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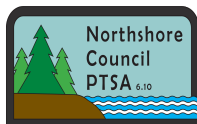


November is here! How did that happen so fast?

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- 11/13, Veterans Assembly
- 11/18, General Membership Meeting
- 11/19, Watch D.O.G.S. Training
- 11/24, Staff Appreciation

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Now that we are in November the month of Thanksgiving. I personally remind myself to be grateful for all my blessings.

In my PTA role and as a volunteer at school I see so many amazing things happening in our community. This only happens because of caring teachers, staff and volunteers. So thank you to our Canyon Creek teachers, staff and all the wonderful volunteers who help make CC the connected community that it is!

Our next General Membership meeting will be **Tuesday, November 18th at 6.30pm** in the CC library. Childcare will be provided by Champions. We will have two therapists from Envision Counseling speaking on bullying and our wonderful Canyon Creek Chorus will be performing as well. Look for a flyer with more details to come.

Sincerely,
Melissa Kline
President

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6th Annual Walk-A-Thon

Post Event Results!

Thank you to all the **staff, parents, family members** and **students** who contributed in making the Walk-A-Thon a FANTASTIC success. Read on for the outstanding results!

Fun Facts:

- ✓ *Number of students who walked: 778*
- ✓ *Number of staff who walked: 39*
- ✓ *Miles walked: 1747*
- ✓ *Total laps completed: 6,910*
- ✓ *Class who walked the most laps and was treated to a classroom celebration: Mrs. Pope's 2nd grade class who completed 260 laps.*
- ✓ *Class who raised the most money and was treated to a class room celebration and teacher received \$25.00 check to spend at Scholastic Bookfair: Mrs. Nakatsu's 3rd grade class. Raised \$2,495.00*
- ✓ *Class who raised the most non-perishable food donations and was treated to a classroom celebration: Mrs. Miles' 3rd grade class with 155.*
- ✓ *Classroom total for non-perishable food donations: 2232. This is enough food to feed 50-60 families per week for 2 to 3 months!*

And how did we do?

Between donations and corporate matching, we exceeded our \$25,000 goal!!!! The funds raised help to support our many PTA programs and events. These programs/events include:

- **Playground Equipment – Gift to School Fund**
- **Art Docent & Science Programs**
- **Ukuleles for Music Room**
- **Replacement of 20 year old Track Jerseys**
- **Staff Appreciation Events**
- **Student Directory**
- **Classroom Grants & Scholarships**
- **Guided Reading Books for K& 1st Graders**
- **Watch Dog Program**
- **Author Visits**
- **Assemblies**
- **Field Trips**
- **Funding of the PTA Operating Budget**
- **Science Night**
- **Science Extravaganza**

Walk-a-thon Post Event Results continued:

Congratulations to our top prize winners!

1st Place – **Charlotte** (Ms. Vasatka kindergarten class) and **Lauren W.** (Mrs. Nakatsu's 3rd grade class) and will share the top two prizes receiving \$150.00 each

3rd Place – **Kaymon D.** in Ms. Barham's class will receive a check for \$75.00

Congratulations to all other prize winners!

*The student(s) in grade K-3 who walked the most laps were **Chase K., Camden L., Sam H., Jacob L., Bobby V., Aldo C.** and they will be treated to lunch with Mr. Misner.*

*The student(s) in grade 4-6 who walked the most laps were **Matthew B., Brendan M., Connor R., Johnny H.**, and they will have the privilege of sharing in being principal for a day.*

*The participation prize of a signed Seahawk's football went to **Chelsea Y.** in Mrs. Nakatsu's 3rd grade class*

\$25.00 Gift Card Winners

Lindsey C., Logan C., Linnea H., Katie W., Anna D., Connor H., Connor R., Wyatt H.

Menchie's Card Winners

Abigail B., Ethan B., Ella B., Tusharkanti G., Kordell J., Carter K., Chase K., Koleman J., Sai G., Emily G.

Tote Bag Winners

Kyle H., Addison W., Josie W., Brandon C., Justin C., Jasmine S., Evan R., James G., Delaney B., Avery F., Ethan F., Jack T., Alec M., Annalin S., Brandon D., Elijah P., Logan Z., Jesse N., Kellen R., Nolan R., Jack W., Jacob D., Zachary D., Ava B., Sadie W., Anvi J., Chelsey K., Ethan S., Abigail S., Victoria T., Pavel V., Jessica T., Madison C., Langston G., Amanda F., Mia F., Derek H., Zachary B., Jude B., Taylor M., Ryan H., Abigail S., Marusu K., Makenna B., Hayden C., Andrew C., Marissa D., Xingran W., Akira K., Kaitlinh M., Mounika S., Duncan G., Kaitlin C., Sahan H., Rosa C., Jordan G., Addison C., Esme O., Julia S., Max W., Nora H., Ella-Ruth H., Kiara T., Gwyneth S.

We would like to extend a special thanks to the following people:

Melissa Barton for being our staff liaison and ensuring the staff was informed of walk-a-thon activities all along the way.

Melissa Kline for being our PTA champion for the event.

Lisa Ziz for being our "second set of eyes" for all communications and helping us to calculate prizes

Julie Boyd for picking up the popsicles and organizing volunteers to distribute them to our students! The weather was sunny and warm so the cold treat was perfect!

