

# Boston Harbor PTA

## A Message from Our PTA President

Thank you for a fantastic school year! **Thanks to your support the PTA has accomplished many things this year.** For example, PTA funding helped make these things possible:

- Artist Mimi Williams shared her fantastic skills with each class
- Our kids went on multiple field trips
- Supplies funding for the hall mural with Mrs. Midles (*don't miss it!*)
- Funding for additional, necessary supplies for classroom teachers
- Library books added to update our selection
- Guest speakers for PTA meetings

I would like to thank each person on the Executive Board and Committee Chairs this year who put in so much time and effort into making all of our programs successful. It is truly amazing what we can achieve when we all pull together for our children!

**I would also like to welcome the newly voted in Executive Board for the 2016-2017 school year.** They have a lot of ideas to share and things to try. Stay tuned for a new, fun year with the PTA!

**We do have two more PTA meetings this year. May 11 will be focused on our guest speaker, Parent Educator Emily McMason. (See our website for more info: [bhspta.org](http://bhspta.org))**



**June 8th will be our last meeting at the Marina.** We hope to see you there! (There will be no childcare, but there will be snacks...)

I have enjoyed being the PTA President this school year and I thank you for all your support. Enjoy your summer!

Sincerely,  
Angela Harmeier

### IMPORTANT DATES:

*Wednesday 5/11 @ 5:30 p.m.:  
PTA meeting with Parent Educator  
Emily McMason (Free Childcare)*

*Wednesday - Friday 5/11-5/13:  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade Outdoor School*

*Sunday 5/15: BHS at the Tacoma  
Rainiers Game*

*Tuesday - Thursday 5/17-5/19:  
Scholastic Summer Reading  
Book Fair*

*Wednesday 5/18 @ 5:30 p.m.:  
Celebration of Learning*

*Thursday 5/19: Bear Paw Assembly*

*Friday 5/20: Bear Paw Store*

*Monday 6/6: Music Program for  
Grades 1-3*

*Monday 6/13: Music Program for  
Grades 4-5*

## Help Make the End of the Year Great!

There are lots of ways an hour or two of your time can help with a fun end of the year for our students and staff. We would love your help for the following:

- **Fun Run:** Help pass out Popsicles and mark runners' cards!
- **Field Day:** This big event is held one day in the last week of school. Our PTA is organizing and running the events so there are lots of jobs to go around. Set up, clean up, run an event... There are lots of ways to help and we'll find something you want to do!
- **Summer Garden Helpers:** We're looking for families to help water the garden and keep the weeds away. Can you help?



- **Little Lending Library Librarian:** We need someone to keep an eye on Mrs. Muller's Little Library in front of the school. Help stock it with new (old) books, keep the selection fresh and appropriate, etc. Visit once or twice in the summer and then take on the job on a monthly basis in the fall. Would you like to be our Little Lending Library Librarian for the summer and beyond?

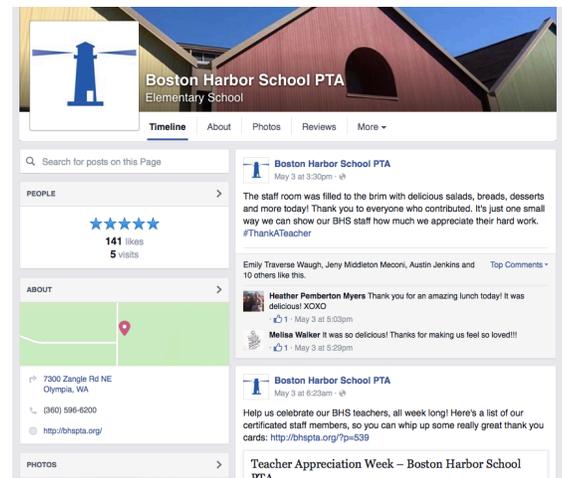
Can you help with any of the above activities? Contact us at [communications@bhspta.org](mailto:communications@bhspta.org).

## News to Note:

- **Welcome to our new 2016-2017 PTA Executive Board:** Co-Presidents Becky Goad and Emily Waugh, Treasurer Betty Erdahl, Secretary Heidi Olmstead, VP Membership + Activities Tracie O'Brien, VP Fundraising Nicole Lockwood and VP Communications Helen Shapely!

- Support the school throughout your summer adventures! **You can earn money for our school with your Grocery Reward Cards, purchases from Smile.Amazon or through Box Tops.** Link your grocery card or your Amazon purchases to the Boston Harbor PTA and the school will receive a portion of your purchase amount. For handy links to all of these programs visit our website: [bhspta.org](http://bhspta.org)

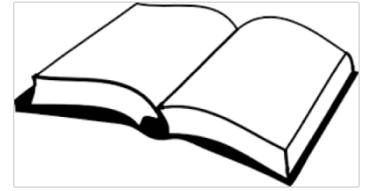
- Speaking of the website, have you visited lately? It's [bhspta.org](http://bhspta.org). There's a handy calendar, lots of regular updates and more. **We're also on Facebook.** Are you?! [facebook.com/BostonHarborPTA](https://www.facebook.com/BostonHarborPTA)



## Boston Harbor Library News from Maggie Post

**New: We now have a laptop "kiosk" for easy, quick cataloging.**

The children don't need to log in or wait for the computer to start. Instant searches lead to higher success!



**Coming up: Look for the Scholastic Summer Reading program book fair in the library, Tuesday May 17th to Thursday May 19th.** During our school wide event or assembly please pop in to scan the book collection. Your purchase will support our growing library.

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**Here are some suggestions for fabulous family reads and rich discussions:**

*For Youngers:*

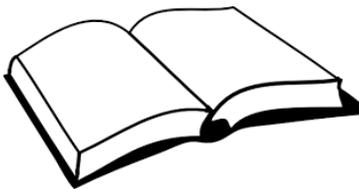
- WCCB (Washington Children's Choice Books):  
Gaston (about belonging), A Boy and A Jaguar (real life story about a zoologist), Mogie (Ronald McDonald House)

- Towner Awards (non-fiction picture books):  
Handle with Care (unusual butterfly journey on a farm in Costa Rica), Separate is Never Equal (about segregation), Star Stuff (about scientist Carl Sagan)

*"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were, but without it we go nowhere."*

*~ Carl Sagan*

*For Olders:* Google [Sasquatch Reading Awards](#) for a wonderful list of highly recommended chapter books.



One more thing: I'd like to extend a "Thank You" to Peyton's family in first grade for the wonderful bag of books they donated to our library. They will make a great addition and we are very appreciative!

## Spring Cleaning is in the Air...

Wait, don't get rid of that pile of clothes yet! **On Sunday, June 5th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Value Village and the Boston Harbor PTA are hosting another donation drive.** This time you are encouraged to take in and drop off your own donation at the Lacey Value Village. (We are also working out a solution for those who cannot; more details to come.) We get paid by the pound for donated items. Accepted items include: clothing and accessories, bedding and linens, small household items, sporting goods, toys, books, movies and more. They will happily take larger items but the PTA will not receive credit for those items. Also, please pass the word along because anyone can participate! Just ask friends and family to donate on June 5th and make sure they tell Value Village they are donating to Boston Harbor PTA. Questions? Contact Nicole Lockwood at [nlockwood0303@gmail.com](mailto:nlockwood0303@gmail.com).

