TOPS Thursday Go-Home
January 29th

No Bake Needs ALL of Us!

Join the Crowd!
TOPS community members have donated $71,364 towards our goal of $90,000! We are 79% of the way towards our financial goal and we’ve had 44% of families participate.

One of our most important goals this year is 100% PARTICIPATION. No gift is too small. It’s not too late! We’re making a FINAL push to meet our goal. Thank you to everyone who has already sent in their donation and in particular to those who have responded to the recent green flyer that came home with your student. ALL of our kids benefit from the many programs funded by the No Bake. It makes sense for all of us to show our commitment by participating, at whatever level we can, in this fund drive. If you haven’t yet sent in your donation, NOW IS THE TIME!

Thank You from the No Bake Team!

TOPS Movie Night
Friday January 30th 6:00-9:00 pm in the TOPS Library:
TOPS Movie Night presents Kids on the Ave, a documentary about teen homelessness in Seattle.

See the attached flyer for all of the details. And don’t forget to reserve childcare by calling 252-3510. Contact Karen Stuhldreher at kstuhldr@sccd.ctc.edu with questions.

Mission Ridge Ski Trip
Consider joining loads of other TOPS families for part of Midwinter Break in Wenatchee. See the Jan and Feb TOPS Newsletters http://www.topsk8.org/news/newsletter for all of the details. The deadline for reservations at the special TOPS reduced price rate at Cedars Inn in
Wenatchee is February 5th! Contact Ron White at therwhitehouse@comcast.net with questions.

**Climb to the TOP for Mikael!**

See the attached flyer for how to contribute to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society in honor of TOPS grad (and Maria’s brother) Mikael Perla. The Perlas have started a blog at Caring Bridge, a website that allows people to communicate with their friends and families without duplicating messages. You can send a message to the Perlas there, as well as reading about Mikael’s progress: caringbridge.com/visit/mikaelperla.

**Immunizations Update**

Parents and Guardians, I’m working on getting our students Immunizations updated, so please if your child has had shots within the last year and you have not told Health Services or me (the school nurse). Please give me a note or a phone call at 252-3521. Thanks so much, Annie Uomoto

**Volunteer Jobs of the Week!**

Steve Haines could use a couple of regular helpers in the library. He would love to have someone come in and help him catch up on his backlog of books to catalogue and also someone who can commit to shelving books and just generally helping out on a regular basis. Talk to Steve in the library or email him at shaines@seattleschools.org if you can help.

Also, Annie Meyer has a few regulars helping her out in the kitchen at lunchtime but she could really use a few more who could commit to coming in from about 11:30 to 1:00 on Tues, Wed, or Thursdays. Contact Annie at 252-3523 or ammeyer@seattleschools.org or just stop by the lunchroom. Thank You for keeping TOPS tops!

**Site Council News**

An Adhoc Committee has formed to monitor the School District plans regarding assignment, transportation and alternative schools and to help formulate TOPS’ actions in response to any proposals. There are almost certain to be major changes proposed in assignment and transportation for TOPS over the next few years and Site Council is hoping to be proactive in the process. Contact Susan Welch if you want to join us.

Site Council is also looking for someone who is willing to attend Seattle School Board meetings and report back to the group, contact Susan at 755-3684 or susan.welch1@comcast.net if you can do that job. If you happen to attend any District or Board meetings, please take the time to post what you have heard on the TOPS_Info Yahoo group. Contact Sheri Toussaint to join.

Site Council meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5-7 in the library. The next meeting will be Feb 11th. All TOPS Community members are always welcome to come to the meetings and provide input.
Third Grade Shakespeare
Leslie Nilan’s 3rd grade class will present Shakespeare’s *The Tempest* on the evening of February 11th at 7 pm in the 3rd/4th grade commons. There will also be two performances during school hours; 2 pm on February 11th and 10:30 am on February 12th.

Spring for TOPS!
It may be the middle of winter but it’s never too early to *spring into action* for this year’s TOPS Auction to be held on May 2. It’s time to pitch in:

- **Procure** – Talk to Pam Copeland for ideas: jimpamandsofia@comcast.net or 264-1850
- **Volunteer** – Talk to Beth Eagen: b_eagen@hotmail.com or 723-5149
- **Underwrite** – Talk to chair Janet Morrison: janetm@blarg.net or 634-2203

Keep an eye out for your auction packet in the next few weeks. In the meantime, you can check out last year’s auction site at http://www.topsk8.org/helping/auction/

And Ski for TOPS Too!
There is still space available for the 1st TOPS ADULT SKI BUS. We’ll be hitting the slopes of Crystal Mountain on Wednesday, February 11th! The Bus will depart TOPS at 8:00 am, muffins and mimosas will be served. We should arrive at Crystal around 9:30 for a great day of fun in the snow. We will meet back at the bus at 3:30 for Happy Hour back to Seattle!!! Snacks provided! The cost for this TOPIC is a $25 donation to Friends of TOPS (does not include lift ticket). Contact Sandy Green if you would like to sign up. sandygreen@real.com 328-1998

TOPS Family Directories
were sent home with the youngest child in the family. If you haven’t received one, first check your kid’s backpack(!) then contact Maureen Gernani at mwgermani@seattleschools.org or 545-1771. A limited number of extra copies are available for families with more than one household. Contact Maureen or talk to Collette Hubbard in the office to get one for your child’s second household.

