IN THE LOOP

September 6th – 10th 2021

**THIS WEEK:**

* Tuesday, September 7th: Meet the teacher and PTA Treats!
* Wednesday, September 8th: First Day of School!! (1st-5th)

Meet the Teacher Schedule

Kindergarten- 10 – 10:30 a.m.

1st Grade- 10:30-11:00 a.m.

2nd Grade- 11:30-12 p.m.

3rd Grade- 12- 12:30 p.m.

4th Grade- 12:30-1 p.m.

5th Grade and Sail- 1-1:30 p.m.

If you cannot make the assigned time, you may drop off the supplies to the main office by 4 pm. You can also send the supplies with your student on the first day of school. If you have students in different grades, you can pick one of the grade level times to attend and drop **ALL** supplies off and they will get to the correct teacher.

* Thursday, September 9th: Kindergarten Laptop Pick Up

Student Laptops:

All Kindergarteners will be receiving a District Laptop to use at home and at school.

If your student is new to Browns Point, this year, or does not already have a school issued laptop, you will be able to check one out at the front office on Thursday September 9th between 4pm and 6pm. If this time frame does not work for your schedule, you will also be able to come to the office M-F between 8:00 – 8:30am.

Please note that we all need to adhere to social distancing and wearing masks while on school property.

**NEXT WEEK:**

Monday, September 13th: First Day of Kindergarten! Welcome New Families!  Boo Hoo Breakfast immediately following student drop off for Kindergarten and New Families.

 [Boo Hoo Breakfast Invitation](https://dab5efba-5b1f-4083-a4df-1e794d69da68.filesusr.com/ugd/4fcccd_7dcc928bc002408a95cf9190b749f56a.pdf)

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

Wednesday, October 6th: Virtual Curriculum Night

Attend this session with your child’s grade level teachers. Here is the schedule:

***Wednesday, October 6:***

4:00-Kindergarten

4:30-1st

5:00 2nd

5:30-3rd

6:00-4th

6:30-5th & SAIL

**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 are so excited to get back to most of our traditional programming and events this year, they may look a little different but we are so happy to be together again! The Loop is a great place to find all the information that you’ll need in order to 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.

**JOIN THE PTA!:**

Joining PTA does not mean you have to commit to volunteer. It means you support your child's education and support the mission of National PTA which is "to make every child’s potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children." We are hoping for 100% parent and staff membership this year! Join by purchasing a household (2 adults) or single (1 adult) membership in our online store:

<https://www.brownspointpta.com/shop>

Don't forget to add Beluga Bucks to your order as well (90% of your PTA membership fee goes to State and National PTA dues where 100% of a Beluga Bucks donation stays at Browns Point Elementary and goes directly towards programs within our school.)

**POPCORN FRIDAYS**

Popcorn Friday’s are here! Our first popcorn Friday will be on 9/24. The cost is $10 for the year (that’s 10 popcorn Fridays!)  All proceeds go to support the Browns Point 5th grade class fundraising efforts.

1. Purchase by visiting [www.brownspointpta.com/shop](http://www.brownspointpta.com/shop)

2. Add Popcorn Friday(s) to your cart, and include your student(s) name(s), grade(s), and Teacher(s)

3. Consider adding a “Pop it Forward” order to your cart! This will cover a whole year of popcorn for a child who would otherwise go without.

**DANCE-A-THON**

We are so excited that school is back and that means PTA will need your support and we are thrilled to announce our annual Dance-A-Thon is BACK! We will be sending lots of information home about how your students can be involved, but for now we have two ways for families to support the Dance-a-thon – our biggest fundraising event of the year!

***1.  Dance-A-Thon T-Shirt Sponsors:***  Once again this year, every student at Browns Point will receive a very special Dance-a-thon t-shirt with student designed art on the front and featuring generous local businesses on the back.  Our goal is to always provide as much as we can to every student in our school and build that Beluga Pride. Do you work for or own a local business who wants to give back? Have your business name or logo featured on the 2021 Dance-a-thon t-shirt!  Tax deductible donation of $100 for business name, $200 for business logo, or $500 for title sponsor.  Don’t miss your chance to be included!  Deadline is September 24, 2021. Contact us at bpdanceathon@gmail.com for more info! Visit <https://www.brownspointpta.com/documents> for frequently asked questions on sponsorships.

***2. Dance-A-Thon Prizes:*** We are putting together our fabulous prize packages for the top 6 fundraisers and weekly prize drawings for all students who bring in donations.   Donations are greatly welcome to help us make the prizes fun and exciting to motivate our students!  Our prize packages this year include the following themes:  Seahawks, Outdoor Adventure, Art, STEM, Family Fun and Music.  If you are interested in making a prize donation or have a great contact to procure a donation, please click the sign up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f4ea8a72aa13-dance3>  Or feel free to contact us at bpdanceathon@gmail.com We’d love to receive these items by October 8th - Thanks for your generosity! Visit <https://www.brownspointpta.com/documents> for frequently asked questions on prizes.

**SCHOOL GARDEN**

Over the last few weeks you may have noticed some changes to the garden area. We now have a secure space with a new fence, and stock tank planters that dot the fence line.

We are excited for what the next couple months will bring to the garden as we continue to build raised beds and add infrastructure and elements that will allow this garden to thrive.

Keep your eyes peeled and watch as our garden grows! If you have any questions please reach out to BPEgarden@gmail.com. This project was made possible by the 5th grade class of 2020 and generous community donations. We look forward to planting and designing the garden this school year!

**BOOKS FOR BIRTHDAYS**

Help grow our library! Books for Birthdays is a program where your child can purchase a book from our Amazon wish list and gift it to the BPE library for their birthday. Look for information to come home during your child’s birthday month.

**FREE MEALS FOR ALL TPS STUDENTS**

All Tacoma Public Schools students will receive free meals during the entire 2021-22 school year. Students who want to buy individual items or a second breakfast or second lunch will still need funds in their accounts and will not be able to accrue a negative balance.

 **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 **#BELUGASAREBACK** on Facebook & Instagram of your first day of school or showing your Beluga pride around Browns Point.

**Looking for an easy way to support BPE?**

* AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your Browns Point Elementary every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones.
* Fred Meyer Community Rewards program: This program makes fundraising easy by donating to our school based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to Browns Point Elementary, all you have to do is shop at Fred Meyer and swipe your Shopper’s Card. [Fred Meyer Community Rewards](https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards)
* Box Tops for Education: Now you can simply **scan your store receipt** with the Box Tops mobile app to identify participating products and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online. Download the Box Tops for Education App today!

**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/>

**DID YOU KNOW?**

* Every Tacoma school has a ventilation system. Schools have either a heating/ventilation/air conditioning system (also known as HVAC) or a Univent system, depending on the age of the school.

• All ventilation systems installed in schools draw in fresh air, as required by code. On buildings that don’t have operable windows, providing air directly from the outside is the standard practice, which both HVAC and Univent systems do.

• Schools are fully inspected every other year by the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. Inspectors test levels of air flow per minute. The required levels vary by the size of a room (a classroom has a different required level of air flow than a cafeteria, for example). All TPS schools are meeting their required levels, as of their most recent inspection.

 **WEEKLY GRATITUDE**

We would like to thank our Shannon Lyons and Brandi Steiner for delivering lunch to the teachers on their first day back in the building!