



# Sand Point Elementary

New Student and Family Handbook

2022-2023



*Courtesy of your Sand Point Elementary (SPE) PTA*

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# Sand Point Elementary

## Welcome!

It's exciting to have you and your family joining our community of life-long learners. Thank you for choosing to be a Sand Point Squirrel, we're so happy to have you!

Whether your family is joining for preschool, kindergarten, a higher grade, or just returning for another year, we hope this guidebook will help you learn more about Sand Point Elementary and navigate your school year with us - and many wonderful years to come.

Inside you'll find:

- important contact information if you have questions, need help, or are looking to volunteer at school;
- a basic directory of our fantastic teachers and staff;
- a calendar of some of this year's key community events;
- other useful background info on Sand Point Elementary

As events continue to be added during the year (and can sometimes change times or dates), we strongly encourage you to register to receive our monthly email newsletter offering timely updates about new activities and opportunities - or tell us the best way you would like to be kept informed. Sign up from the PTA home page: <https://www.sandpointelementarypta.org/>.

Let's make it another great year of growing and learning together at Sand Point.

Go Squirrels!

~ Your SPE PTA Board

## Introduction

Sand Point Elementary originally opened in 1958, was reopened with renovations in 2010, and is a Seattle Public School primarily serving families living in the Northeast Seattle neighborhoods of Hawthorne Hills, Magnuson, Windermere, and the surrounding community.

Sand Point currently offers 12 classrooms from preschool-5th grade, including Music, PE, Art, SEL (Social Emotional Learning), Special Education, a full time Counselor, a full time Family Support Worker. Additionally there is a Community School Garden, after-school enrichment, and an after-school care program run in partnership with the YMCA.

We are a small but mighty school with a diverse student body, relatively small class sizes, and a wonderful, caring teaching staff; where children get to know one another well and learn to take pride in their school, cultures, and community; where we work together in educating our children, building tradition, and innovating towards the future.

## Contact Information

### School Office

Main Office: (206) 252-4640  
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Address: 6208 60th Ave NE  
Seattle, WA 98115-7944

Official Website: <https://sandpointes.seattleschools.org/>

### PTA Contacts

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[membership@sandpointelementarypta.org](mailto:membership@sandpointelementarypta.org) for membership information  
Website: [www.sandpointelementarypta.org](http://www.sandpointelementarypta.org)  
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## Faculty & Staff Directory



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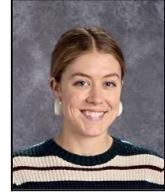
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## Kindergarten - Getting Ready!

### Important Dates for Kindergarten

**Tues Sept 6** - Come kick off the new school year right at the annual SPE Ice Cream Social, Tuesday evening from 6:00-7:30pm on the school playground, featuring local favorite Sweet Alchemy Ice Creamery, and all the sprinkles you can fit on top.

**Wed-Fri Sept 7-9** - Family Connections. A special time set aside for you to schedule a time to meet individually at school with your child's teachers before Kindergarten begins.

**Mon Sept 12** - The first day of school for Kindergarten in the 2022-2023 school year will be Monday, September 12 @ 7:55am. After you drop off your child for their first full day of Kindergarten, you are warmly invited to stay for coffee and mingle with Principal Pearl and other parents at 8am in the cafeteria.

### What to Bring - Supplies

- Backpack or bookbag.
- Reusable water bottle.
- Lunch may be brought from home or purchased at school. Free and reduced-priced lunch programs are offered by the district based on need.

Please note, the Sand Point Elementary PTA works with teachers to compile a list of school supplies needed for students at each grade level and purchases these items directly, so each student will start the first day of school with all the supplies they need on their desk when they arrive. PTA purchases additional supplies throughout the year as needed. Not only does this ensure all students have access to necessary supplies, it also means that families do not have to do any shopping for school supplies individually.

You will receive a form in the welcome packet from the school that invites your family to contribute to the cost of supplies (approx \$50 per student), however, each child will receive supplies regardless of whether their family contributes to this fund.

### Staying Connected

The school provides a variety of options to give and receive communications during the day, amongst which the real-time messaging app TalkingPoints has received good reviews from parents and teachers, and which we recommend installing on your phone or device of choice for easy and organized text message communication.

