

NORTH BEACH
ELEMENTARY

PTA
INFORMATION BOOKLET
2022- 2023

Hello Fellow Seals,

On behalf of the North Beach Elementary PTA let me welcome you to a wonderful year North Beach Elementary! I would like to enthusiastically welcome any new families and students who are joining our community for the first time while sending a shout out to our returning parents and students too. The North Beach PTA wants to ensure all new and current families feel welcome and have access to resources that will help them get off to a great start.

The North Beach PTA's mission is to *foster community inclusion, child advocacy, and academic excellence by facilitating communications, supporting teachers and staff, and enhancing the educational, social, and physical environment of North Beach Elementary School*. We live this mission every day through membership, volunteering in and out of the classroom, fundraising and advocating for our students, and engaging families, students, and our community throughout the year.

The PTA board and committees are here to support the whole school community in supporting the best possible academic experience. Please consider us a resource! Should you have any questions at all, do not hesitate to call, email, send a konstella message, or find any of us around the school. I look forward to working together to create a terrific school year!

Beth Carman

President, North Beach Elementary PTA
president@northbeachpta.org

2022 – 2023 PTA CALENDAR

**Dates and events may change. Please consult Konstella for the most up to date information.*

***PTA General meetings are held online via zoom.*

September

- 6 Popsicles on the playground 5:00-6:00
 - 7 First day of school for grades 1-5
 - 11 NBE at the Mariner's 1:10
 - 12 First Day of School for kindergarten
 - 17 LGBTQ+ Meetup 1:00-3:00
 - 20 PTA General Meeting & Principal Chat 6:30
 - 27 Curriculum Night
Two sessions: 6:30-7:00 & 7:05-7:35
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October

- 11 PTA General Meeting 6:30
Presentation from Seattle SPED PTSA
 - 14 No school
 - 28 Harvest Carnival 6:00
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November

- 7 The Big Give begins, 7th-18th
 - 8 PTA Board Meeting, 6:30
 - 10 Veteran's Day Assembly
 - 11 Veteran's Day, No school
 - 21-23 Conferences, no school
 - 24-25 No school
 - 28 Giving Tree Begins, 28th - 9th
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December

- 1 Giving Tree through the 9th
 - 2 North Beach Special Education Day
 - 13 PTA General Meeting & Principal Chat 6:30
 - 16 1 hour early dismissal
 - 20-2 Break, no school
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January

- 1 Break, no school, through the 2nd
- 10 PTA General Meeting & Parent Education TBD 6:30
- 16 No school

February

- 1 No school
 - 10 Book Exchange BINGO 6:30
 - 13 PTA Board Meeting, 6:30
*Monday*because of Valentine's Day
 - 20-24 Break, No school
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March

- 14 PTA Board Meeting, 6:30
 - 25 Rain or Shine Garden Party 11-3
 - 27-30 5th Grade Camp
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April

- 4 North Beach Autism Awareness Day
 - 10-14 Break, No school
 - 18 PTA General Meeting & Principal Chat 6:30
 - 22 Auction - North Beach Rocks!
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May

- 1-5 North Beach Appreciation Week
 - 9 PTA General Meeting & Principal Chat 6:30
 - 26 Talent Show
 - 29 No school
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June

- 13 PTA General Meeting & Principal Chat 6:30
- 19 No school
- 20 Walk-a-Jog-a-Field Day
- 26 5th grade promotion
- 26 Last day of school, 1 hour early dismissal

Quick References

North Beach Elementary
9018 24th Ave NW
Seattle, WA 98117
Main office: 206-252-1510

School Hours:

M, T, Th, F 7:55 a.m. - 2:25 p.m
Wednesdays: 7:55 a.m. - 1:10 p.m

Tardy and Absences:

If your student arrives after the bell, send them to the front office to sign in.

If you send an email about attendance, please copy three addresses:

- your child's teacher
- Carolyn Hostetler cmhostetler@seattleschools.org
- Attendance email northbeach.attendance@seattleschools.org

Volunteers and Visitors

If you would like to volunteer, you must submit a background check application with Seattle Public Schools. These background checks may take up to four weeks to complete so you should submit one at the beginning of the year to make sure you'll be eligible to volunteer for opportunities. If you have volunteered in the past you may need to update your application. More information may be found here: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/volunteer/>

If you are visiting or volunteering at the school you are required to sign in at the front office and wear a volunteer/visitor badge before entering the classrooms or hallways.