Dates to Note

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13th  100 Day celebration -- Kindergarten
16-20 No School - Midwinter Break
19-22 TOPS Mission Ridge All Family ski trip. See the Feb newsletter for details:

Save the Dates:
March 19th Taste of TOPS 5:30-8:30
April 18th Landscaping Work Party
May 2nd Spring for TOPS Auction

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Why Bake? Why Bake? Why Bake?

2008 No-Bake Sale  2008 No-Bake Sale  2008 No-Bake Sale

Join the Crowd!

HOW ARE THE NO-BAKE DONATIONS USED?
Your NO-BAKE DONATION serves the children, families & community in a variety of ways. Funding of core programs, arts, student support & scholarships are made possible through your generosity.

Here are a few of the programs that your no-bake donation supports:
* literacy block 1st-2nd grades  * middle school & elementary plays
* our elementary art teacher, Cynthia  * school directory and newsletters
* recess supervision  * library supplies & multicultural books
* science materials for all grade levels  * volunteer coordinator
* Oleweus anti-bullying program  * childcare during evening events
* tutoring  * Writers in the Schools for 5th-8th
* 8th grade Planting the Seeds  * 8th grade passage
* choir program  * Taste of TOPS
* instrumental music program  * Safety committee
* 3rd grade drama program  * Mandarin and 8th grade math
* scholarships  * ACT Theatre Young Playwright program
* supplies for every teacher & classroom

Visit the TOPS website to see the complete Friends of TOPS budget

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TOPS NO-BAKE DONATION FORM please donate by Dec. 31, 2008

Name ____________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________
City ________________________ State _____ Zip ___________
Phone _______________ E-mail _______________________

We would like to donate:  □ $1000  □ $500  □ $200  □ $100
□ $50  □ $25  □ $10  □ $5  □ Other $ _______________

Method of payment
□ Check (made payable to Friends of TOPS)  □ Visa  □ Mastercard
Card Number ________________________ Exp. Date ___________

Signature ______________________________________________________

I would like to pay in 3 monthly installments (credit card only)

Please consider giving your family and friends an opportunity to give to Friends of TOPS. Provide information below and a letter will be sent.

Name _________________________________________________________
Address _________________________________________________________
City ________________________ State _____ Zip ___________

We’d like to thank your family by listing you as a donor in the TOPS Newsletter. Dollar amounts will not be listed.
Please check the box if you do NOT want your family’s name published. □

□ My employer will match my donation.
Company ______________________________________________________

Please include signed company matching form.

Friends of TOPS is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.
Tax ID #94-3143401. All donations are tax deductible.

RETURN TO THE TOPS OFFICE or
MAIL TO: TOPS SCHOOL No-Bake 2500 Franklin Ave E Seattle WA 98102
TOPS Movie Night

Enjoy a free night at the movies and dinner with a film and discussion linked to the 8th grade Urban Immersion Project

Friday January 30th 6:00-9:00 pm in the TOPS Library:
TOPS Movie Night presents Kids on the Ave,
a documentary about teen homelessness in Seattle.

Join us to learn about the middle school Planting the Seeds Project and view a remarkable documentary about homelessness in Seattle. Kids on the Ave chronicles the lives of several homeless teenagers who populate this well known Seattle street. This movie reveals the ways these teens survive life on the street as well as the circumstances that have caused "The Ave" to become their home. Through this closer look into how these teens come to rely on one another for support, we begin to gain a greater understanding of "Life on the Ave."

Following the film we will hear from Kristine Cunningham who is program director of ROOTS – Rising Out of the Shadows – an organization that delivers critical services to homeless young adults and other low income people.

Doors open at 6:00 pm and the films will show at 6:30. A light dinner will be provided. There will be time for discussion following the films. The evening will end by 9:00. Come when you can.

Childcare is available and pizza, snacks, age appropriate movies, and games will be provided for children at Kids Co. Call 252-3510 to make a reservation.

If you are a middle school parent or guardian who will be meeting the TOPS ski bus later the same evening, you can join a group at a nearby pub following the film event to continue the discussion and wait for the bus.

Also Save this Date for
Taste of TOPS
March 19th, 5:30-8:30
THE BIG CLIMB  March 22nd 2009

TOPS TO THE TOP

The Big Climb is a stairclimb up the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle. Our team will all run/walk up the 69 flights of stairs. While we welcome the challenge, we are doing this to fight blood cancers. All proceeds benefit The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

We are doing this in honor of Mikael Perla who is a 9th grader. He and his family are well known and loved in the TOPS community. Mikael was diagnosed with leukemia in the beginning of January.

You can support us by–

JOINING THE CLIMB
The cost is $25 per person. Climbers over 21 years old must raise an additional $50.

DONATING TO THE TEAM
We are all trying to raise funds to support the leukemia/lymphoma society. Please make a donation online.

SUPPORTING A CLIMBER
Not everyone who wants to climb can afford to pay $25. Do you want to support a student? Please let Nina know!

CHECK OUT THE WEBSITE AT:  www.bigclimb.org

- Click on:
  - join a team
- Enter our team name:
  - TOPS to the Top
- Register! -don’t forget to enter our team discount code:
  - TOPs  (It is case sensitive. Make sure to use the little ‘s’)
- Donate! Choose a participant and donate online!

Contact Nina Binder (nlbinder@seattleschools.org) for more information