

# SPECIAL EDITION IN THE LOOP

## 2023 PTA Dance-A-Thon

### ***This Week***

Tues 11/21 Apple Cup Walk

Wed-Fri 11/22-24 No School Thanksgiving Break

### ***Upcoming***

Wed 11/29 PTA General Membership Meeting 4-5pm

Thurs 11/30 Popcorn Day

Skate Night 5:30-7:30pm at El Centro Skate Rink

### **2023 PTA Dance-A-Thon**

Go Belugas, we just completed an awesome, goal breaking fundraiser! This year's Dance-a-Thon was a team effort and we have so many people to thank, including our awesome staff, students, and families. Together, we exceeded our goal of \$45,000 to help support PTA events and programming at our school. This special edition In the Loop will highlight our top fundraisers, share our Grand Total and thank all of the awesome people that came together to make this a success!

### **THANK YOU SPONSORS!**

Thanks to our generous sponsors again this year every single Browns Point student received a Dance-A-Thon shirt to wear on Dance Day and share their school pride! Thank you to each of our sponsors:

#### **\$1000 Level Sponsors**

Renovation Sells

#### **\$500 Level Sponsors**

Anchor Church  
Browns Point Postal Mailboxes  
Firehouse Subs  
Platform Wealth  
St. Luke's Church

#### **\$200 Level Sponsors**

Browns Point United Methodist Church  
Tim Scheuffele - Edward Jones  
Evergreen Personal Injury Attorneys  
Fife Chiropractic and Health  
Awareness Center  
Lighthouse Market  
Harbor Ridge Adult Family Home

### **WHAT NOW?**

We raised an incredible amount of money. What will we do with it? We look forward to using this money in many different ways to enhance educational programs and provide assemblies, amongst many other things! Funds raised support the Pacific Science Center assemblies and enrichment activities, Bingo Night, Browns Point Reads (when the whole school receive and reads the same book in spring), Art Docent supplies, field trip support, supplemental funding to our teachers and specialists, library books... and the list goes on. Your donations will keep these programs going!

### **DANCE DAY RECAP**

The kids always have a great time dancing their hearts out! Huge thank you to Kahlill Smith-Cruz who led the kids in choreographed routines which kept them focused and entertained. Everyone had a great time, and the kids loved the music and stage lights! Dancing is great exercise, and we had a fun time, without anyone having to sell (or buy) anything to support our PTA.

## **FUNDRAISING RESULTS AND DETAILS**

### ***Total Amount Collected***

- ☐ Total online donations \$35,745
- ☐ Total in school donations \$13,323.89

In 19 school days 425 students brought in (drumroll please).....

- ☐ \$49,068.89
- ☐ subtract online usage fees

Our Grand Total came out to a whopping.....

- ☐ \$46,011.14

What an incredible effort from our Belugas. We held weekly drawings to encourage participation and make it more fun for our students where we gave away a Kindle Echo smart speaker, autographed books, beluga plushies and more! Way to go, we are so very proud of you!

### **Top 6 Winners**

Our top six fundraising students were nothing short of EPIC in their fundraising endeavor. They were able to choose from six amazing prize packages!

Tied for 5th Place, from Mrs. Larson's class is.....Benny Coats-\$1,235  
Tied for 5th Place, from Ms. Viet's classroom is.....Max Coats - \$1,235  
In 4th Place, from Ms. Veit's classroom is.....Mia Hong - \$1,250  
In 3rd Place, from Mrs. Jackson's classroom is.....Madison Jernigan - \$1,365  
In 2nd Place, also from Ms. Gallagher's classroom is.....Olivia-Elle Williams - \$2,170  
In 1st Place, and our top fundraiser from Ms. Gallagher's class is...Nathan Squires-\$2,500

### **Other High Collectors**

Wait, we gave more prizes out! This year, in addition to the top 6 schoolwide, the top two fundraisers in each grade level received a prize bag!