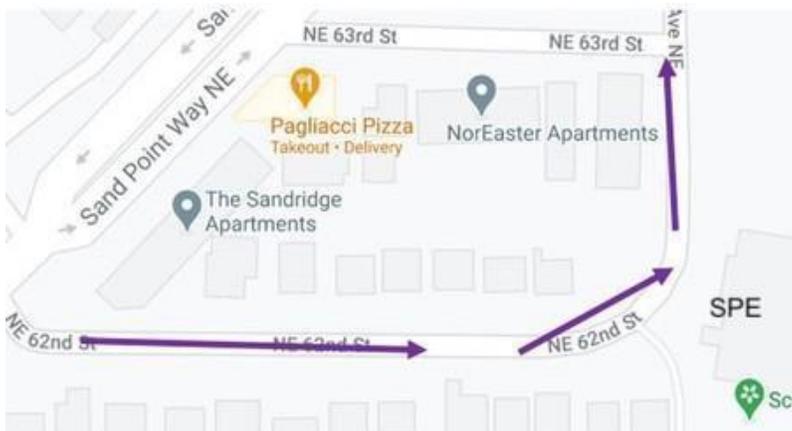
Please contact the school office directly, as well as your child's teacher, to let them know what type of day-to-day communication works best for your family.

## Before & After School

### Breakfast Program

Seattle Public Schools provides a breakfast program. The exact times for Sand Point are still being determined. You can find more information about the program including applications at this district website: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/culinary-services/free-and-reduced-price-meals/>

### Drop Off



Students can be dropped off in the morning between 7:30am and 7:55am. For safety considerations, we ask all parents driving their children to school to treat the street in front of school as a one-way street in the morning, entering off of Sand Point Way onto NE 62nd Street and continuing to the drop off area in front of school. Many days, especially in inclement weather, heavy rain, or on especially cold days, many more children will be driven to school and there may be congestion out front during drop off. Please plan your time accordingly and exercise patience.

When arriving at the school, pull forward to our driveway that leads to the gated playground area, and drop off your child without leaving your car. If you need to leave your car, please park on a side street, not in front of the school. NE 61st is a good side street with plentiful street parking to park on if you are able to navigate steps down to the school.

Staff will greet you and help your learner get to where they need to go in the morning! Please have a conversation with your child about whether they are eating breakfast at school or not. If your child is not having breakfast they will head to the playground to play until 7:55 when the bell rings. Parents will not be allowed past the gate in the mornings, to reduce congestion, and for safety reasons.

### Pick Up

Pick up times are 2:25pm in the afternoon Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, while Wednesday is early release pick up at 1:10pm. Please discuss with your child and your child's teacher how they are getting home each day. Some will ride the bus, some will walk, some will be taken home via car, and some will stay for after school care or enrichment classes. For safety reasons, it is important for your child's teacher to know your child's plan.

At pick up time parents may come onto the playground to wait for their child, but please stay clear of the

line-up areas and avoid congestion at the gate area. Thank you for your flexibility and patience.

## **After School Programs**

### **Child Care from the YMCA**

Serving grades: K-5  
Hours: School Dismissal (2:25pm or 1:10pm) to 6:00pm  
Address: Sand Point Elementary, 6208 60th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115  
Pick-up Directions: Enter through the main doors. Pick-up is outside of the cafeteria doors.  
Phone: (206) 775-9047  
Supervisor: Matthew Cowan  
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Enroll:

[https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/daycare/program/10220?onlineSiteId=0&from\\_original\\_cui=true&online=true&\\_ga=2.70382102.74374028.1659853001-176583940.1659853000](https://anc.apm.activecommunities.com/seattleyymca/daycare/program/10220?onlineSiteId=0&from_original_cui=true&online=true&_ga=2.70382102.74374028.1659853001-176583940.1659853000)

### **After-school Enrichment**

After a long hiatus due to the pandemic, SPS is again allowing schools and PTAs to offer after-school enrichment, starting in the fall of 2022-2023.

Currently your SPE PTA is working to build back an enrichment program, hoping to offer a variety of fun and educational classes for our kids after-school. Be on the look out for these opportunities as programs begin to kick off this fall!

## **School Transportation**

School bus eligibility and route information is available by contacting the district transportation office directly. In general, your child is qualified for bus transportation if you live a mile or further away from Sand Point Elementary.

