



Boston Harbor PTA

Welcome to the 2015-2016 School Year!

A Greeting from our PTA President...

Dear Boston Harbor Families,

I'm writing to introduce myself and to encourage you to consider joining a volunteer community that supports your child's education in numerous ways! My name is Angela Harmeier and I am the 2015-2016 President of the Boston Harbor PTA. As a parent I came to this school years ago with very little understanding of the public education system and very little knowledge about the PTA. I was lucky to meet some very welcoming parents who also happened to be active members of the PTA; they strongly encouraged me to check it out!

While I was interested in getting involved, I was also very hesitant. I was concerned about how much volunteering I would have to do or if I would have to do fundraising or go to lots of meetings. I gave it a try. I was so struck by the amount of caring and concern for our children at the center of these meetings. The quiet dedication that runs through our school was really eye opening. It was something worthwhile that I wanted to join!

The purpose of the PTA is to first and foremost support our students. In addition, it supports the faculty, staff, parents and the local community.

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UPCOMING PTA DATES:

Our first PTA meeting is Wednesday, September 16 @ 6:00 p.m. in the library with guest speaker Olympia School District Superintendent Dick Cvitanich. We have free childcare for the meetings! Join us and learn more about how you can make this year great for our kids and staff.

Mark your calendars for the following PTA meeting dates:

Wednesday 10/14 @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday 11/18 @ 9:20 a.m.

We Need Your Help!

We're looking for a **Halloween Carnival Chairperson** to lead the many volunteers for this event. Last year's wonderful lead will assist you in managing this big, FUN event the Saturday before Halloween. You won't do all of the work but we need your vision and planning skills! Contact Angela Harmeier president@bhspta.org if you're interested in chairing, or if you have ideas and energy as a volunteer for the event.

President's Message, *continued*

“Every Child-- One Voice” is the National PTA motto and the PTA is a strong voices in an educational process that directly supports our children and school. This year will be no different. It is our hope that, together, we can support our Boston Harbor community where all children with thrive. Becoming a member of the PTA is a first step to helping out! It's easy and you do not have to attend the meetings (although they are only once a month, include treats and often feature special speakers).

We're looking forward to a great year together! We still have many committees that need chairs so let us know if you'd like to help and we'll find a good fit. I would like to welcome back returning students and families. I also extend a very heartfelt welcome to our new Boston Harbor families! I look forward to making 2015-2016 a fun and productive year together.

Sincerely,
Angela Harmeier

News to Note:

- It's time for the **School Directory!** Fill out your information and return to the office by Friday 9/18. Need a new form? They're in the office.
- **We're on Facebook.** Are you?!
[facebook.com/BostonHarborPTA](https://www.facebook.com/BostonHarborPTA)
- Earn bonus **Box Tops** for Boston Harbor Elementary School! Subscribe to the Box Tops email newsletter for coupons, bonus Box Tops and more. Visit BTFE.com/signup and enter our school's Box Tops ID number: 200585
- Do you have something you'd like us to add to the **monthly PTA newsletter?** Submit info and/or photos by the 25th of the month: communications@bhspta.org
- We have a **new PTA website** in the works! Do you have suggestions for what you want included on the website? Let us know: communications@bspta.org

Want to help with teacher appreciation efforts this fall?
Contact: Beth Wilson
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