

AG Bell Choir perform at the Redmond Town Center Dec. 16. Five 5th and 6th grade boys selected to participate in the second annual all day Tenor & Bass Institute organized by Kirkland JH's Music Teacher, Darcy Watson.

AG Bell staff passes around a velvet painting of “The King” as an acknowledgment to each other known as the “Elvis Award”

PTSA Mini grants total \$724

Desiree Woodruff – English Language Learner teacher \$200 for bilingual multicultural books and books on tape.

Pat Conley School Counselor \$223.90 for first grade videos Don't Call Me Names and Don't Be So Bossy Judy Cook, John Leahy, Vicki Port and Christine Lawson; 5/6 team \$300 Story teller Debbie Dimitre will present information about Rachel Carson the author of Silent Spring for program about environmental issues while presenting a female role model.

Read-in March 2 (during “Read Across America” week) with Sarah Gerdes author of Catacombs and Lava Bed Forest

Fourth Grade Family Night March 9 – kids reciting famous American speeches and singing patriotic songs.

Fifth and Sixth Grade Family Night March 24 Math activities.

March 24 Yo-yo assembly by All For Kidz “NED” show (Never give up, Encourage others, Do your best)

First annual Talent Show and silent auction April 1st includes 1966 Mustang Coupe. Raised \$8,000

Cheryl Buck (Instruction Assistant at Bell since 1991 until a few weeks before her death March 2005) Memorial Fund to raise money for a new bench by the building with a view of the playground.

May 9th-May 19th Bell library houses the Seattle Junior League's Northwest Art Collection. Adults can view during the 2nd Family Chess night May 19

Multicultural Night June 9 along with the third annual Used Book Exchange.

All School BBQ June 10

Sources: Sept. 1 Chimes, Sept. 15, Sept 29, Oct. 13, Oct. 27, Nov. 10, Nov 24, Dec. 8, Jan 5, Jan. 19 ,Feb. 2, Feb. 16, Mar. 2, Mar. 16, Mar. 30, Apr. 27, May 11, May 25, June 8

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2005-2006

Principal Jeffrey O Newport

PTSA President Kim Vining; VP Guarrin Sakagawa; VP Marian Luther; VP Raye Winters; VP Audrey Harvey; Jennifer Walker; Treasurer Jennifer Roberts; Secretary Sandy Young

Chimes published monthly. Editor Judy Thompson

Early release every Wednesday at 2:00 – this makes the calendar consistent with much fewer sporadic Friday early release or no student days.

Hurricane Katrina coin drive \$2,300

One of Mr. Newport's area of emphasis in "Be Nice, Work Hard"

PTSA Fundraisers include Boxtops for Education, Innisbrook, t-shirt sales

Art Enrichment program uses parent volunteers to bring art to the classroom once a month

Desert Potluck and PTSA kick-off Sept. 22nd

PTSA Membership and renewals earn 1 coupon for popcorn.

Melody Ferguson webmaster <http://schools.lwsd.org/bell/>

Skate King Oct 13 \$5 per skater - 163 skaters turn out and we raised \$155.00 for our school.

Hoe Down and PTSA General Meeting Oct 20

Because of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita there was a delay in the Emergency Kits pre-ordered by PTSA

Kindergarten and 1st grade costume bingo night Oct 27

Dunn Lumber again donates (64) pre-cut boards for the fourth grade salt-dough Washington State maps

November 9th a new 2nd grade teacher was hired to alleviate over crowding – a new 2nd/3rd grade class was added

November Election Day Bake sale raises \$278.50

Scholastic Bookfair raised \$1400 and PTSA Reflections Art Program "I Wonder Why . . . ?" Art Walk and reception December 2. Over 100 participants created 137 entries

Popcorn Fridays begin in January 25 cents a bag

February 2 Annual Family Chess Night

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Friday, March 10th, Bell will be working with the author George Shannon all day. He will be presenting two assemblies, one for primary and one for intermediate in the morning and working with different grade levels throughout the day. He is the author of: *Tomorrow's Alphabet, The Secret Chicken Club, More Stories to Solve, True Lies: 198 tales for you to judge, and Wise Acres*. Thank you to the PTSA for funding this great experience!

Because of the passage of a bond measure in the February election, Bell is scheduled to be modernized: Spring 2011 Planning and Design Begin. Construction begins spring 2013. School opens Fall 2014

Koto Assembly March 16: featuring Japanese music and storytelling by award winning Koto master Elizabeth Falconer on Thursday, March 16th sponsored by your A. G. Bell PTSA

Multicultural night March 16 - *Elizabeth Falconer's* Japanese music and storytelling. She left a CD of her stories that is available for the students to check out from our library. *The Filipiniana Arts and Cultural Center of Washington's* Dance Troupe also performed.

