

Greetings BHIS Families and Friends,

Fundraising is an important role of the Beacon Hill International School (BHIS) Parent Teacher Association (PTA). The PTA pays for school-related activities which the Seattle School District does not support, such as 4th grade music lessons, 5th grade camp, library books, a portion of the school's art program, and 50% of our Volunteer Coordinator's salary.

The Fundraising Committee has created a schedule so that families can plan to participate in the fund raisers that interest them over the year, and are aware of the everyday purchases that could benefit the school. Our focus as a PTA is on events and programs that promote education, arts and culture, good health, and environmental stewardship, while celebrating the diversity of the community. If you would like to share your ideas and opinions with us, or if you would like to volunteer to help with any of the fundraisers, please contact the designated person for each event or the Fundraising Committee Co-chairs Erin Musser and Heidi Gans.

2010-2011 BHIS Fundraisers



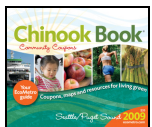
Read-A-Thon (Fall): Fun and educational, for this event students get sponsors and read all day in their pajamas! Proceeds go to the PTA general fund and equaled 35% of PTA earnings last year. Contact Heidi Gans hbgans@yahoo.com or Erin Musser at epoly@aol.com.



T-Shirt Sales (Fall): Get your school spirit in the form of a t-shirt or hoodie that can also be worn as part of the approved school uniform. Contact Allison Delong at allisondelong@yahoo.com.



Original Works (Late Fall): Student artwork is transformed into useful items such as mugs, calendars and key chains. Information is sent home to parents in mid-September, orders are due from families by mid-October, and finished products are delivered to students in early December, just in time for holiday gifts! Proceeds fund BHIS art programs. Contact art teacher Mary Howard Logel at mhlogel@seattleschools.org.



Chinook Book (September 2010): Coupon book and resource guide for green, sustainable living. Books are \$20 and \$10 goes to the PTA. Savings for groceries, dining, entertainment and much more, with most coupons valid from September 2010 through November 2011. See the PTA bulletin board in the front office for order information or Allison Delong.



PTA Membership: Please participate in quarterly PTA Family Involvement/General Membership meetings even if you are unable to become a paid member! There are 4-5 meetings per year and child care is provided at some meetings. To join, fill out a membership form and return to the front office, or contact Membership Chair Jill Davies at jillcurtisdavies@gmail.com.



Annual Giving Fund (Winter): 100% of your donation goes to the PTA general fund. Letters are mailed to families in late fall, but donations are welcome anytime throughout the year. Contact annual fund coordinator Jill Davies at jillcurtisdavies@gmail.com.



City of Seattle Employee Auction: (December): Donations to the City of Seattle employee auction, open only to city employees, is a fun way for families to donate a product or service and raise money for the PTA. Some ideas for donations are restaurant gift certificates, housecleaning, massage, and lodging. If you are interested in donating a product or service to the auction, contact Maythia Airhart at mthach@hotmail.com.



Tamale Sales (February): Homemade tamales by Beacon Hill International School families. Buy a couple of bags to put in your freezer! Order forms will be sent home with your child. Contact Masako Davison at mndavison@seattleschools.org or Leslie Ernst at adamlesley@earthlink.net for more information.



Scholastic Book Fair (November): The book fair promotes reading with affordable books and benefits the BHIS Library. Order forms are sent home in your child's folder. Contact school librarian Mary Thompson at mathompson@seattleschools.org.



Walk-A-Thon (Spring): Wrapping up our year, this fund raiser is healthy and FUN for everyone. Students get sponsors and walk or run laps on the school grounds. Proceeds go to the PTA general fund and are expected to equal 30-40% of our earnings. Contact Fundraising Co-chairs Heidi Gans hbgans@yahoo.com or Erin Musser epoly@aol.com. We need volunteers!



Beacon Bazaar (June): Held on a Saturday at the beginning of June. Bring your goods to sell and keep the proceeds or donate them to the PTA. Ideas include selling household items, arts and crafts, and plants. Setup on tables in front of the school or inside, if raining. Tables are \$20 for PTA members and \$30 for non-PTA members. Proceeds go to the PTA general fund. Contact Beacon Bazaar Coordinator Ted Lee at ted.lee@seattle.gov

Easy ways to support Beacon Hill PTA (6.15.42) all year round:

- **Hilltop Red Apple Receipts:** Save your receipts from purchases at our local Red Apple on Beacon Avenue and McClellan, and they will be redeemed for 1% of their total value. Collect your receipts at home and place them in the designated container in the front office.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Save the tops of boxes with the bright pink logo, "Box Tops for Education" from cereal, cracker, and other boxed products you buy, and they will be redeemed for \$0.10 per box top. Collect your receipts at home and place them in the designated container in the front office.
- **Safeway eScrip:** Register your Safeway club card or debit/credit card and 1-4% of your purchases go to the Beacon Hill PTA. Sign up at <http://www.escrip.com/>.
- **Target REDcard:** Use your Target REDcard and up to 1% of your purchases go to the Beacon Hill PTA. Sign up at https://redcard.target.com/redcard/rc_main.jsp.
- **Taco Time Coupon Books:** Contact Christina at christinalee21@msn.com after January 2011.
- **Corporate Matching Gifts:** Ask your employer about matching your cash donation to **Beacon Hill PTA 6.15.42**. Or go to <http://www.matchinggifts.com/spu/> and do a search.
- **Community Giving Funds:** Employees of the City of Seattle, State of Washington, or King County can designate a set amount to be deducted from their monthly paycheck to go toward Beacon Hill PTA.
- **Office Depot on Airport Way:** Use BHIS's School ID #70107436 every time you make a purchase a percentage of your purchase will be remitted to BHIS. This does not work for on-line orders.

The easy ways to support BHIS year round noted above are ways you and others can support Beacon Hill International School in your everyday purchases. We would appreciate your encouragement of relatives, friends, and neighbors to participate so that our school programs will be even stronger.

As the Fundraising Committee Co-chairs, we hope that you find the events to be fun and inspiring. We are always open to new ideas and suggestions, and, of course, we would love to have your volunteer support!

Thank you. We look forward to a great 2010 – 2011 school year!

Sincerely,

Erin Musser and Heidi Gans, BHIS Fundraising Co-chairs
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Contact Nancy Fujimoto at nkfujimoto@seattleschools.org to receive updates on volunteer opportunities all year!