Seattle Schools - Transportation:

Phone: (206) 252-0900  
Email: [transdept@seattleschools.org](mailto:transdept@seattleschools.org)  
Website: <https://www.seattleschools.org/departments/transportation/>

## 2022-2023 – School Calendar

### August

- 8/15-19 Kindergarten Jump Start
- 8/27 Garden & Grounds Clean Up (1:00-3:00pm) - ♥ V

### September

- 9/6 Ice Cream Social – (6:00-7:30pm) - ♥
- 9/7 First Day of School - 1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
***Parents Invited to Stay for 8am Coffee w/ Principal Pearl***
- 9/7-9 Family Connections  
***Kindergarten & PreK Parents Meet with Teachers***
- 9/12 First Day of School Kindergarten & Preschool  
***Parents Invited to Stay for 8am Coffee w/ Principal Pearl***

### October

- 10/1 Fall Festival (1:00-3:00pm) - ♥ V
- 10/3 Individual Picture Day
- 10/7 Annual Move-a-thon Fundraiser (1:00pm) - V
- 10/14 Faculty & Staff In-Service Day - NS
- 10/13 SEL Night (6:00-7:30pm) - ♥  
***PTA General Membership Meeting to follow***
- 10/31 Book Fair & Book Character Day – V

### November

- 11/11 Veteran's Day - NS
- 11/19-23 Parent Teacher Conferences - NS
- 11/24-25 Thanksgiving Holiday – NS

### December

- 12/19-30 Winter Break - NS

### January 2023

- 1/16 MLK Holiday - NS

1/27 Science Night (6:00-7:30pm) - ♥ V T

### February 2023

2/14 Black History Month Assembly (8:00am) - ♥ T  
***PTA General Membership Meeting to follow***

2/20-24 Mid-Winter Break – **NS**

### March 2023

3/11 Cultural Heritage Brunch (10:30am-12:30pm) - ♥ T

### April 2023

4/10-14 Spring Break - **NS**

### May 2023

5/1-5 Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week

5/9 **PTA General Membership Meeting (6:00-7:00pm)**  
vote on 2023-2024 Budget and Board Positions - ♥  
***Childcare and pizza provided***

### June 2023

6/3 Spring Carnival (1:00-3:00pm) - ♥ V

6/20 5th Grade Promotion - ♥ V

6/22 Field Day (1:00-2:25pm) - ♥ V

6/26 Last Day of School (early dismissal - 1:25pm)

♥ All SPE Families Welcome

V Volunteer Opportunity at School

**NS** No School

T Tentative Date

# PTA

## Introduction

The PTA is made up of parent volunteers, just like you! We love our kids and our school and want to do what we can to make the school year a success for all students. In partnership with faculty and staff, we work to bridge gaps that exist or may emerge so that they can give your children the best experience possible!

## What We Do

The Sand Point Elementary PTA works to help our kids thrive throughout the school year. This includes supporting faculty and staff as well as helping the school community - families and students. Most of this support is through programs such as these:

- Creating a position for Art Teacher and Program
- PE Supplies
- Library books and supplies
- On campus garden, both enrichment and maintenance
- Music equipment
- Classroom grants & classroom library funds for teachers
- In-school enrichment programs
- Family Support Worker (FSW) funds
- Field trips, including the capstone 5th grade overnight trip to Islandwood!
- Various school assemblies (speakers, guest performances, etc)
- School events such as Back to School, Supplies for Science night, Earth Day, Heritage Brunch, Field Day
- 5th Grade Promotion (graduation) Event
- YMCA support

## Fundraising

In order to support all the above programs and more, the PTA engages in several fundraisers over the year. Any dues that are collected combine with our fall Move-a-thon and various smaller fundraising efforts. In the spring, our big fundraising event is both a fun experience as well as provides most of what it takes for the PTA to support Sand Point Elementary.

## School Song

We're not Narwhals,  
We're not Ostriches,  
We're not Chipmunks,  
We're the Sand Point Squirrels!

S is Super,  
Q is Quick,  
U is You and  
I is Me,  
R is Really  
Radiant,  
E is Everyone,  
L is Learning,  
That makes us happy!  
Emotions Matter!

(stomp & clap)

Sand Point Elementary  
Is the place for you and me,  
We are a community,  
At Sand Point Elementary!

That's our school song!