



BHIS ~ PTA

(Parent Teacher Association)

IT'S TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN YOUR SCHOOL!

Mission Statement: The Beacon Hill International School PTA is dedicated to promoting the educational excellence, health, and welfare of all students and their families through advocacy, community-building, and enrichment programs. We are committed to creating leaders and lifetime learners.

There are many ways to get involved. You can participate in our PTA, donate funds, and volunteer in the classrooms and at school events. BHIS PTA is always looking for new members who are willing to share their time, skills, and talents to support and enhance our children's education. Currently, there are several vacancies with the PTA and in other parent involvement roles at the school.

If you are interested in becoming a PTA member and/or officer and have questions, please contact any of the officers listed on the back of this page. If you would like to nominate yourself for a position, please fill out the nomination form.

1. PTA Executive Job Descriptions (elected)

See website for full job descriptions: <http://beaconhilles.seattleschools.org>

a. President

The president is a member of the PTA board of directors and executive committee. This is an elected position, nominated and approved by simple majority vote at a general membership meeting in the spring. Some of the duties of President include: Attend and facilitate the board of directors, executive committee, and general membership meetings, signing grants, checks and letters, providing leadership and support to the PTA board. For a full description please see the website:

a. Vice President

The VP attends the board of directors, executive committee, and general membership meetings. The VP also facilitates the meetings in the absence of the President and supports and engages members in PTA mission and vision.

b. Secretary

The secretary attends and keeps minutes of all board of directors, executive committee, and general membership meetings. Together with the president, the secretary plans the meeting agenda and informs the president of any unfinished business at the meetings. The secretary also issues all "calls" or notices of meetings and conducts such correspondence as the board of directors or executive committee may designate.

2. PTA Chairs and Projected Coordinators (appointed, not elected):

We need volunteers for these positions. If you can contribute time please let us know!

Membership Chair

Fund-Raising Chair

Legislative Chair

Event Coordinator

Nominating Chair

Latino Family Committee Chair

Latino Family Committee Liaison

Document Translation Coordinator

Walk-A-Thon Coordinator

Read-A-Thon Coordinator

T-Shirt Sales Coordinator

Beacon Bazaar Coordinator

Staff Appreciation Coordinator

Co-Treasurer: Treasurer in Training

What we did in 2012-13: Apart from having three wonderful fundraisers that met or exceeded projections, we also made an extra donation to our school that helped it purchase smart-boards and an audio system for the Multipurpose Room. The PTA contributed to these events and activities : **Programs we support:** Fifth grade camp, After school sports, Arts and culture, Teacher supplies stipends , Volunteer coordinator, Year book, Library books, Reading, Spanish literacy program, Childcare during PTA meetings, Staff appreciation, Volunteer recognition, Cultural celebrations, Principal's discretionary fund, Chess club, Fifth grade celebration, Field day supplies

Plans for 2013-2014:

The PTA plans to put more effort into building the sense of community amongst our parents and students, increasing our fundraising efforts and continuing to work with the administration on infrastructure issues. This means more focused attention on connecting parents to the school and its activities. Some ideas and plans we have for next year:

1. **Pod Parent Initiative:** Each Pod will have one or two parent volunteers who coordinate between the PTA and the families with children in the Pod.
2. **T-SHIRT Sales:** Adding a BHIS t-shirt drive, instead of one t-shirt sales we will do this twice next year.
3. **Traffic pattern revision:** PTA will work with the administration, the building leadership team, and the City to revise the traffic pattern around our school
4. **District initiative:** PTA will ensure that our voices are heard in the SPS district's considerations to change the boundaries and make our school an "optional" school without an English track.
5. **Creative fundraising:** The PTA will be taking a close look at the fundraising plans and will update and reinvigorate our events and fund-drives.
6. **Parent Language Classes:** The board will propose plans for evening classes in our immersion languages for parents with students in those programs.
7. **Social Events:** The PTA will sponsor additional social events bringing together families and students to build community.

Please help us with this list and other ideas you might have by joining the PTA and contributing your time as a chair or on the executive committee. Elections will be held on June 6th at the beginning of the International Arts Celebration at 5:30 PM in the MPR.

Please contact any of us for more information about the PTA Board:

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