

Dear Beach Elementary Families,

What an amazing community we have! School year 2016-17 is off to a great start and Beach would not be what it is without your time, talent and treasure. As we begin to wrap up 2016 and look to 2017, we are in need of your support. The Annual Beach Contribution is an appeal to all members of our community to make tax-deductible contributions that help ensure the best education for our children. These gifts improve the daily lives of students and faculty members.

While Beach School is a part of Portland Public Schools and funded by tax dollars, we have valuable and important programs that are not in our school's budget. Your gift helps provide for the following enrichment opportunities:

- × Support for supplemental in-school and after-school programming
- × Extra support for teachers with mini-grants to improve their classroom and provide field trips
- × Funds raised are shared with the Beach School Foundation to support staff positions
- × Community building events such as the Harvest Festival and Dia de los Muertos
- × The school garden and the potential outdoor covered play area

# WILL YOU CONTRIBUTE?

We are asking each family to make a donation to the Beach PTA. Whether you contribute \$5, \$25, \$100, or \$100+, please know that 100% of your donation goes directly to our school to help our students and teachers. The Beach PTA is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization run by parent volunteers. We are affiliated with both the Oregon PTA and the National PTA.

## WHO ELSE CAN CONTRIBUTE?

Anyone!! Family members, friends and neighbors. Take advantage of your employer's matching gifts program and don't forget 100% of your donation is tax-deductible.

#### HOW TO CONTRIBUTE?

You can make a gift via credit card or check. For credit card donations, visit the Beach PTA website, www.beachpta.org and click on the **Give Now** button. Please make checks payable to Beach Elementary PTA and mail to 1710 N. Humboldt St. Portland, OR 97217, Attention Beach PTA. There is also a drop box at the school office.

### DOUBLE YOUR GIFTS

Many employers offer a matching gifts program. Each company is unique in how they match donations, such as requesting a form from Human Resources to mail with your donation or following a link through your company's website.

Some of the pertinent information you may need in order for Beach PTA to receive the match is:

Beach Elementary Parent-Teacher Association, Inc.

Organization's Tax ID #: 93-1256837

Address: 1710 N. Humboldt St. Portland, OR 97217

Phone Number: (503) 916-6236

#### AmazonSmile Program

When you shop on Amazon they will make a donation to Beach Elementary School PTA and it doesn't even come from your pocket!!! It's so easy - every purchase you make via-AmazonSmile-will benefit students and families at Beach.

For more information and to switch your browser over go to smile.amazon.com AND encourage others to do the same.

#### Fred Meyer

You can link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card Benefits to Beach School Foundation. Go to fredmeyer.com and under the Rewards tab, look for Community Rewards to sign-up. The Beach School Foundation, closely partners with the Beach PTA.

## Volunteer

Our kids need you AND we need you! In whatever capacity you can-reading to students, playground friend, assist in PTA/community events, please let us know how we can use your talents.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you very much for your support!

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