IN THE LOOP

January 3- January 7, 2022

**THIS WEEK:**

1/3 School Resumes, Welcome back Belugas!

1/5 Late Start Wednesday

**NEXT WEEK:**

1/12 Late Start Wednesday

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

1/17 No School, Martin Luther King Jr. Day

1/21 Popcorn Friday and Ice Cream Party at lunches

 **NEWS FROM YOUR PTA:**

**IN THE LOOP – MLK COMMUNITY SERVICE INFO**

**January 17, 2022**

**Make it a Day ON, Not a Day Off!**

Join Browns Point PTA to participate in our fourth annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service!  This year, we have various options for ways to participate – either at home or in person!

• In next week’s In the Loop, instructions will go home as to how you can participate in one of the at home or in person community service projects on January 17, 2022.

• You can also complete any service project that your family comes up with on your own- such as writing letters or thank you notes to family members or neighbors who work in the health care field, rolling in the trashcans or shopping for groceries for an elderly neighbor, or picking up trash at a local park or around the neighborhood, etc.

Browns Point is a wonderful community with a legacy of giving back. We hope your family will consider joining us for a DayON in observation of MLK Jr. Day.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

**Did you know?**

Legislation was signed in 1983 creating a federal holiday marking the birthday of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. This federal holiday was first observed in 1986.  In 1994, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, designating the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday as a national day of service and charged the [Corporation for National and Community Service](http://www.nationalservice.gov/) with leading this effort.

Taking place each year on the third Monday in January, the MLK Day of Service is the only federal holiday observed as a national day of service – a "day on, not a day off." Participation in the MLK Day of Service has grown steadily over the past decade, with hundreds of thousands of Americans each year engaging in projects such as tutoring and mentoring children, painting schools and senior centers, delivering meals, building homes, and reflecting on Dr. King's life and teachings. Many of the projects started on MLK Day continue to engage volunteers beyond the holiday and impact the community year-round.

**NE TACOMA HEALTHY KIDS COALITION - Volunteer Opportunities**

The NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition is a partnership with staff and PTAs from the four local schools in NE Tacoma, along with additional community partners, that is focused on providing weekend meals and other basic needs support to our students. Thank you so much for your support with our holiday help efforts- we provided Thanksgiving meals, winter break bags, Holiday meals and gifts to local families and we could not have done it without the support of our community!

For the month of January, we have volunteer opportunities! Please sign up here if you are interested in helping out. To comply with public health guidance and TPS policies, all volunteers must be fully vaccinated and wear a mask at all times. Sign up here: [NETHKC VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080545AAAE2DA1FF2-nethealthy5)

Thank you for your support! To learn more, please visit: [www.nethealthykids.com](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/kN4OfH-W3gAJfKTg0WM0Jg~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRhNjsKP0TDaHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS9JRUl6OUxGVktoZkxtcmxIZTZMOFVRfn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSZnUtcWpQMFFlYUhSMGNEb3ZMM2QzZHk1dVpYUm9aV0ZzZEdoNWEybGtjeTVqYjIwdlZ3ZHpZMmh2YjJ4dFFnb0FBQ08zMmwwVVBQb3pVaFpxWldGdWJtbGxMbTVwYzNSQVoyMWhhV3d1WTI5dFdBUUFBQUFCVwdzY2hvb2xtQgoASIoHVV-VXn8HUhZqZWFubmllLm5pc3RAZ21haWwuY29tWAQAAAAB) and subscribe to the Coalition newsletter!

**WEEKLY GRATITUDE**

PTA would like to thank all the Room Parents and volunteers who helped to make the days before Winter Break memorable for students. Thank you to everyone who put together treat bags, helped with art projects, brought in snacks and water and donated their time to make December a great month at BPE!