Early Check Out

If it is necessary for your child to leave school early, you must sign your child out at the front office. It is best to email the office and your child's teacher in advance.

Morning Drop Off and Afternoon Pick Up

Drop-off and Pick-up can be quite hectic around the school so please observe the following guidelines to keep our students safe:

- Do not park in the drop off lane in front of the school. This lane is for children exiting the car quickly. Have your child ready to go before you get in the line.
- If you would like to walk your child to the front door or to their classroom, please park in a legal parking spot in the neighborhood. Do not park in the drop off lane.
- Cross only at crosswalks. Do not cross in the middle of the street.
- Speed limit in front of the school is 15 mph.
- Parking around the school is limited. Do not park within 30 feet of a stop sign or within 20 feet of a marked or unmarked crosswalk.
- No U-turns on 24th Avenue, or using 91st Street to make a U-turn.
- No parking in the bus zone (even when no buses are present)
- Parallel parking only in front of the house at the NW corner of 24th and 91st. Let's also be good neighbors and not block their mailbox.
- No parking facing the wrong direction.
- Do not leave your car running, if unattended.
- Do not leave your child unattended in a running car.
- Seattle Police regularly patrol the area and will issue tickets.

Your North Beach PTA

Since 1986

PTA membership is not volunteerism - it's your vote and your voice!
Become a North Beach PTA Member today! Membership form is available on [Konstella](#).

The North Beach PTA is a 501c3 nonprofit that works with the school administration, teachers, staff, and parents to support and enrich our students' learning experience. Through fundraising and parent volunteers, the PTA provides critical staffing and classroom support, organizes special events and activities, hosts parent education events, plans and coordinates teacher appreciation activities, and supports enrichment opportunities for all students. We also work with the PTA council in Seattle, the Seattle school board, the state legislature, and state and national PTAs to advocate for all students.

Be a Strong Voice for Students. PTA membership is a concrete indicator of parent support and is useful in interactions with the Seattle School District and advocacy on a state and national level. PTA can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change in our school, district, state, and country.

Support Your Child. Becoming an active member of the North BEach PTA is a great way to support your child in gaining a lifetime love for education.

Support Our School. The PTA was created to support all children, North Beach students and staff, and our entire school community.

Witness Improvement. By getting involved at North BEach, you'll be part of the solution, helping make positive changes. PTAs play an important role in fundraising to provide building improvements, curriculum based programs, and social events.

Get Connected. There is no better way to know what's happening at North Beach.

Tap into a Network. PTA functions are opportunities to meet other caregivers, teachers, and staff, and build rapport discussing issues that are on your mind. These are wonderful opportunities to share ideas, concerns, and experiences.

Watch Yourself Grow. Volunteering with the PTA is an opportunity to put your skills and hobbies to use for a good cause- your child and all the children in the north Beach community.

Be a Role Model. Becoming a PTA member demonstrates to your child the importance of education and activism.

Enjoy Sustainable Benefits. Individuals can take advantage of a host of benefits from their PTA membership including discounts and offers on food, car rentals, Great Wolf Lodge, the Washington State Fair, and more. Your PTA membership cards will have information on how to access these and other benefits. State and national PTA also offer access to parenting resources, podcasts, and scholarships that benefit children nationwide.

North Beach PTA memberships are a great value. Individual memberships are \$18 and dual memberships are \$25. Confidential scholarships are available for families so please join today! Applications are available on [Konstella](#).

Events and Happenings

Our school is a community. In order to enhance that feeling of community, we have a variety of events for the entire family. As we ever so slowly inch our way out of the pandemic, community events adeptly modify the changing needs of our school and community.

PTA General Meetings

These meetings keep our community informed. These informative meetings discuss items that impact our entire school community: standing rules, budgets, elections, and also host special guest speakers and Principal Q&A sessions. Meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30pm; either in-person or online.

LGTBQ+ Meetup, 9/17

Join North Beach families for an informal get together at Soundview Park. Enjoy pizza, drinks, and chatting with other LGTBQ+ kids and their families, friends, and allies. All are welcome!

Curriculum Night, 9/27

This night is for parents and caregivers to learn from their student's teacher what will happen during the year in the classroom and information on how to best support the classroom.

Harvest Carnival, 10/28

Fall crafts, games, prizes, treat walks, and fun for all ages await you at this beloved North Beach tradition.

