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# Spring for Schools



BELLEVUE  
SCHOOLS  
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SATURDAY  
MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>  
2024  
THE MEYDENBAUER CENTER

# Welcome

Welcome to our garden party! Thank you to our amazing patrons, community partners and individual Bellevue Schools Foundation supporters for your continued support. We are thrilled to be together with you this evening.

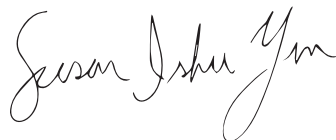
As the school district leans into the final semester of the school year, we would like to thank Dr. Kelly Aramaki for his inspiring leadership and steadfast partnership. We are so grateful for his "joy sparking" energy and look forward to growing together in partnership supporting all Bellevue School District students.

Tonight, we invite you to support our entire student body, teaching staff, administrators, parents and Bellevue community by donating now during our Spring for Schools event this evening. Each generous donation sows the seeds of opportunity for Bellevue School District students. Just as water sustains a seedling, your support nurtures the foundation and the innovation of education.

We are thrilled to gather together to fund the educational excellence provided by the Bellevue School District. Your investment in BSF today shapes and enhances the future of Bellevue, creating the educated and inspired workforce and community leadership that will nurture for generations to come.

Please check out our Education Showcase and meet our innovative educators and inspiring students as they show off projects and programs funded by your donations. Take a moment to feel the joy emanating from the stage as our district music ensembles delight your ears and eyes. And please enjoy connecting with friends old and new coming together for the collective purpose of supporting our kids with your generous donations.

In gratitude,



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# Program

Together, let us continue to cultivate a garden of opportunity,  
where every child can bloom and thrive.



**Jerry Nguyen**  
MC

**Odle Middle School Orchestra**

**Tillicum Middle School Advanced Jazz**

**Interlake High School Jazz Ensemble**

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**Bellevue High School Bellairs**

**Emerald Pipa Ensemble**

**Interlake High School String Quartet**

**Newport High School Woodwind and Cello Ensembles**

\*Thank you to the creative minds of the Early Learning team and their students  
for producing our lovely centerpiece flowers.

# Education

## SHOWCASE PRESENTATIONS

BELLEVUE SCHOOLS FOUNDATION GRANT	GRANT RECIPIENT
Spanish Speaking Author Visit	Jennifer Ching
Cartooniversity	Jessica Holloway & Jenny Davidson
Animal Adaptations Project	Patrick West & Mireya Frederick
Flexible and Alternative Seating	Lauren Helmers
Field Trip to Museum of History and Industry	Lauren Helmers
Pre-K Calming Corner	Andrea Hanson
Field Trip for Kindergarteners to See Theatre Performance	Homa Hassan
Since Time Immemorial	Elizabeth Casey, Alisha Singh & Jami Hellickson
Combatting Climate Change	Karen McGlocklin
Salmon in Schools	Rebecca O'Connor
Social Emotional Board Games	Mariano Lizano Alpazar
Social-Emotional Safe Space	Joshua Long
Salmon in the Library	Jennifer Ching
Spanish Language Books	Jennifer Ching
Toymaker Rick Hartman	Jennifer Ching
Field Trip to Museum of History and Industry	Ashley Pogreba
Makerspace Cart	Jessica Baser
Glass Fusing Project	Karla Moreno
Pipa Project	Jingran Wan & Chunqing "Tracy" Ge
Video Equipment	David Kline
Mental Health Awareness in the Library	Lexie Tigre
Ties To Life: Learning How to Tie a Tie	Lexie Tigre
Theatre Dance Clinician	Alex Glover
Theatre Music Director	Alex Glover
Theatre Vocal Coach	Alex Glover
Interlake Big Dog Café- Coffee Shop	Heather McLean
Mental Health Books	Michele Dang
More Manga Please	Tracey Croisier
Odle Multi-Cultural Night	Jingran Wan, Rose Vahedi, Amy Buckingham; Sandy Myerchin & Mar Soriano

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HOSA to State Conference	JaneMarie Brown
Mariachi	Mary Davis
Music Clinicians	Mary Davis
Pipa Club	Chunqing "Tracy" Ge
Borosilicate Glass	Melissa Misoda
Orchestra Coaches & Clinician	Annie Drassal
Choir NY Trip	Julia Meyering
Manga Books	Holly Anfang
Noticias en Espanol Para Familias	Danya Schwab
Author Visit Consortium	Elizabeth Roberts
Access to Spectrometers in Science	Angie DiLoreto
Increasing Disability Representation	Sara Ayars & Elizabeth Roberts
Living Voices	Eric Nelson
Be Meditation	Jeff Thomas & Wendy Powell
Robotics	Wolverine Robotics (Bellevue High School)
Robotics	Robototes and Technototes (Sammamish High School)
Robotics	Titan Robotics (International School)
Robotics	Saints Robotics (Interlake High School)
Robotics	Ramen Robotics (Big Picture School)
Field Trips to the KidsQuest Museum for ECEAP Students	Heather Sanchez & Kellea Taylor
KidsQuest In-Classroom Hands-on Learning Experiences Plus Complimentary Free pass for 4 for each student	Heather Sanchez & Kellea Taylor
KidsQuest Joyful Night of Team Building and Learning	Heather Sanchez & Kellea Taylor

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### MAIN STAGE PERFORMANCES

5:00pm Odle Middle School Orchestra  
 5:20pm Tillicum Middle School Advanced Jazz  
 5:40pm Interlake High School Jazz Ensemble  
 6:40pm Bellevue High School Bellairs  
 7:00pm Emerald Pipa Ensemble  
 7:20pm Interlake High School String Quartet  
 7:40pm Newport High School Woodwind Ensemble and Cello Ensemble

# Leadership

Leaders tend to the garden: nurturing growth, weeding out obstacles, and ensuring each individual flourishes.

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The cost of 4 sessions for Title 1 school students to learn from accomplished musicians

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A mental health screening tool for 100 students

**\$435**

One spectrometer for chemistry labs

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Admission for an entire 4th grade at an elementary school to visit the Museum of History and Industry

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One month of full tuition for 1 preschool student



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# Thank You

We are grateful you are part of our growth and success

Bellevue Schools Foundation was founded in 1979 as the very first foundation in our state dedicated to funding K-12 initiatives in a public school district. And over 40 years later, our mission and funding is needed by our students and educators more than ever.

As the District faces a \$10 million budget gap, Bellevue Schools Foundation is stepping up to ensure that the people and programs we support can thrive. But, the amount we step up depends on how many community members step forward with us to confront an inadequate public funding model.

We believe that Bellevue students deserve a world-class education, which requires financing outside of the typical local, state, and federal funding structures. On display this evening you will find the product of individuals joining together to invest in students' collective futures. Each and every program in our Education Showcase is only possible through the donations of parents, community members, educators, and stakeholders committed to the belief that our students are deserving of a fully funded educational experience.

I hope your evening is joyful, inspiring, and most importantly, I hope you leave this room changed—by your actions, by something you learn, and by the company of others who believe in the power of philanthropy.



Juliet Buder  
Executive Director  
Bellevue Schools Foundation

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