IN THE LOOP

September 7th – 11th 2020

**THIS WEEK:**

Tuesday, September 8th: Meet the teacher / Curriculum Night (times vary, please see below)

Wednesday, September 9th: First Day of School!! (1st-5th)

Wednesday-Friday, September 9th-11th: School Supply Distribution

**NEXT WEEK:**

Monday, September 14th: First Day of Kindergarten! Welcome New Families!

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Wednesday, October 7th: Virtual PTA General Membership Meeting, 6pm

**NEWS FROM YOUR PTA:**

Welcome back Belugas!! For those of you who are new to Browns Point Elementary, this “In the Loop” email is our way of keeping our families informed on important dates and events that are happening at our school. We all know this year is going to be different, and our normal events might not look the same, so this is a great place to find all the information that you’ll need in order to hopefully feel connected and informed. As your PTA, we want you to feel heard. If at any time you have questions or concerns, please reach out to us - we’re here to help! Just shoot us an email at BrownspointPTA@gmail.com.

This year our mantra is BELUGA STRONG, because we know that as a community, we can get through anything!

**VIRTUAL MEET THE TEACHER NIGHT**

Please join us on September 8th for a *Virtual Meet the Teacher Night*. Information and links specific to your class should have already gone out. If you have not received instructions, or are unclear about how to log-on, please reach out to your teacher. If you are unable to log-on during your specific timeslot, a PowerPoint with all of the information will be available on your teacher’s website which can be found here: [Teacher's Website & Contact Info](https://bp.tacomaschools.org/contact/browns-point-elementary-staff-list)

**Kindergarten:** 4-4:30pm **3rd:** 5:30-6:00pm

**1st Grade:** 4:30-5:00pm **4th:** 6:00-6:30pm

**2nd Grade:** 5:00-5:30pm **5th / SAIL / SPED:** 6:30-7:00pm

**SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION DAY**

This year, Tacoma Public Schools is providing school supplies to all families enrolled in the district. Please pick up your supplies on your student’s designated day below between **4:00-5:00pm by driving through the parent pick-up loop (front of school) and please remember to wear your mask. Someone will meet you at your car.** If you are unable to make it during the designated time slot, you may ask a friend or family member to pick up the supplies for your student. After the distribution days, supplies will be available for pick-up in the office by appointment only.

**\*\*Supply pick-up times\*\***

Kindergarten/ 1St Grade: Wednesday 9/9, 4-5pm

2nd / 3rd Grade: Thursday 9/10, 4-5pm

4th / 5th / SAIL / SPED: Friday 9/11, 4-5pm

**2019-2020 YEARBOOK DISTRIBUTION**

Yearbooks have finally arrived! Yearbook distribution will mirror the supply pick up schedule. We will be distributing yearbooks at the Old Browns Point Elementary Primary Loop so please stop here before or after you pick up supplies. *This is only for families who pre-ordered yearbooks for the 2019-2020 school year.*

For those that missed the opportunity to purchase yearbooks in the spring, PTA will have a limited quantity available for purchase on Saturday, September 12th from 10-12.

**FREE MEALS FOR ALL TPS STUDENTS**

A message from Tacoma Public Schools: Any student 18 or younger can get free breakfast and lunch packs five days a week this fall, starting Sept. 9, thanks to a change announced Aug. 31 by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

This news from the USDA changes what Tacoma Public Schools previously announced about meal service this fall. Now, no pre-orders or student identification are necessary to pick up a meal.

\*\*We are still working on what the meal distribution schedule will look like. We anticipate an announcement on the schedule soon.

We do know this much now: Meals will be distributed at Baker, First Creek, Giaudrone, Gray, Jason Lee, Mason, Meeker, Stewart, Truman and Wainwright, as well as scheduled stops throughout district neighborhoods.

Get more information, including the map of meal pick-up stops here: [MEAL SITE MAP](https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?ll=47.25594756600707%2C-122.46260935000001&z=12&mid=1iUXTT3cRQDTx7B45OJ1LNHdmb-Qh0BlL&fbclid=IwAR2IYCHnI8t5dIyvxJok_PRe-zsJx2p5Wg7tCLx5-0Zjwh8y8y5BOrWcTSM)

**SIGN UP FOR PTA – BE ENTERED IN A RAFFLE!**

It’s that time of year again, and this year is no exception! If you sign up for a PTA membership you will automatically be entered into a raffle for a Beluga Blue Hydro Flask! We are working hard behind the scenes and could use your help - there are a lot of opportunities for you help out, and some of which don’t require volunteering at all. Stop by our website (<https://www.brownspointpta.com>) and see what we have going on!

