

In the Loop

January 22-26, 2024

This Week

Wed 1/24 Late Start 10am

MLK Assembly K-2nd Grade 12:50pm, 3rd-5th 1:50pm

Thurs 1/25 Popcorn Day

Family Trivia Night 6-7pm

Mark Your Calendars

A couple of dates to mark on your calendar for upcoming spring events are: Family Culture Night - April 26th and The Rainiers Game - May 17th.

Book Fair Committee 2024

We are looking for a new book fair committee lead(s) for next year who would be willing to shadow our current book fair leads this year in March. Duties of the book fair committee include: reserving the dates of the Book Fair with Scholastic, scheduling volunteers, setting up, running, and packing up the book fair. After the book fair is over the committee then closes out the financials as well as purchases items for teachers from the Scholastic Dollars Catalog. If you are interested in getting more details or being next year's Book Fair Committee Lead(s) please email brownspointpta@gmail.com.

Dance-A-Thon 2024

Are you interested in helping with next year's Dance-A-Thon Fundraiser? We are now forming committees to help plan next year's event. Here are a few areas where volunteers are needed:

Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities:

- T-Shirt Sponsor solicitation, T-Shirt contest, orders, and distribution
- Communications for BPE staff and In the Loop announcements
- Prize Procurement from local businesses, prize baskets/packages, and prize disbursement
- Lunch presentations, school announcements, and weekly drawing coordinator
- Board display to track daily progress
- Day of dance coordinator & chaperones, and music selections
- Family Fun Night Coordinator (invitations, entertainment, and food)

If you are interested in any of these roles, or helping with Dance-A-Thon next year please email bpdanceathon@gmail.com.

Disney Trivia Night

There are only a few spots left for our Disney Trivia Night on Thursday, January 25th. Unfortunately due to space, we will not be able to have additional people sign up once the sign up is full. If you would like to sign up, please use the link: [Disney Trivia Night RSVP](#)

Live Author Event: Kelly Yang

To our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students, we have a fantastic opportunity to work with author Kelly Yang with the release of her new book “Finally Heard”, being released on February 27th! We will have a virtual live Q&A in February with each class being able to submit a question to Kelly.

We will also have a limited number of Kelly Yang’s new book in hardback for sale at school that come with a signed bookplate. These will be delivered to the students who purchased them after the release on February 27th. Books are \$17 and there will be a money collection day at school on January 26th. Order forms will also be sent home with students. Please have the exact amount in cash or checks made out to Browns Point PTA.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found has grown significantly, please be on the lookout for social media posts this upcoming week with more detailed pictures. All Lost and Found is currently on the stage. Any new items that are found will be put in the bins and not on the stage. If you see something that looks familiar please come to the cafeteria to claim. We will be donating any items that are not claimed from the stage on February 1st.

MLK Day Assembly

We are excited to have Tacoma Arts Live coming back for a presentation on January 24th. Last year we saw them do an amazing performance called the 7 Days in the Life of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. This year they will be performing Where Blooming Flowers Meet the Sky. Kindergarten-2nd graders' show will start at 12:50 and 3rd-5th graders will get to see the show at 1:50. We will have chairs available for families who wish to attend.

NETHKC Volunteers Needed

February Volunteers Needed! The NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition needs volunteers to unload food deliveries and deliver weekend meal bags in the month of February. Please sign up here if you are able to help: [NETHKC Volunteers Sign Up](#)

You may have noticed the new NETHKC donation bin located inside, right behind the front door of BPE. The donation bin was built for the coalition by Eagle Scout Christian Montemayor. A list of food items needed can be viewed on their Amazon wishlist by using the "QR code" located on the front of the donation bin. Orders placed through the Amazon wish list will be shipped directly to NETHKC. For those who choose to personally shop for food they can drop off their donations in the bin, and coalition volunteers will pick them up monthly. For more information on the NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition and to subscribe to their mailing list, visit their website listed on the front of the donation box. Subscribers will receive coalition updates and volunteer opportunities sent directly to their inbox.

PTA Reflections

Wow, we had 20 art submissions for the WSPTA Reflections Art Competition! Thank you to everyone who participated. We are excited to recognize our amazing artists at Family Reading Night on March 15th, 2024.

Spirit Wear

Browns Point Spirit Wear is available to purchase again! This will be the final opportunity for the school year. The options from the fall are available as well as a new Tie Dye option. To purchase spirit wear use the link [Spirit Wear Orders](#). The online store will be open through February 4th. Spirit wear will be delivered to students mid February.

Gratitude

Thank you to everyone who donated and helped make our MLK Community Projects such a success! Special thank you Ms. Gallagher, Hautala, Heckman, Liebl, and Scott's classes for making cards, they are definitely going to brighten someone's day!