IN THE LOOP

September 21st- 25th

**THIS WEEK:**

Monday, September 21st – Laptop Distribution, Grades 3-5, A-L, 10am-4pm

Tuesday, September 22st – Laptop Distribution Grades 3-5, M-Z, 10am-4pm

Thursday, September 24th – TPS School Board Meeting, 6-8pm

**NEXT WEEK:**

Wednesday, September 30th – Deadline for 5th Grade Beluga Strong T-Shirt Contest

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Wednesday, October 7th – General Membership PTA Meeting, 6pm online

**NEWS FROM YOUR PTA:**

**LAPTOP DISTRIBUTION – GRADES 3-5**

Laptops for grades 3-5 have arrived and will be distributed to all Tacoma Online students and students grades 3-5. There are two distribution days based on the first letter of your student’s last name. Please click on the link below for all information regarding the distribution schedule and pickup procedure.

[**Laptop Distribution and Pick up Procedures**](https://dab5efba-5b1f-4083-a4df-1e794d69da68.filesusr.com/ugd/4fcccd_85df93c398f4457f8b94261e0af82643.pdf)

*\*\*Only Tacoma Online students whose home school is Browns Point can pick up at BPE. Laptops are only available to Tacoma Public School District students - WAVA or other non-district schools are not eligible to check out a district laptop\*\**

**TACOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS – SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

Tune in on Thursday, September 24th at 6pm for the monthly Tacoma Public Schools, School Board Meeting. Follow the link for information on how to watch as well as information on how to submit questions for this virtual meeting. [CLICK HERE TO WATCH](https://www.tacomaschools.org/about/school-board/watch)

**DON’T WAIT - JOIN THE PTA TODAY**

There is no wrong way to PTA!  Beluga families we know this year looks different and is filled with unknowns, but one thing is certain, we would love for you to join the Browns Point PTA.  There is no volunteer requirement!  We love supporting our students and staff throughout the year with fun activities and enrichment programs.  We will get creative this year to make this happen.  The PTA is also a great way to stay informed about the latest happenings at school and the state level.  Please join for just $10/year.  [CLICK HERE TO JOIN](https://www.brownspointpta.com/shop)

**PTA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Mark your calendars for the GENERAL PTA MEETING WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7th!  We would love to meet you. Join the PTA board members in discussing the budget and important happenings.  This meeting is open to everyone, but only current members will be allowed to vote.  We will meet via Zoom for everyone's safety.  Stay tuned for an email link.

**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!

Thank you to this year's title sponsor, Northshore Ace Hardware! And thank you to these participating businesses: Tim Scheuffele-Edward Jones, Seattle Tacoma Box Company, It's Greek To Me, Firehouse Subs, Fife Chiropractic & Health Awareness Center, Lighthouse Market, Kumon of Federal Way and Browns Point United Methodist Church!

**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. 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 or connect with our school guidance counselor, Ms. Byrd. Food pick up will be in the roundabout at the old Browns Point Elementary site located at [1526 51st St NE](https://shoutout.wix.com/so/bfNI4xT9K/c?w=MppS89i7m080aJ0KBT45U-ZqtXMPacquuQ4N3DN7Gz0.eyJ1IjoiaHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29vZ2xlLmNvbS9tYXBzL3NlYXJjaC8xNTI2KzUxc3QrU3QrTkU_ZW50cnk9Z21haWwmc291cmNlPWciLCJyIjoiMjBmOWM2NWItYjliNC00OTk1LTU4NzQtNTJmZjJjZjQ1MDgxIiwibSI6Im1haWwiLCJjIjoiZjI3N2ExM2UtYWFmMy00NzZmLWFhYzUtMzk4OTNlN2VkMDk1In0).  We will be following all public health guidance to safely distribute food to our community.

**THREE EASY WAYS TO SUPPORT BROWNS POINT PTA AT NO COST TO YOU**

These are "no brainer" ways to direct some of the money you spend every day on groceries, household purchases and at Amazon.com straight to Browns Point PTA. If you shop at Fred Meyer, Amazon or buy groceries from anywhere - take a look at the three ways below you can designate Browns Point PTA as your favorite charity and these organizations will send us donations with every purchase you make!

**1. BOX TOPS:** Box Tops is now digital! No more clipping. No more sending Box Tops to school. All you need is your phone. Download the Box Tops app, shop as you normally would, then simply scan your store receipts to find participating products. The app will instruct you how to connect to Browns Point Elementary and add your student's classroom to credit your school's Box Tops earnings! There are some products that still contain the traditional box tops as they are phased out, so if you find them on your groceries - clip them and save them for when we return to school. Each box top is worth 10 cents for our school and they add up fast! <https://www.boxtops4education.com/>

**2. FRED MEYER COMMUNITY REWARDS:** If you shop at Fred Meyer, we would love if you chose Browns Point PTA as your Fred Meyer Community Rewards beneficiary. This amazing program donates a portion of the shopping you do everyday directly to us at no cost to you. All you have to do is link your Fred Meyer rewards card to Browns Point PTA. If you haven't done this yet - please do today! <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>

**3. AMAZON SMILE:** Another easy way to support Browns Point PTA at no cost to you is to activate AmazonSmile and select Browns Point PTA as your favorite charity. The AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible Amazon purchases! Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/>to activate AmazonSmile and select us as your beneficiary. You need to confirm your beneficiary 2x a year so it's worth a look to make sure we are still selected and active in your account.

**2019-2020 YEARBOOKS**

Thank you to everyone who picked up your yearbooks during our distribution days. If you still haven’t received your yearbook, or would still like to buy one, please contact Katie at brownspointptayearbook@gmail.com

**WEEKLY GRATITUDE**

We would like to give a giant shout out to Katie Young for all her hard work on our yearbook! Not only did Katie design and create the entire book, she also took care of all the order details and distribution. Thank you, Katie!