Veteran's Day Assembly, 11/10

The North Beach Community joins together to thank those who have served our country.

The Giving Tree, 12/1 - 12/9

North Beach Elementary is a generous community. We come together to support families from our school and the surrounding community giving gifts, gift cards, and needed end of year cheer.

Book Exchange BINGO, 2/10

How do you spell fun? Sing it with me: B-I-N-G-O! Bring a gently used book and restock your shelves during this night of fun and prizes.

Rain or Shine Garden Party, 3/25

Pacific Northwesterners are famous for our ability to have fun in all weather conditions! Come improve the school and get a little dirty at our second annual garden party.

North Beach Appreciation Week, 5/1 - 5/5

Our North Beach teachers and staff members are dedicated professionals who give our students their all. This fun filled week is one small way that we show our support and appreciation.

Virtual Talent Show, 5/26

North Beach students have style and talent! Let your kiddo submit a video talent of them signing, dancing, and performing by themselves or with a group.

Fifth Grade Promotion, 6/26

They grow up so fast don't they! Fifth grade families gather to celebrate the promotion and successes of their students.

North Beach PTA, putting the fun in fundraising!

The North Beach Elementary PTA will host three fundraisers this year to raise money that directly supports our classrooms, teachers, students, and school. The PTA allocates approximately \$638 per student in academic support, critical staffing, and community engagement. This fundraising is critical to the PTA and the wellbeing of the school socially and academically.

The Big Give, 11/7 - 11/18

The Big Give is North Beach PTA's direct giving fundraiser. During the two week campaign students and families are invited to participate in a variety of games, donation challenges, and classroom competitions. The fundraising goal for The Big Give is \$75,000.

The Auction- North Beach Rocks!, 4/22

Dust off your air guitar and get ready for a rockin' night out! This parent night out is North Beach PTA's largest fundraiser. Featuring interactive games, a silent and live auction, and, rumor has it, karaoke, this will be a night to remember. The fundraising goal for the auction is \$150,000.

Walk-a-Jog-a-Field Day, 6/20

Long name, fun time! This fundraiser combines the fun of a jog-a-thon with the adventure of field day. Students pledge to complete specific passport paths with a variety of fun challenges while raising money for our school. The fundraising goal for Walk-aJog-a-Field Day is \$20,000.

Corporate Matching

As a registered 501c3, North BEach PTA qualifies for corporate matching programs. These matches provide significant financial support for the school. Be sure to check with your employer their matching program. If your employer doesn't offer donation matching, ask them to, our students will thank you.

Everyday Ways to Give

Amazon Smile: the PTA receives 0.5% of your purchase everytime you shop through Amazon Smile. Set up North Beach Elementary PTA with your personal account and use smile.amazon.com to make a purchase.

Fred Meyer: Create an account (or link your existing account) to North Beach. Under Community Rewards select North Beach Elementary PTA.

PTA Communications

Stay in touch with North Beach Elementary PTA

Konstella: North Beach's private, PTA funded, community portal is the place to catch the latest school news, learn about volunteer opportunities, and connect with teachers and parents at North Beach. Only parents and legal guardians of current students may enroll. You can customize how your personal information is displayed to the community.

With Konstella you can:

- Choose to receive all messages as they are sent, a daily digest, or a weekly email.
- Search the school directory for contact info of any family that has provided it.
- Sync the school's calendar to your calendar and never miss a school event!
- Sign up for volunteer opportunities.
- Fill out school forms for PTA membership, yearbook, school supplies, and more.
- Send direct messages to teachers and caregivers across the school.
- Have classroom wide chats with other families.
- Purchase spirit wear, event tickets, etc
- Donate to the PTA
- Translate into more than 100 languages
- And so much more!

Tutorials are available on Konstella and the NB PTA's website.

To register for Konstella: download the app or go to konstella.com, select "register/find your school", and search for North Beach Elementary.

The Beachcomber Weekly Newsletter: This weekly newsletter highlights the latest at North Beach and features notes from the Principal and PTA. You must sign up to receive this newsletter, it is not sent automatically. Translations are available in more than 100 languages! Sign up at <http://www.northbeachelementary.org/communications.html>.

PTA Website: <http://www.northbeachelementary.org> Your resource for PTA information! Find detailed PTA resources, connect with Board members, learn about events, fundraising, and volunteer opportunities available throughout the year.

