



Boston Harbor PTA

In This Issue: Battle of the Books, Field Day, Garden Updates, Cookies (!), Boston Harbor Elementary Day at the Rainiers and so much more... Check it out!

IMPORTANT DATES:

*Monday 4/4 – Friday 4/8:
No School – Spring Break*

*Wednesday 4/13:
PTA Meeting @ 6:00 p.m.
(Free childcare available.)*

*Saturday 4/16:
Boston Harbor Garden
Work Party
from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*



A Message from PTA President Angela Harmeier

Congratulations! We have collectively survived one of the wettest winters in our memories. Spring is here, bringing our children outside (thank goodness!) with new sports sessions and activities. Everyone is busy, and we especially appreciate the time you spend helping the school and PTA. **The PTA Board would like to thank the Nominating Committee** for diligently looking for potential board members for the 2016-2017 school year.

At the next PTA meeting on Wednesday, April 13, we will be voting on our new board. Please join us in the library at 6:00 p.m. We are thrilled to have a full slate of officers to vote on, and we think it will be a great kick-off to the upcoming school year. There are still opportunities to get involved next year with less time commitment; please contact us if you are interested: president@bhspta.org



Do You Love Field Day?

Can you help us plan this year's Field Day? This exciting, annual event is traditionally held on one of the last full days of the school year. It's a full outdoor day of fun, and we need your help! Contact us if you have ideas and enthusiasm for Field Day planning! communications@bhspta.org

Keep Connected with Boston Harbor Elementary

Are you on Facebook? **We share lots of updates on our PTA page** so it's a great way to stay connected: <http://www.facebook.com/BostonHarborPTA> We also have a PTA website with newsletter archives, a handy calendar and more: <http://www.bhspta.org> Questions? Suggestions? Email us: communications@bhspta.org

Battle of the Books Update *from Maggie Post*

What have you been hearing about Battle of the Books? Here is a short recap from the last three months!

The fourth and fifth graders have been working hard on multiple levels for months. Here's a snapshot of their learning... Kids have selected books to read from fifteen titles, created groups to work with as a team, they have read the books carefully for comprehension, participated in weekly library classes with literary genre discussions and practice test questions, attended semi-finals, created team posters, and at the end of it all... The final battle in the gym! Most importantly the children learned how to work in a group, learning great beginning skills to navigate gracefully through team



challenges. This is big, life-long work. **We are fortunate to have the Battle of the Books here so the fourth and fifth graders can expand as readers, and learn to be world leaders!**



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

Our PTA cookie dough fundraiser starts April 6th, with a delivery date of May 6th. Get stocked up for spring sports snacks and summer BBQs! Look for flyers with details after Spring Break.

Send Us Your Yearbook Photos



Please share any pictures you may have taken at school activities, field trips or assemblies with the PTA Board: president@bhspta.org We want to fill the yearbook with these fun events. If you haven't yet sent in your 5th grader's baby photo, we need that too!

Rhubarb of the Tacoma Rainiers Visits Boston Harbor Elementary

Rhubarb from the Tacoma Rainiers surprised us all during a recent Bear Paw assembly. He hugged the teachers, ran bases with the kids and made it an extra-fun morning for everyone!

If you missed Rhubarb you can see him again when Boston Harbor Elementary heads to the Sunday, MAY 15th game.

Contact the office if you need a new form to buy your family tickets. Forms are due no later than April 18th. Thanks!



Join Us in the Garden



Please join us in the garden on Saturday, April 15th, any time from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for an Earth Day work party. Bring the whole family! We'll work in the garden and spruce up the flower beds in front of the school too. We're hoping for at least one family from every grade level.

We are also looking for volunteers on Friday mornings to help get kids in the garden for planting, weeding and more. Can you help? Email: communications@bhspta.org