Kindergarten:

Luca Kunz Njoroge - Ms. Wimble's class  
William Hartson - Ms. Walker's class

1st:

Jack Ensign - Mrs. Hautala's class  
Paul Johnson - Mrs. Gallagher's class

2nd:

Juliette Starnes - Ms. Doney's class  
Edison Sul - Ms. Doney's class

3rd:

Colton Ensign - Ms. Callender's class  
Matthew Worley - Mrs. Fields' class

4th:

Bailey Washington - Mrs. Scott's class

Henry Hanson – Ms. Morris’ class

Finley Wick – Ms. Veit’s class

Mason Hem - Ms. Veit’s class

5th:

### **Family Fun Night**

121 students raised \$200 or more this year, to recognize their generosity, the PTA hosted a special evening with dinner and a performance by The Zaniac in the cafeteria on the evening of November 17<sup>th</sup>. It was an amazing show!

### **Ice Cream For Everyone!**

Because the school met the goal of \$45,000 – every student will be rewarded with ice cream at lunch. Thank you all and we hope you enjoy the sweet reward!

### **VOLUNTEERS**

Every year, preparations for the Dance-a-Thon begin months before the first collection sheet is sent home or the date is announced. Our wonderful volunteers fill a variety of roles, some that are 'behind the scenes', others that you see day in and day out at the collections table, all the way to those involved with the day of the event. It is truly a finely orchestrated event! We'd like to send a much deserved 'Thank You' to our incredible team of volunteers that spent countless hours making the Dance-a-Thon a possibility. It was truly awesome to see so many individuals come together, roll up their sleeves and offer their time, creativity, expertise, etc. and set a fine example of teamwork, for our children!

#### **Volunteer Roles & Responsibilities:**

Sponsor Solicitation

T-Shirt Contest & T-Shirt Orders

Communications for BPE Staff & Set-up for Day of Dance-a-Thon

Prize Procurement

Materials sent home (i.e. flyers, collection sheets, etc.)

Volunteer coordination

Lunch Presentations

Data Entry

Photography

Daily \$ Collections

Daily \$ Counting, Tallying, Recording

Daily Deposits

T-shirt Distribution

Daily School Announcements

Weekly Drawing Coordinator

Display to Track Daily Progress

Music Selections

In the Loop

Day of Dance Coordinator & Chaperones

Prize Disbursement

Family Fun Night Coordinator

#### **Our incredible volunteers included:**

Kerri Kinnee

Kasey Correia

Kristy Wood

Brandi Visker

Sharon Crosby

Kelly Mero

Jennifer Le

Aly and DJ Cullinane

Judith Johnson

Alyson Johnson

Tara Shah

Heather Mason

Jane Jowiski

Koree Wick

Yein Han

Cecelia Bryan

Daniella Fremstadt

Tarsha Williams

Jina Kim

Kristin Emmert

Dannylle LaBrec

Heather Serapio

Whitney Eklund

Tiffany Jernigan

.....and many more!

## **PRIZE DONORS**

Our top collectors definitely deserve to win fantastic prizes and we thank these companies for making that happen. Please be sure to thank them as well, next time you visit!

- ☐ Defy Tacoma
- ☐ Sam and Dan Brocksmith (Parents of Annie Brocksmith)
- ☐ Gotcha Arena Auburn
- ☐ Dave and Buster's Auburn
- ☐ Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium
- ☐ Ice Cream Social
- ☐ Museum of Pop Culture Seattle
- ☐ Hands On Children's Museum

## **MATCHING DONATIONS**

We are very grateful to those of you who reached out to your companies and to those companies who matched your gift!

Nordstrom		
Costco	BECU	Adobe
IMA Corporation	Apple	Kaiser Permanente (Family Foundation)
Amazon	LinkedIn	State of Washington
Milliman Medinsight	SiriusXM	Olo
US Bank	MedTronic	Microsoft

## **MORE THANKS**

As this was a PTA event, we want to send a big, giant 'Thank You' to all of the teachers and our principal Ms. Wright for your support. You went above and beyond to make this a successful fundraiser! We appreciate you allowing the students out of class to participate in the Dance-A-Thon and to turn in their money each week and helping us communicate with students and families about all the dance details! Seeing you all dance with the kids and have a good time was just awesome! THANK YOU!!!

## **ONE FINAL THANKS**

This is for every single student and family who collected money, whether it was \$2 or \$2,000 - we extend our sincere thanks! We all worked together and not only met, but exceeded our goal. Great job everyone! We all should be very proud to be part of the Beluga family.