PTA Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/northbeachpta> From schools success tips to in the moment updates of PTA events the NB PTA Facebook page is a great way to stay in touch with what is going on in the PTA and the school.

Kidmail: Your child's take home folder doubles as a way that the PTA will send home event flyers and information.

Other School Online Resources:

SPS District Website: <https://northbeaches.seattleschools.org>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/sealsnorthbeach> Managed by the school.

Communicating to the School Community

- To make an announcement via Facebook, Konstella, the website, readerboard, or kid mail contact Jennie Skidmore at communications@northbeachpta.org
- Please check with the office before posting any signs and/or distributing school wide flyers.

Volunteer Opportunities

North Beach Elementary is fortunate to have a wonderful parent community that is united behind the goal of creating lifetime learners. Parent volunteers are a huge part of what makes North Beach a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow.

Volunteering at North Beach provides a great opportunity to provide invaluable assistance to teachers and staff, get to know other families at school, make great friends, have lots of fun, and help us grow as a school community, whether you help from school or from home.

We all have something to contribute. Below is a listing of various ways you can volunteer your talents at North Beach. We welcome your involvement as a volunteer!

If you only have time to volunteer every once in a while:

- **Sign up to be a lunch volunteer.** Lunch volunteers help students in the lunchroom (getting their lunches, opening packages, sorting trash) and help keep the lunchroom clean in between lunches.
- **Volunteer for PTA events.** During the school year, the PTA needs parent volunteers to run their events such as Harvest Carnival, the Auction, Book Exchange BINGO, Walk-a-Jog-a Field Day, and more. These events happen during and after school and offer a variety of time options.
- **Volunteer in the classroom.** Parents in the classroom enhance the learning experience for all. Ask your student's teacher when they need help and let them know what your schedule allows.

If you have time to volunteer after work or in the evenings:

Join a Committee! The North Beach PTA sponsors a wide variety of family and student programs and activities throughout the year. Committee meetings are held mostly in the evenings and many can be done online. Committee commitments vary depending on the event and can vary from one month (for example Giving Tree) to a school year long commitment (the Auction).

One to Two Months Commitment:

- Giving Tree and North Beach Appreciation Week: North Beach is a giving community and we love to give within our school and the surrounding community. These two committees usually meet for about a month, including implementing the programs. Teams work collaboratively with community members within North Beach and the surrounding area to spread kindness and goodwill. Meetings are usually held online and are flexible to the needs of the committee.
- Single Day Activities: these fun committees usually meet for about two months weekly and then bi-weekly if needed as the event draws nearer. Meetings times vary depending on the availability of the committee and usually last no more than an hour. The day of the event, the committee and other day of volunteers work together to host these exciting school wide events.
 - Committees include: Harvest Carnival, Veteran's Day Assembly, Book Exchange BINGO, Rain or Shine Garden Party, Talent Show, Walk-aJog-a Field Day
- The Big Give: The PTA's direct giving fundraiser has about a 2 month commitment and usually meets in the evening, mostly virtually, every two weeks and then weekly as the event nears. This committee has opportunities for everyone: from the lover of excel files to writing copy to getting face to face with North Beach families to raise awareness of the campaign.

Volunteer Opportunities Continued

3 Month Commitment:

- Kindergarten Ambassadors: Do you have an incoming kinder student for next year? This committee is a great way to welcome new families and incoming students. The committee organizes and implements summer playdates and an informational online meeting for incoming families questions. The committee usually meets weekly for about a month before school ends and during summer events. Meetings and event times are flexible according to the group's needs.
- 5th Grade Camp and Promotion: 5th grade is a special time for our students. The 5th grade promotion and camp committee ensure that all 5th grade students have a welcoming and fun departure from North Beach. Committee meetings are flexible to the needs of the committee.
- Nominating Committee: easily one of the most important committees at North Beach is the Nominating Committee. This committee actively seeks the future leaders of the PTA. This committee's meetings are flexible and depend on the availability of its members. The committee meets from December until May.

