

EVERY 2nd GRADER LEARNS TO SWIM PROGRAM



In partnership with the Lake Washington School District, the Bellevue School District, Title I elementary schools, PTSA's, WAVE Aquatics, Nurturing Water Therapies, and the Bellevue Aquatic Center, we will provide free swim lessons during school hours at Juanita High School Pool and after school at the Bellevue Aquatic Center at no cost to participants. With your support, we can ensure that **165+ students including those from low-income families, receive six sessions of water safety, foundational swim instruction, and support for continued family fun in the water with complimentary pool passes.**

FAST FACTS

How many students will receive lessons?

165+ 2nd graders will receive swim lessons in our first year. We have two pilot schools we are supporting in 2026.

How many swim lessons

A series of six 30-minute swim lessons and open free swim will be offered during the school day.

Which schools will the pilot serve?

We are expanding the schools that currently have a program and are partnering with LWSD, BSD, and PTSA's to support Title 1 schools John Muir and Stevenson Elementary. In year two, Robert Frost, Thoreau, and Redmond Elementary are all candidates.

Where will the lessons be held?

The lessons will be held at Juanita High School Pool and coordinated in partnership with WAVE Aquatics and the Bellevue Aquatic Center.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Your sponsorship will help us provide funding for the following:

- Lesson costs including instructor and lifeguard staff
- Supervision
- Facility rental costs
- Water Safety education materials
- Recognition/promo items
- Program coordination



WHO IS SPLASHFORWARD?



SPLASHForward's advocacy, thought leadership, and coalition building is making equitable and accessible aquatic opportunities for all a reality. SPLASHForward works with local governments, community partners, and local businesses to advocate for public aquatics centers and programs expanding the aquatic ecosystem. Stewarding these community networks also gives SPLASHForward the opportunity to help cultivate the next generation of community leaders.

OUR MISSION is to build healthier, stronger, and safer communities by creating equitable access to aquatic facilities and programs that build essential life skills, inclusion, connection, and active lifestyles.

WE ENVISION a world where everyone is safe around water and has equitable access to best-in-class aquatic centers that are vibrant places of pride and inclusive for all.

OUR GOAL

To launch a pilot program to provide free swim lessons to 2nd graders in Kirkland and Bellevue.

WHO WE SERVE

Our pilot will serve 2nd graders in Kirkland at one to three Title 1 schools and in Bellevue at one Title 1 school.

BARRIERS WE ADDRESS

Lack of access to affordable swim lessons and water safety education.

OUR SOLUTION

The Every 2nd Grader Learns to Swim program, in partnership with LWSD, BSD, PTAs, Nurturing Water Therapies, WAVE Aquatics, Bellevue Aquatic Center



WHAT IS OUR VISION FOR THE FUTURE?

Drowning is a leading cause of death for children, and our region is surrounded by water. Learning to swim is an essential life skill that promotes safety, health, and confidence. This program will help create a community where every child has the opportunity to thrive in and out of the water. Our hope for the future is to expand the program to reach all elementary schools in Kirkland, bring the program to Bellevue with the new Bellevue Aquatic Center, and create a lasting impact on water safety and youth development in our region.

SPLASHForward's **Every 2nd Grader Learns to Swim** program will increase water safety, decrease the risk of drowning, and give our community's children and youth the chance to participate in aquatic sports and recreation that help them stay active and healthy.

JOIN US IN CREATING A COMMUNITY WHERE EVERY 2ND GRADER LEARNS TO SWIM AND RECEIVES WATER SAFETY EDUCATION.

Learn more about sponsorship opportunities by contacting us at info@splashforward.org



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