

In the Loop

January 1-5, 2024

This Week

Tues 1/2 School Resumes

Wed 1/3 Late Start 10am

Upcoming

Mon 1/15 No School (Martin Luther King Jr Day)

Fri 1/19 Last Day to Drop Off Items for MLK Community Service

Wed 1/24 MLK Assembly

Thurs 1/25 Popcorn Day

Family Trivia Night 6-7pm

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Join PTA for a fun night of Disney Trivia. Thursday January 25th, PTA will be hosting a Disney Trivia Night for families from 6-7pm. Snacks will be provided. Due to limited space all participants must RSVP for this event. [Family Trivia Night RSVP](#)

MLK Community Service Opportunities

Each MLK day PTA leads a community service project. This year, we will be offering a few ways to participate. All donated items can be brought to the stage and put in the tubs through **January 19th.**

1. Closet Clean Out donations for the Tacoma Rescue Mission - For many of us, the new year brings new beginnings, opportunities and a cluttered closet or two. If you find yourself in an “out with the old, in with the new” situation please consider donating unwanted, gently used clothing and unopened/new toiletry items and help make an impact to someone in your community who could benefit from your generosity. Donations will be accepted through **January 19th.**

2. Birthday Kits -A child’s birthday is often their favorite holiday, often symbolized and adorned with a cake. For some parents and loved ones, providing a cake isn’t always possible. Browns Point, in partnership with the NE Tacoma Healthy Kids Coalition has committed to providing 100 birthday cake kits for families who would otherwise go without. We are seeking donations of boxed cake mix, canned frosting, unsweetened apple sauce, small container of vegetable oil, sprinkles and cake candles. Donations will be accepted through **January 19th.**

3. Cards for Nursing Homes - students are encouraged to make a homecard card or draw a picture that can be given to senior citizens at local nursing homes.

4. Do something on your own - pick up trash at a local park or bringing in your neighbors trash cans are just a couple of ways that you can participate on your own in PTA's community service projects.

Popcorn Volunteers

5th grade parents- we need help popping popcorn once a month (typically the last Thursday of each month). All of the money raised from the popcorn sales go directly to end of the year 5th grade activities including Camp Seymour. If you are able to help pop popcorn please sign up here: [Popcorn Volunteer Sign Up](#)

Reflections Art Contest

We are excited to announce this year's Reflection theme is: I am Hopeful Because... Reflections is a National PTA arts recognition program that helps students explore their own thoughts, feelings and ideas, develop artistic literacy, increase confidence, and find a love for learning that will help them become more successful not only in school, but in life. Browns Point Elementary proudly participates in this wonderful program each year. All art must be submitted by **Friday, January 5, 2024**. Please turn in your entries to the School Office, an ENTRY FORM must be attached to each piece. You may enter more than one category. Student submission packets were sent home with students last week. For more information, category rules, and Entry Form visit: [Reflections Art Program](#) and click on Student Entry Rules.

Talent Show

We know we have a lot of talented students at Browns Point Elementary and what better way to show off your talents than with a Talent Show! We are looking for a few people who would be interested in being in charge of a Talent Show for the spring. If you are interested please email brownspointpta@gmail.com.

Watch D.O.G.S

Watch DOGS is changing just a bit. Each Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday there will be 2 Watch DOG slots during lunch and recess ONLY. These Watch DOGS will not be going into classrooms to volunteer but will instead be helping out at lunch and recess. You do not need to be there for the full 3 hours, but we do ask that you come for a minimum of an hour. There will not be an official schedule on these days, instead you will just come between 10:45am and 1:30, put on the Watch DOGS vest and bounce back and forth between lunch and recess. There will still be 2 regular Watch Dogs days where you can come in and volunteer in classrooms as

well as be at recess and lunch with your child. These shifts will be on Tuesday and Fridays, there will still be an AM and PM shift like before. To sign up for a Watch DOG shift in January use the [Watch DOGS Volunteer Sign Up](#) The Lunch and Recess Schedule is as follows: 10:50 - 11:40 - Kinder. & 1st grade, 11:45 - 12:35 - 2nd and 3rd grade, 4th & 5th grade - 12:40 - 1:30). The schedule for February and March will come out soon. If you have any questions about the Watch DOGS program email us at brownspointpta@gmail.com

Gratitude

We are so grateful to all of our BPE families and community and look forward to 2024, Happy New Year!