School Year Long Commitment:

- Enrichment: this important committee needs committed volunteers to help get students to their after school activities, monitor classes during the session, and ensure students are picked up by an authorized caregiver. Volunteers can help during specific sessions of the year.
- The Auction: as our largest fundraiser, the Auction is a committee that meets throughout the year starting monthly and becoming more frequently closer to the event. Meetings are usually held in the evening and the committee has a variety of volunteer opportunities from organizing classroom donations and dessert dash to donation and sponsorship procurement.
- 4th/5th Grade Leadership: This year long committee meets once monthly/bi monthly to help guide students interested in leadership at the school. Adult volunteers help students to facilitate their ideas to make an impact at our school and community.
- Yearbook: want a fun and easy way to make lasting memories! Join the yearbook committee. This year long commitment gets to tap into the fun side of North BEach and preserve it for our students. Committee meetings vary and are flexible to the needs of its members. Volunteer opportunities are abundant from gathering pictures, to layout and design, and family outreach.
- Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Committee: The DEI Committee is a year long commitment with flexible meeting times based on the needs of its members.. The committee advises and makes recommendations to the North Beach PTA's policies and practices to create a more diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment and to ensure all events, communication, and more are inclusive and equitable to a wide range of human diversity. The committee is looking for people who are passionate about Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and are committed to inclusive outcomes for the North Beach Community. The committee will work together to identify focus for the school year.

PTA Suggestions for Parent and Caregiver Relations

Good communication is key to maintaining a strong relationship between you and your child's teachers. Here are a few Herbie approved tips that can be helpful to foster healthy communication.

Find the right time to speak to the teacher or staff member.

Check in with your student's teacher to see if they have time to speak. If not, work together to set up a convenient time to meet. Drop off and pick up can be especially busy times for teachers and staff. It is always a good idea to check in with a teacher before you drop in to chat.

Be brief and specific in written communications.

The more specific you can be about a concern or issue, the easier it is for your child's teacher to respond or offer suggestions.

Recognize stylistic differences.

Everyone is different when it comes to parenting, learning, and communications. Recognize that you may have stylistic differences than your child's teacher.

If you are able, volunteer!

Volunteering in the classroom and school is a great way to get to know your student's teacher and classroom. Volunteering is different for every teacher and they will communicate their needs.

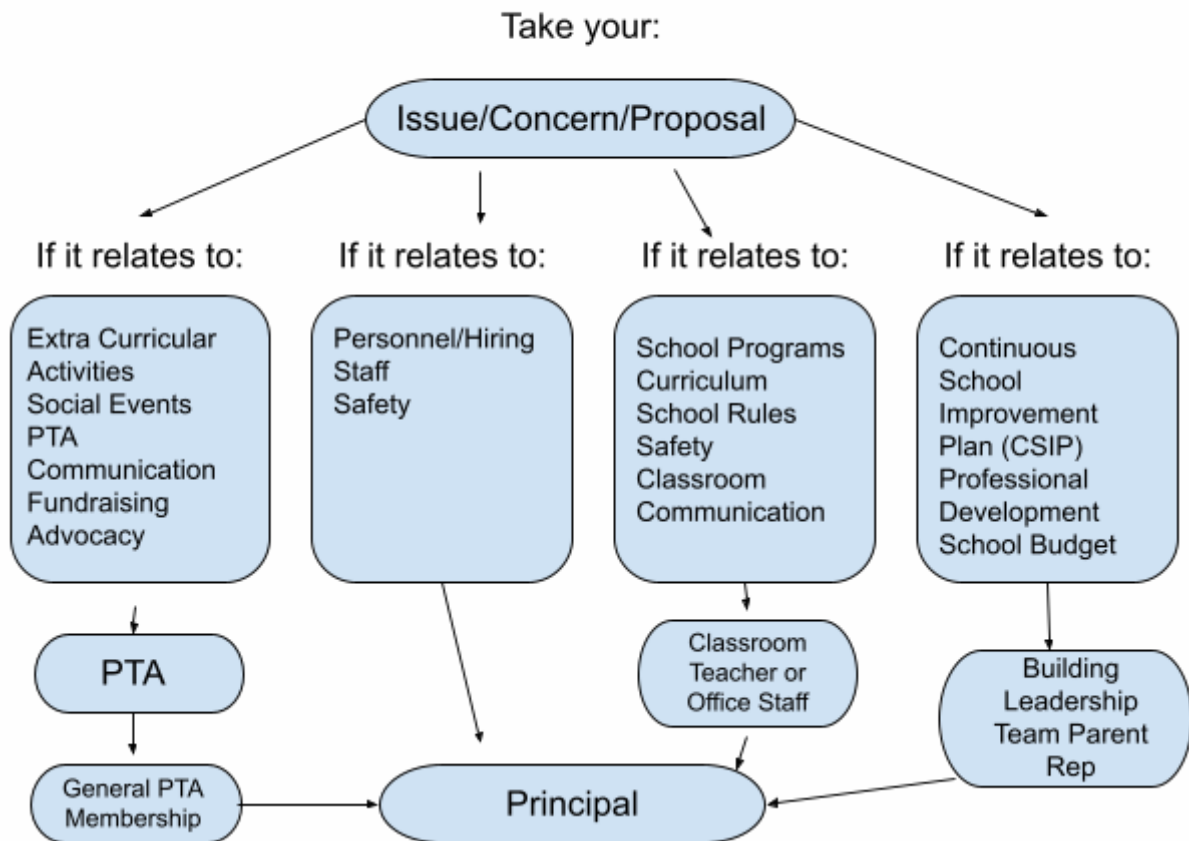
Preparing for Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent Teacher conferences can be over in a flash, it is helpful to be prepared. Conferences are the perfect opportunity to share questions, concerns, and collaborations to help your student get the most out of their classroom experience. Don't forget to speak with your child a few days before conferences. This is a great way to hear from them how things are going, what they like most or least, and if they have any questions or concerns.

