**In the Loop**

**November 21-25th, 2022**

***This Week***

Wed-Fri 11/23-25 No School Thanksgiving Break

***Next Week***

Wed 11/30 Late Start 10am

General PTA Meeting 6:30pm in Cafeteria

Fri 12/2 Honors Parade

***Special PTA Dance-A-Thon Edition***

Wow Beluga Families! We just completed our most successful Browns Point Elementary PTA Dance-a-Thon EVER! Once again, 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, students raised an incredible amount (see below for the breakdown) to help support PTA events and programming at our school. This special edition In the Loop will recognize our sponsors, highlight our top fundraisers, and thank the incredible people who came together to make this fundraiser a phenomenal success!

***Thank You Sponsors!***

Thanks again to our generous sponsors, every single Browns Point student received a Dance-A-Thon shirt to wear on Dance Day and shared their school pride! Be sure to think of these businesses the next time you need one of their services. Thank you to each of our sponsors:

**$500 Title Level Sponsor**

IT’S GREEK TO ME

**$200 Level Sponsors**

CAMPFIRE COFFEE

KELLY’S CHOCOLATES

TIM SCHEUFFELE - EDWARD JONES

ANCHOR CHURCH

CLIMB TACOMA

FIREHOUSESUBS

ST. LUKE’S LUTHERAN CHURCH

KUMON OF FEDERAL WAY

BLUE POPPY BEADWORK

FIFE CHIROPRACTIC & HEALTH AWARENESS CENTER

BROWNS POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

BROWNS POINT POSTAL MAILBOXES

SOUTH SOUND CLASSICS VINTAGE VEHICLE SERVICES

FIFE JIMMY JOHNS

**$100 Level Sponsors**

LIGHTHOUSE MARKET

***What Now?***

We raised an incredible amount of money. What will we do with it? We look forward to using this money to enhance educational programs and offer more fun, and exciting opportunities for our students! Funds raised support our Community Events, School Assemblies, Browns Point Reads (which is similar to One Book One School), Curriculum Support for classroom supplies and/or field trip support and the list goes on. Your donations will keep these programs going! We have asked all PTA members to attend our November 30th budget meeting, an updated budget will be presented and voted on.

***Dance Day Recap***

Students danced their hearts out this year! Sending a huge thank you to Kahlill Smith-Cruz who led the kids in choreographed routines which kept them focused and entertained. Kahlill danced through six back-to-back recesses – a marathon of dancing! Another huge thank you to Katie Behrens for donating her time and talent to create beautiful balloon columns to welcome kids to the event and Brittany Holman who transformed into Bubbles the Beluga mascot and danced for the entire event! Have you ever danced for over 3 hours in a mascot costume? It’s a WORKOUT! Everyone had a great time, the rain stayed away and the kids loved the music and festive atmosphere!

***Fundraising Results and Details***

***Total Amount Collected***

In 15 school days 471 students brought in (drumroll please).......

* $59,576.38

Plus, we had an incredibly supportive response when we reached out for sponsorships this year which covered the cost of t-shirts for every student which brought in an additional.......

* $3,400

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

* $62,976.38 (gross)

Our Net Total after the cost of t-shirts, prizes, DJ, credit card processing fees, printing, etc. comes out to an amazing….

* $54,700.38 (net) \*This number might be slightly different at year-end because final expenses are still coming in.

***Top 7 Fundraisers***

Our top seven fundraising students were nothing short of EPIC in their fundraising endeavor. These seven students were able to choose from some incredible prize packages with themes like Seattle sports, Kraken experience, STEM, art, outdoor adventure, super reader and family fun. Congrats to these students for their hard work and we hope they enjoyed the prize package they chose!

Tied for 1st place: Benjamin Coats- $2,710 from Mrs. Jackson’s class and Max Coats $2,710 from Mrs. Scott’s class.

2nd place: Madison Jernigan - $2,540 from Ms. Heckmans’s class

3rd place: Londyn Le - $2,475 from Ms. Gallagher’s class

4th place: Emma Le - $2,425 from Ms. Morris’ class

5th place: Evan Galvin - $1,976 from Mrs. Field’s class

6th place: Olivia-Elle Williams - $1,475 from Mrs. Jensen’s class

***Other High Collectors***

Wait, we have more students to recognize! In addition to the top 7 schoolwide fundraisers, we are celebrating the top fundraisers in each grade level who each received a fun prize bag to take home!

***Kindergarten:***

*Giselle Spencer- Mrs. Jensen’s class*

***1st Grade:***

*Edison Sul-Ms. Gallagher’s class*

***2nd Grade:***

*Matthew Worley-Mrs. Jackson’s class*

***3rd Grade:***

*Bailey Washington-Mrs. Larson’s class*

***4th Grade:***

*Mia Hong- Mrs. Scott’s class*

***5th Grade:***

*Preston Peterson* – Ms. Hasenauer’s class

***Superstar Fundraisers***

118 students each raised $200 or more each this year – they were invited to a Glow Movie Night with pizza, candy, popcorn, a movie and fun raffle prizes!

***All School Reward***

Congrats Belugas! Because we dramatically exceeded our school wide fundraising goal for Dance-a-thon, the entire school will be enjoying special Best Recess Ever events over the remainder of this school year!

***Weekly Drawing Winners***

We also held weekly drawings to encourage participation. Any students who turned in any amount of money each week were eligible for the drawing. Congratulations to this years’ drawing winners:

Vanner Morton won an Amazon Fire Tablet

Preston Peterson won an Amazon Echo Dot Speaker

Vera Jowiski won a Harry Potter Book Set and Beluga Plushie

***Prize Donors***

Our top collectors are so deserving of the fantastic prizes and we thank these people and organizations for making that happen. Thank you to these generous prize donors:

Dan and Sam Brocksmith (parents of Annie 2nd and Saylor, 5th)

Burley and Beverly Fincham (parents of Briella 1st grade and Brylee 4th grade)

Hello Cupcake!

Museum of Pop Culture

Catapult Adventure Park Federal Way

Point Defiance Zoo and Aquarium

Tacoma Art Museum

Jimmy Johns of Fife

Red Robin

***Matching Donations***

We had some amazing matching donations this year. We are very grateful to those of you who reached out to your companies and to those companies who matched your gift!

***Volunteers***

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 are 'behind the scenes', or at the collections table, or helping out on 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, and set a fine example of teamwork for our children!

***Our incredible volunteers included:***

Brittney Holman

Kelly Mero

Judith Johnson

Jennifer Le

Heather Mason

Stephanie Parke

Jamie Bartlett

Daniella Fremstad

Jennifer Ensign

Chrissy Blair

Dannylle LaBrec

Shannon Lyons

Brianne Moore

Alisha Benavides

Cecilia Bryan

Alyson Johnson

Christine Hong

Kenneth Krell

Amanda Coen

Heather Courtney

Kate Colito

Matt Kinnee

.....and many more!

Thanks to each and every one of you! An extra special thanks to Brandi Visker for her leadership chairing the event! Thank you also to the entire PTA board for doing whatever necessary to make this fundraiser successful. We can’t thank you enough!

***More Thanks***

As this was a PTA event, we want to send a big, giant 'Thank You' to all of the teachers, staff and our principal Ms. Horner for your support. You went above and beyond to make this a successful fundraiser! We appreciate you encouraging the students to participate in the Dance-A-Thon 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 $1 or $1,000 - we extend our sincere thanks! We all worked together and not only met, but dramatically exceeded our goal. Great job everyone! We all should be very proud to be part of the Beluga family.