

## **In the Loop**

**January 8-12, 2024**

### ***This Week***

Wed 1/10 Late Start 10am

Thurs 1/11 Honors Parade

### ***Next Week***

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

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

### ***Upcoming***

Wed 1/24 MLK Assembly

Thurs 1/25 Popcorn Day

Family Trivia Night 6-7pm

### ***Books for Birthdays***

Books for Birthdays is a PTA run program where families can help build our school's library! Last year we were able to grow our library by over 100 books and this year our goal is 200! You will know it is a B4B donation by opening the front of the book and finding the specialized nameplate of the child who donated it! If your child has a birthday in January, look for a letter in their backpack this week that explains this wonderful program. Thank you to everyone who has participated so far this school year- we are at 36 books donated from our September thru December birthdays. If you missed the letter in your child's backpack and would still like to donate, it isn't too late! Please email Ms. White at [CWHITE@tacoma.k12.wa.us](mailto:CWHITE@tacoma.k12.wa.us) and she will direct you to the website.

### ***MLK Community Project***

It's the final week of the MLK Community Service Projects. There are tubs on the stage to put your donations in. Things being collected for the Tacoma Rescue Mission include: new travel size toiletries, hand warmers, gently used (or new) blankets, coats, shoes, and clothes. We are also collecting items to make Birthday Cake Kits in partnership with NE Healthy Kids Coalition, items needed for the birthday kits include: boxed cake mix, candles, frosting, small container of oil or unsweetened applesauce and sprinkles. The last organized project is cards that will be given to local nursing homes: students are encouraged to make a homemade card or picture with a nice generic message. Please email [brownspointpta@gmail.com](mailto:brownspointpta@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

### ***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](#)

### ***Watch D.O.G.S***

There are still lots of Watch DOGS slots open for the remainder of January. As a reminder, Watch DOGS on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursdays is during lunch and recess time only. There will not be a schedule for you on these days, instead, you will just rotate through lunch and recess between 10:45am and 1:30pm. You do not need to be there for the entire time, but we do ask that you come for a minimum of an hour. If you are looking to spend time in your child's classroom as well as eat lunch and go to recess with them then you'll want to sign up for a slot on Tuesday or Friday. Tuesday and Fridays each have an AM and a PM slot that include time in classrooms as lunch and recess with your child(ren). If you have any questions about Watch Dogs please email us at [brownspointpta@gmail.com](mailto:brownspointpta@gmail.com). To sign up for a slot use the link: [Watch D.O.G.S Volunteer Sign Up](#)

### ***Gratitude***

A big thank you to all our amazing Watch D.O.G.S who have volunteered this school year so far! It's great having such awesome male role models at the school!