



Dear Bridgeway Island Families,

The Bridgeway Island PTO extends a warm welcome to all the new families joining the Bridgeway Hive and a big buzzing welcome back to the rest of the swarm! In light of the virtual start to the school year, our events and fundraisers are still in the planning stages. We will be posting event updates and any important news we receive from the school on our **Facebook page (@BWIPTO)**. Please also visit our **website (www.bridgewayislandpto.com)** to become a PTO member and sign up to receive newsletters, meeting notifications, and email announcements. **Even if you are already a member, please sign up again to ensure you continue to receive our notifications, as we have switched to a new member management system!**

Who are the 2020/21 PTO Board of Directors?

- President** - Katie Mola, TK and 2nd grade parent
- Vice President** - Reina Minoya, 1st and 2nd grade parent
- Secretary** - Angela Leahy, preschool, 1st, and 4th grade parent
- Co-Treasurer** - Katie Covert, Kinder, 2nd, and 3rd grade parent
- Co-Treasurer** - Rohini Rattu, 1st and 3rd grade parent
- Communications (Interim)** - Karen (KB) Unck, preschool and 1st grade parent

What Does PTO Do?

We are a nonprofit group of parents, teachers, and staff dedicated to improving the educational experience of all students at BWI. Our main goal is to raise funds that serve as a source of financial support to improve our children's educational experience and to build community. The PTO works closely with the school administration, teachers, BWI families, and the community to meet our goals.

How PTO Funds Were Spent in 2019/2020:

Investments in our school and community are made possible by our wide range of support from our volunteers as well as our fundraisers. Expenditures last year included:

- \$11,450 ----- 24 Chromebooks and cart to be used in the classrooms
- \$10,170 ----- Mini funds and classroom incentives earned during fundraisers for books, supplies, and special projects
- \$6,800----- Field trips (before school closure)
- \$4,770----- Student incentives and celebrations (Buzz Bucks, Caught You Being Good, Kinder Prize Boxes)
- \$4,425----- Community events and staff appreciation
- \$1,650----- Author visit and assembly

Fundraising Goals for 2020/2021

We are working closely with BWI's teachers and administration to find ways to support the BWI community during these challenging times. Our immediate goal is to have funds available to enhance the remote learning environment, such as school supplies or virtual field trip experiences. Once students are able to return to campus, we anticipate needing funds to address health and safety concerns or other new classroom expenses. In addition, we are exploring water bottle refilling stations and other campus improvements to be enjoyed when the students return.





How Can You Help?

We are working with BWI administration to identify safe modifications and alternatives for our traditional fundraisers and community events. This fall, we will have fundraising options that you will be able to participate in from home, including a variation of our annual **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** (including expanded holiday offerings, online ordering, and direct shipping) as well as several **restaurant nights** where families will be able to purchase meals to go while still supporting the PTO. If you have any **virtual event ideas or would like to volunteer**, please contact us at bwipto@gmail.com.

You can participate in our **passive fundraising programs**, including:

- **Amazon Smile:** Select the Bridgeway Island PTO as your charity of choice and help us earn money while you shop. More information can be found at smile.amazon.com. If you use the Amazon app from your smartphone, please be sure to update the app and turn on “Amazon Smile” from your settings.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Set up a Box Tops for Education Account to help the PTO earn money while you shop for groceries. Scan your grocery receipts in the Box Tops for Education App, or email your online grocery receipts to Box Tops for Education. More information can be found at www.boxtops4education.com.
- **Nugget Scrips:** Scan your Nugget Scrips card when you shop at Nugget, and Nugget will donate a percentage to the PTO. Email us at bwipto@gmail.com if you need a card, or visit scrip.nuggetmarket.com for more about the program.

In addition, you can make a **direct donation** to the PTO through our website (www.bridgewayislandpto.com). Your donations in any amount are greatly appreciated!

Finally, please attend our **first PTO General Meeting** of the 2020/2021 school year on **Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 6:30pm**. The meeting will take place **via Zoom** consistent with current public health guidance. At that meeting, we will have an election for the Communications board position, vote on the annual budget, discuss ways to support our community, and set the general meeting schedule for the remainder of the year.

With thanks,

BWI PTO Board of Directors