Some questions that may be helpful in conferences:

- What are my child's strengths/weaknesses in class?
- Does my student need any additional support in a particular area, how can I support them at home?
- Does my child participate in class/turn their work in on time/ meet classroom behavior expectations?
- Does my student have friend support from their peers?
- How can I challenge my student at home?

Parent Communications at North Beach



Decision Making:

BLT: By consensus, if no consensus reached, by majority vote.

Seattle Education Association (SEA) Represented Staff: By consensus, if not reached, by 75% majority vote, if a majority vote cannot be achieved, then the principal may select from among the options voted upon. The principal will give rationale for the choice made.

Principal: Principal will give rationale for the choice made.

PTA: PTA board will bring a recommendation to a general PTA meeting for a majority vote.

Consensus means: support, accept or abide by the decision even if you have reservations about the decision.

PTA Contact Information:

President: Beth Carman president@northbeachpta.org

Vice President: Rebecca Mongrain vp@northbeachpta.org

Treasurer: Vanessa Petersen treasurer@northbeachpta.org

Secretary: Jennifer Markovitz secretary@northbeachpta.org

Communications: Jennie Skidmore communications@northbeachpta.org

Building Leadership Team Representative: Julie Keegan seattlestella1@gmail.com

Principal: Kristine McLane kemclane@seattleschools.org

For a full list of PTA Board Representatives go to northbeachelementary.org

North Beach Elementary PTA Sponsorship Program

There are many ways that your business can have a direct impact on our school and community. This year, the North Beach Elementary PTA will use sponsorship funds to expand our scholarship reach and ensure all our students benefit from community and social engagement.

\$250 Dungeness

Dungeness level sponsors have visibility through our parent portal, PTA website, and PTA meetings.

- A PTA Membership for your business/organization
- A highlight of your business during one general PTA meeting and Principal chat
- Your company's logo listed on Konstella (our parent portal) and the North Beach Elementary PTA website

\$500 Salmon

Salmon level sponsors receive all the visibility of Dungeness plus:

- A special one time Facebook post highlighting your business/organization's sponsorship
- Your company listed as a sponsor in the school's yearbook

\$1,000 Orca

Orca level sponsors receive all the visibility of Salmon sponsors plus:

- Your organization listed as a sponsor at one North Beach Elementary PTA event*, your choice, in all PTA communication about the event (flyers, emails, posters, etc)

\$2,000 Herbie Seal (our beloved mascot)

Herbie level sponsors receive all the visibility of Orca sponsors plus:

- Your organization listed as a matching sponsor at one North Beach Elementary PTA fundraiser**, your choice, in all PTA communication about the event or fundraiser (flyers, emails, posters, etc)
- Your company is featured with a write up in one Beachcomber highlighting your business/organization

* Events available: Harvest Carnival (October), Book Exchange BINGO (February), Rain or Shine Garden Party (March), Virtual Talent Show (May)

** Fundraisers available: The Big Give (November), Walk-a-Jog-a Field Day (June)

Sponsorship Terms:

- Sponsorships are from time of agreement until June 30th, 2023
- Contact president@northbeachpta.org for additional information.
- Sponsorships must be renewed annual to continue benefits.
- The North Beach Elementary PTA is a 501(c) non-profit organization

To sign up for sponsorship [click here](#).

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