



## BCA/WPS PA MEMBERSHIP FAQs 2019-20

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Bellevue Children's Academy and Willows Preparatory School Parent Association (BCA/WPS PA) strives to enrich the educational experiences of all students enrolled at BCA and WPS and to help build a strong community of parents and positive role models.

### What is the BCA/WPS Parent Association and what does the PA do?

We are a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization of parent volunteers who support a student population of over 700 students (PreK-Grade 9) and 80+ teachers and staff. All parents of BCA and WPS students are automatically members of the PA – Congratulations! We help identify areas where our schools may need extra assistance and help fill in those gaps in a variety of ways. Some past PA-sponsored events and programs have included the following:

- Seattle Symphony Link-Up
- Kids' Quest Museum
- Museum of Flight
- Parenting Gen Z Parent Seminar
- Kaleidoscope/Celebration of the Arts
- Oregon Shadow Theatre
- Author Visits
- Growing Up Parent Seminar

The PA is funded via donations and an annual membership fee. We hold one community fundraiser (Annual Gala) each year. This year's Gala theme is **MASQUERADE BALL** and will be held at the **Bellevue Hilton on February 22, 2020**. If you'd like to help with the Gala, please contact our Gala Chair Anand Ennuyi at [gala@bcawpspa.org](mailto:gala@bcawpspa.org).

### Why should I volunteer?

The PA is the BEST (and most enjoyable!) way to get to know the school and to get to know other parents who share the same goal of helping create the best learning environment for your child(ren)! You'll make a difference in helping events run smoothly for your child's classes and you'll be a great role model for your child by being an active participant in a community that values education.

### What if English isn't my first language and I'd like to volunteer?

That's perfectly fine! Our parent community is uniquely rich in international culture. We can try and find another parent who speaks your native language and use the buddy system for volunteering opportunities.

### How do I get involved?

During the School Registration Process, you signed up to volunteer for at least one of the Event Teams for PA-sponsored events. Once you've signed up for an Event Team, you'll be contacted by the Team Chair with next steps. Whether you have multiple hours or just ½ an hour, we'll work with you to find a way for you to help – we are very flexible!

The PA holds 3 General Membership Meetings per academic year – September, January, and May. During these meetings, we provide school-wide updates, as well as updates on PA-sponsored events.

### How can I donate to the BCA/WPS PA?

- Donate to the BCA/WPS PA directly via check (drop off at front desk and send email to notify our Treasurer at [treasurer@bcawpspa.org](mailto:treasurer@bcawpspa.org)) or online via the Gala Registration Website (to go live late 2019).
- Donate 0.05% as you shop eligible purchases via AMAZON SMILE: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/43-2019696>
- Many companies like Microsoft, Amazon, Google, Boeing, et al, will match 100% of your cash donations.
- Many companies will also let you convert your volunteer hours to matched donations. (continued)

For questions/comments, please contact us at [theboard@bcawpspa.org](mailto:theboard@bcawpspa.org) - **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



# BCA/WPS PARENT ASSOCIATION



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### Who is leading the PA for the 2019-20 academic year?

BCA/WPS Parent Association Board of Directors ([theboard@bcawpspa.org](mailto:theboard@bcawpspa.org))

President	Laura Hood	<a href="mailto:president@bcawpspa.org">president@bcawpspa.org</a>
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### BCA/WPS Parent Association Advisors

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Each board member serves for a one-year term. The Board selection process happens via a Nominating Committee in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the academic year. Please keep your eye out for nomination forms in spring 2019 and let us know if you are interested in running or serving on the nominating committee.

### Key Dates to mark on your calendar (more details to follow!)

- Wednesday, 09/25/19 - General Membership Meeting #1, BCA2 Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00pm, Free childcare provided
- Wednesday, 01/29/20 - General Membership Meeting #2, BCA2 Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00pm, Free childcare provided
- Saturday, 02/22/20 - Annual Gala "Masquerade Ball", Bellevue Hilton, Childcare provided for nominal fee
- Wednesday, 05/13/20 - General Membership Meeting #3, BCA2 Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00pm, Free childcare provided

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