Becoming a PTA member not only benefits the school, but it also supports our WA State PTA by advocating for our children on topics we can all get behind. Visit our PTA website to snag your yearly membership: [BP PTA Store](https://www.brownspointpta.com/shop)

For more information about the WA State PTA, click here <https://www.wastatepta.org/>

**PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Our first Virtual PTA General Membership Meeting for the 2020-2021 school year is scheduled for **October 6th at 6pm**. Stay tuned in the coming weeks for more details regarding the agenda and how to access the virtual meeting.

**BELUGA STRONG T-SHIRT SPONSORS**

We are obviously not able to hold our annual Dance-A-Thon this fall but we don't want our students and staff to miss out on the t-shirt they look forward to receiving each year. So we will be providing every student and staff member at Browns Point a very special BELUGA STRONG t-shirt with student designed art on the front and featuring generous local businesses on the back. This shirt will continue to bring a much needed sense of community to our school and remind everyone that together, we are BELUGA STRONG. Do you work for or own a local business who wants to give back? Have your business name or logo featured on this very special shirt!  We are heavily discounting the 2020 sponsorship prices due to the impact of Covid. Tax deductible donation of $50 for business name in text only or $150 for business logo.  Don’t miss your chance to be included!  Deadline is September 30, 2019.  Contact us at  bpdanceathon@gmail.com  for more info!

**WE’VE GOT SPIRIT! HOW ‘BOUT YOU?**

It’s our first week back and we want to see some Beluga Spirit! Have you seen the reader board at the Browns Point Town Center or the freshly painted rock at the corner of 51St & Slayden?? We would love to see our Belugas in action! Use the hashtag **#BELUGASTRONG** on Facebook & Instagram of your first day of school or showing your Beluga pride around Browns Point.

**FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM & FACEBOOK!**

During this time of remote schooling we want to connect with you in every possible way so don't forget to follow Browns Point PTA on social media where we post reminders about important events, fun community building posts and more. Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/brownspointpta>  Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/BrownsPointPTA/>

**NET HEALTHY KIDS COALITION – FOOD DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION**

The NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition is partnering with Church of the Living God, World Vision and Tacoma Public Schools to bring a pop-up food distribution site to NE Tacoma on September 17, October 1, October 15 and October 29 from 5 to 7 pm.

Boxes of non-perishable food items and / or produce will be provided at no cost to families. 100 slots are available for families of TPS students on each of the dates. You can call the TPS Community Partnership Office to reserve a spot at 253-571-7980. Food pick up will be in the roundabout at the old Browns Point Elementary site located at [1526 51st St NE](https://www.google.com/maps/search/1526%2B51st%2BSt%2BNE?entry=gmail&source=g).  We will be following all public health guidance to safely distribute food. Please remain in your vehicle and wear a mask when picking up food items. Thank you! Click here to view our flyer: [NEHKC Food Distribution Flyer](https://dab5efba-5b1f-4083-a4df-1e794d69da68.filesusr.com/ugd/4fcccd_7c24de3909a34be5a10f3e30332e49b2.pdf)

The NE Healthy Kids Coalition is an amazing organization that is near and dear to our school. If you are new to Browns Point and would like to learn more about the NEHKC, their history and services, please visit: [www.nethealthykids.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/IEIz9LFVKhfLmrlHe6L8UQ~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRfu-qjP0QeaHR0cDovL3d3dy5uZXRoZWFsdGh5a2lkcy5jb20vVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoAACO32l0UPPozUhZqZWFubmllLm5pc3RAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAB) and subscribe to the Coalition newsletter!

Or give us a like on Facebook:

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**WEEKLY GRATITUDE**

We would like to thank our Para Educators, Jane, Roberta, Darlene, Samuel and Kathy for working tirelessly to assemble all of our school supply bags. Thank you!!