

*The Celebration committee is asking for your help to run a sneaker drive fundraiser during the month of March! You will be given a bin to collect any donations that come into your classroom/school over the next few weeks. Someone from our committee, or a high school volunteer will collect the bins on Tuesday, 3/21/23. If you have any questions about this fundraiser, you can email Bonnie Stanley (Celebration Treasurer) at stanley_bonnie@mybps.us

Barnstable Celebration

“Got Sneakers?” Fundraiser:

Every year BHS seniors, and their prom dates are invited to an after-prom party held here at the school called “Celebration.” While the event is free for seniors (and their prom dates), it costs over \$30,000 to provide the entertainment, food, and prizes. Our committee does a lot of fundraising in the community, but we need your help too!

The Celebration committee is holding a “Got Sneakers” athletic shoe drive during the month of February to raise money. We will earn money based on the total quantity of gently worn, used, and new sneakers collected. Anyone can help by simply donating gently worn, used sneakers. You can bring the shoes to your school, and place them in the bin. Donations must be received by March 21st.

Did You Know?

Most people throw away their used sneakers every 125-200 days without ever thinking about recycling. Since sneakers are manufactured with materials that are not biodegradable, they remain in landfills or are incinerated, which leads to toxic chemicals in our air and soil. The process of manufacturing sneakers produces large amounts of CO₂ which contributes to the serious effects of climate change and global warming. Recycling and reusing sneakers keeps sneakers out of landfills,

reduces the need for manufacturing new shoes and sneakers, and supports a growing circular economy.

GotSneakers recycles the shoes, which helps keep them out of landfills and helps organizations like ours raise much needed funds. Learn more about GotSneakers by visiting their website at www.gotsneakers.com.

FAQs:

1. Can I donate any type of shoe? Can I send in just one shoe?

No, we can only accept pairs of sneakers, rubber cleats, and athletic shoes.

2. Can I donate my younger brother or sister's shoes?

Yes, we can take child-size sneakers, but not baby or toddler-sized.

3. How much money does the school receive for the shoes?

- a. Excellent used shoes (certain brands) are worth \$7
- b. Good condition: \$2
- c. Fair condition: \$1
- d. Recyclable shoes: \$.25

4. What brands are preferred?

Adidas, Altra, APL, Asics, Brooks, Columbia, Converse All-Stars, Fila, Hoka One One, Jordan, Keen, Merrell, Mizuno, New Balance, Nike, On, Puma, Reebok, Salomon, SAS, Saucony, Skechers, Under Armour, Vans

5. What happens to the shoes after they are sent to "Got Sneakers?"

Many of the shoes end up in secondhand stores so that people who need them can afford decent quality shoes. The shoes in poor condition are recycled and used to make other items.