Stars on Stage on May 19th at Juanita Elementary's new stage complete with lights and sound system! Announcer "That's Entertainment" DJ, Mike Bozinski again this year MC's

6th graders paint murals of silhouettes of students in poses related to school with bright, geometric backgrounds which are installed on the inside of the brick columns of the breezeway.

Auction held at Kirkland Congregational Church May 19 raised over \$10,000. Adults only at this year's event.

4th annual "Reading Round-Up." May 30th – June 7th

PTSA General Meeting and Dessert Potluck June 8 and fourth annual used book exchange.

Library named after Sue Holmes who is retiring after 14 years as Bell's Library

Golden Acorn Awards to Jeffrey O. Newport retiring Bell Principal and Sue Holmes retiring Bell librarian.

Sources: September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June Chimes. Yahoogroup archive of e-mail messages.

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2006-2007

Principal Curtis Anderson (first year)

PTSA President Kim Vining; VP Sheri Putzke; VP Gretchen Benson; Secretary Pam Fisher
Chimes Newsletter published monthly Co-editors Gayle Bouvet and Pam Fisher.

Continue with the Bell Peace Prize Assembly adding Bulldog Award Assembly – students receive recognition for Community Contributor, Effective Communicator, Complex Thinker, Quality Producer, Collaborative Worker and Self-directed Learner.

PTSA fundraisers: PCC Scrip program, General Mills Boxtops for Education and Innisbrook Gift Wrap; Chinook Coupon Books

Marble Field is improved (leveling and new sand)

Playground Coin Drive raised \$1600 collecting coins. By November \$22,000 of the needed \$30,000 had been raised.

Dunn Lumber again donates precut boards for the fourth grade Washington State salt-dough maps.

Walk to School week in October had over 100 participants per day

PTSA Reflections Art Program theme: “My Favorite Place”

Lake Washington Schools Foundation Grant awards Julie Hembree (first year as Librarian at Bell) \$1200 to purchase over 80 bilingual books and Judy Cook \$1500 to purchase new writing resource materials for grades K-6 by Lucy Calkins called *Units of Study*.

Jeff Johnson Cartoonist visits 1st and 2nd graders to teach about Line In drawing.

Skate King Night January 24 - \$5 per skater

Multi-Cultural Night January 25 includes Karate demonstration and a Filipino dance troupe and locally themed songs written in music class with Musician/Songwriter Eb Boesel and sung and recorded by the classes – CD’s were made available for \$10.

Safety Patrol collects cell phone/electronics for the recycling program (raised \$234.05) and sells Papa Murphy Peel-A-Deal discount cards to raise funds for their end of year field trip.

March 1st “Celebrate 10 Years” Read Across America Pajama Night Storytime

Five days of weather related school closures in November and December moves the last day of school from June 20th to June 25th with school also held on previously planned teacher workshop days. A sixth day of closed school due to the severe December windstorm qualified for a state waiver.

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Sponsorship from Lynden Corporation and the AG Bell PTSA again allowed fourth graders to participate in Sound Adventures in Schools. A string quartet from Bellevue Symphony gave a one hour concert at school and then students attended a concert with the full Bellevue Symphony Orchestra in Redmond.

Cartooniversity by Jeff Johnson offered for six Mondays starting in April – fee \$90

Art Smart program continues to be facilitated by Michelle Lustgarten. Artist in Residence visit from Diane Kurzyna and self portrait dolls from recycled materials including a sock, photo of their face and a water bottle embellished with other recycled materials for the 5th 6th graders are created

Spring For Bell Auction adult only event with beer and wine available held at First Congregational Church of Kirkland May 4 raises \$13,000. Thanks to the success of all the auctions, Chinook Book sales and the fall playground coin drive, the goal of \$30,000 reached and new playground equipment ordered and scheduled to be installed during the summer (New Big Toy, new basketball bucket and two picnic tables with game inserts totaling \$33,139)

May 17 First Grade Dinosaur Show

Sixth grade exiting project prints made in hot and cold colors and hung in stair well of 500 wing (also sold pieces at the auction)

AG Bell Talent show is almost cancelled due to lack of parent volunteers but three teachers, Mrs. Woodruff, Mrs. Hynden and Mrs. Butler volunteer to ensure it happens.

June 13 All School BBQ

Golden Acorn Award Kelli Daum

Sources: November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June Chimes. Yahoogroup archive of e-mail messages.

(Sept and October Chimes not published this year)

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2007-2008

Principal Curtis Anderson

PTSA Co-Presidents Raye Marie Winters and Sheri Putzke; VP Kim Vining; VP Gretchen Benson; Treasurer April Tomala; Secretary Gina Solis

Chimes published once a month – editor Pam Fisher

PTSA purchases 23 new Die Cuts for the Accucut machine

PTSA Kick off and Family Dessert Social September 24

AG Bell Proud Family clean-up Day – about 40 volunteers came Saturday September 29 to beautify the grounds

Skate King night September 26 \$5 per skater.

