

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION FAQ

ALL THE ANSWERS YOU HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR!

Why do we need the PTA?

The Brewer Island PTA provides a way for all of our children to benefit from programs that are not funded or underfunded by the state and the school district. Thanks to our Brewer Island PTA, we have a number of wonderful enrichment programs, such as a fully staffed Computer Lab, Art-in-Action, full-time library, Science Exploration Day, Math Night, assemblies/field trips, and fun social events, just to name a few.

How does your child benefit from BIES PTA donations?

	Computer lab teacher for K-5 th grade Software Programs
	PE/PMT "healthy mind = healthy body"
	Extended library hours & new books
	Assemblies/Programs
	Art-in-Action
	Classroom support
	School supplies

How does BIES PTA raise money?



CORPORATE MATCHING PROGRAM (when a \$225 donation becomes \$450 or more). Find out if your company participates, it's an easy way to raise money for our school.

How much should parents donate to Dolphin Drive?

With **100% participation in Dolphin Drive** and **\$225 per child** donated, we can maintain the high quality of education that Brewer Island parents have come to expect. Of course you are welcome to donate more! But if you cannot meet the minimum required amount per child, please know that any contribution will make a difference in our children's education. Because together we are stronger! Donations to the Dolphin Drive are tax deductible. **It's a win-win situation for you and your child!**

PTA BOARD MEMBERS 2015-2016

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PTA board members are parents like you, volunteering their time to make sure our children have what they need to be safe and succeed.

Feel free to reach out to any one of our board members, Check the BIES website for contact information.

QUICK FACTS

PTA: Parent-Teacher Association

Board Members Position: No credential necessary, open to anyone who wants to take an active part in their child's future.

PTA Meetings: Monthly

PTA Website: linked to the school website.

Facebook: Brewer Island PTA

Twitter: Coming soon

Survey: under the PTA page, available and anonymous.

***Passive Fundraisers:** Target, AmazonSmile, eScrip, Label for Education, Box Tops, Restaurant Nights.

Why did the Dolphin Drive ask amount decrease from \$300 to \$225 per child?

Donations to our PTA have declined over the past few years and as a result we had to resort to trimming our budget and tapping into our PTA Savings. Based on valuable feedback from our BIES community and sharing best practices with our neighboring schools, by lowering our suggested donation, we hope to increase school wide participation and reach our target before the end of 2015. Please don't wait, **MAKE YOUR DOLPHIN DRIVE CONTRIBUTION TODAY!**

For \$22.50 a month, your child will have access to a Computer Lab, software programs, library, art curriculum, PE/PMT, educational programs such as Math Night, Science Exploration Day, Reflections of Art, social events, and so much more.

\$225 FOR 10 MONTHS OF ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS, TAX DEDUCTIBLE !

How do you become a PTA Member?

Write a check to Brewer Island PTA (or BIES PTA) and you're in! As a PTA Member not only are you supporting your school, but its staff, teachers and students. It also means you have the option to attend any PTA board meeting, vote on key PTA initiatives, review budgets and executive board meeting minutes. You can make your voice count.

How can you help PTA raise more money?

Associate Brewer Island Elementary with AmazonSmile, your Target card, or eScript

www.smile.amazon.com/

www-secure.target.com/redcard/tcoe/home

www.escrip.com/safewaystores/



Collect Labels For Education and Box Tops found on various products

www.labelsforeducation.com

www.boxtops4education.com



Help us find sponsors for PTA events. Even though some of our events are self-financed such as Movie Night, Ice-Cream Social, Spring Fling, others are not. Since inception, Champions Day expenses have been entirely covered by our generous sponsor and partner "**Gold Medal Martial Arts**".

In summary, your BIES PTA:

- **Builds** the community by organizing events and activities involving teachers, students and parents.
- **Supports** valuable educational programs to help our students succeed.
- **Connects** parents and teachers to bring new ideas to life.

YOUR CHILD! YOUR SCHOOL! JOIN THE PTA TODAY!