New sign at entrance of school thanks to the efforts of Greg Fisher and donations by Gascoigne Lumber Company and PCS Millwork Inc.

PTSA Fundraisers: Elliott Bay Company (preliminary sales \$13,000), eScrip (Safeway Club Card), Chinook Book (coupon book costs \$20 and \$10 goes to PTSA), Boxtops for Education, Campbell Soup Labels, Pace Program (register a credit card and a percentage of purchases goes to Bell (first time purchases at each participating merchant refund to the buyer, too!))

October 25 – Kindergarten/Bingo Night

Lunch Buddy program resumes at Bell matching community member volunteers with AG Bell students who would benefit from extra one-on-one attention.

PTSA Reflections Art Program Theme: “I can make a difference by”

New soccer goals installed on marble field (which was resurfaced previous year)

Art classes are added to the specialist schedule – one hour every other week. Art Experience Leader Michelle Lustgarten is finally hired to coordinate the art program, she had previously volunteered countless hours to have an art program at our school through art docents and art enrichment.

Radio Station AM 1650 now transmits announcements on car radios in the parking lot.

Math Olympiad program implemented in November as a weekly afterschool activity for 5th and 6th graders.

Election Day Bakesale brings in \$241

Cartooniversity with Jeff Johnson – eight Thursdays after school – fee \$120

AG Bell History (rough draft)

Guatemala Friendship Bracelets sold by ELL students raise money for a school in Guatemala

Veteran's Day Assembly November 14 led by music teacher Mr. Schmidt.

Dunn Lumber in Totem Lake again donates pre-cut boards for fourth grade salt-dough Washington State Maps.

Scholastic Book Fair November 26-30

Library overdue notices are now being sent by e-mail to save paper

March 3 during "Read Across America Week", noted speaker Keith Baker at Bell paid for by PTSA grant awarded to librarian Mrs. Hembree. Other monies from this grant will pay for AR tests and Battle of the Books choices.

Music Teacher Andrew Schmidt used PTSA grant funds to purchase new instruments for the music room to teach about music around the world.

Popcorn Wednesdays (50 cents a bag)

Multi-cultural Night January 17 Infusion Tribal Belly Dancing performance.

Madeline Schutze retires as Bell secretary January 2008 – Mrs. Schutze has been at Bell since September '68 as a parent and got involved immediately as a volunteer. She was hired in 1977 for recess duty and soon added crossing guard and classroom support to her duties. She took on the secretary position in 1984.

Students raise \$507 for flood victims with their combined popcorn sales and coin drive in December. Funds donated to the Red Cross for Washington flood relief.

Cartooniversity by Jeff Johnson – eight sessions once a week after school for \$120. Jef Johnson visits all 5th and 6th grade during art class for a brief overview of cartooning paid for by the PTSA

Roger Kukes Artist in Residence from Portland visits 3rd and 4th grade to teach drawing. Paid for by PTSA.

Skate King Night February 14 \$5 per skater

April 10 Community Math Night with Ruth Parker of the Mathematics Education Collaborative at AG Bell

Safety Patrol participate in technology recycling program as fundraiser for their end of year field trip

Earth Day Woods Restoration Work Party April 19. Clear overgrown, invasive blackberries and ivy to get the woods on campus healthier. Fifty Volunteers (30 from City Church of Kirkland) participated during the snowing, hailing, raining and sunny morning!

During Recess IA's establish a "Take Care Thursday" program – students clean up around the playground collecting garbage.

AG Bell History (rough draft)

Bellevue Arts Museum and the Junior League of Seattle sponsor the Northwest Arts Collection at Bell April 7-11. Students get up close and personal to museum pieces.

1st-3rd graders use white Model Magic and colored tissue paper to create Dale Chihuly art sculptures.

End of Year BBQ May 16. PTSA sells root beer floats for \$1. Junior Achievement Day – program to teach students about the real world through hands on curriculum by trained classroom volunteer.

“Spring For Bell” PTSA Auction May 17. Tickets presale \$10 or \$15 at the door. Again adult only event with beer and wine available held at First Congregational Church of Kirkland. Theme: “Jazzed for Bell” with Mardi Gras décor. Raises \$12,500. “Raise your paddle for the library” raised \$1,613

Family Night at Safeco Field May 30th. The Seattle Mariners play the Detroit Tigers. View seats (normally \$20) for \$11 for this event

Sixth graders spearhead Hopelink Food Drive that produced over 3,000 items

Art program uses VTS (Visual Teaching Strategies) thanks to a grant from the Lake Washington Schools Foundation.

Talent Show June 6

Sixth Grade Exiting Project “Go Places” mural painted using likenesses of students – installed near the gym.

June 12 5th/6th grade Expert’s Fair and all school Art Walk and Bake Sale

June 13 Field Day

Sources: September, October, November, December, January, February, March, April, May, June Chimes. Yahoo group archive of e-mail messages.