Mr. Gray: For providing the awesome walking tunes and easy set up.

Mr. Misner for supporting us all along the way and donating his time to our kids who walked the most laps (K-3 lunch with Mr. Misner and 4-6 principal for ½ day).

Sheri Bianchi for coordinating the Food Drive. We couldn't have done it without you. An extra special thanks to our Watch Dogs for transporting the donations from the classrooms to the front of the school!

Mrs. Ducotey for organizing Woodinville Storehouse to pick up the food donations!

Walk-a-thon Post Event Results continued:

T-shirt Advertisers

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 Alderwood Vision Therapy
 Evergreen Karate
 Uncle Peteza's Pizzeria
 All State Insurance
 Washington School of Dance

*Canyon Creek Family

Metro Design (Mark Arnzen)

For making the t-shirt process so smooth in terms of ordering and preparing the t-shirts and tote bags. You made our lives so much easier!

Corporate Matching Sponsors (Thank you to all the parents and family friends who made these matches possible!)

Microsoft
 Kibble & Prentice
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 Verizon Wireless
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Last but not least, we would like to give **a great big round of Howler Applause** to the family, staff and student volunteers for helping us ensure the event ran smoothly and safely. From sizing students for t-shirts, stuffing packets, set up, escorting kids at the event, marking laps, distributing popsicles, counting pledges and helping ensure each child got back to their classroom after the event, you did it all and we are truly thankful for each and every one of you!

Thanks for a great year!

Mary White

Julie Kerr

Fundraising Committee



Box Top Contest Results

The first contest of the 2014-2015 school year sponsored by the Canyon Creek PTA, is complete and everyone did awesome!

Overall the school brought in 11,538 Box Tops and 5,517 Labels for Education. The top 3 classes are Mrs. Andrick, Mr. D'Entremont and Mrs. Pope. Congratulations on winning popcorn parties for your classes!

Don't forget you can support your school in other ways as well. You can shop online through the Box Tops Marketplace to earn e-Box Tops for your school. Go to boxtops4education.com to sign up. Or go to elabelsforeducation.com to register your shopping cards and earn points each time you shop at participating stores.

The next contest will be in early Spring so start saving those labels again!

Questions? Please contact Stacey Arnold at staceycsimon@hotmail.com



In this issue of Our Children, we talk to television personality and mom Meredith Vieira about her work to help bring awareness to bullying. She talks about the concerns she had for her children in their youth as well as her own experience with bullying in her childhood and how she overcame it. "It was devastating," Vieira says of being bullied as a child.



To view the digital copy of this issue of Our Children, click on the link below:

http://www.ptaourchildren.org/ourchildren/october_november_2014#pg1

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Watch D.O.G.S

Dads Of Great Students

Who are the D.O.G.S?

- Dads
- Grandpa
- Step-dads

Or other father figures



Watch D.O.G.S.

Training:

Wednesday

November 19th at
5:30 p.m. in CC's
library

****For those 'Old Dogs' you do not need to come to the training again but you need to make sure your background check is up to date. ****

- At this training you'll learn what it takes to be a Watch DOG!!!
- You'll have the opportunity to sign up for volunteer days, so bring your calendar. If you're already a WD, visit our calendar for dates: nsd.org/ccwatchdogs and send Mackenzie an email.
- You'll complete a background check form (good for 2 years), it is required to be a volunteer, bring ID (and make sure you're still current!).
- Please contact Mackenzie Romppanen mromppanen@nsd.org with questions or to sign up for a day.

Give Thanks to our teachers and staff by providing pies and other goodies.

The **PTA Staff Appreciation Committee** is looking for **parents of first and fifth Graders** to help provide pies and other delicious treats on **Monday, November 24th**.

Items will need to be dropped off that morning in the staffroom (by main office), no later than 9:30a.m. or the night before at a committee members house. We know how busy life can be, if you would like to help out but do not bake or have the time to shop, you can let us do the shopping for you, by making a cash donation.

Please go to www.perfectpotluck.com to pick and choose what you would like to bring. If you have any questions please let us know!

Username: Madsen
Password: coyote



Thanks-
Megan Madsen (megmadsen4@gmail.com)
Melissa Bissenden (mbissenden77@gmail.com)
Rebecca Boss (rebecca.boss@gmail.com)



We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Book Fair Dates: December 1st – 5th Canyon Creek Library

Shopping Hours: Before School 8:00-8:30 a.m., After School 3:00-3:30 p.m. and DAILY during your student's scheduled classroom library time.

Special Events: Family Night – Tuesday, December 4th 5:00-8:00 p.m.



2014-15 PTA Membership Update



100% Teacher Membership



430 Total Membership – WE MET OUR GOAL!!

Now lets go further!

New Goal for 2014-15 School year



20% increase from last year
468 Total Members

Thank you to the 36 teachers and staff who have joined Canyon Creek PTA.

Total Members as of Nov. 5th. **431**

Get up to date information on our PTA news and events!



Click here:

<https://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta>

Check it out and "Like Us"!



Did you know that there are lots of great ways to give back to our school through partnership programs?

Here are just some of the great programs already in place to help our school:

- **Fred Meyer Community Awards:** Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Canyon Creek Elementary PTA at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number (81720). Then each time you use your rewards card at Fred Meyer our school earns a donation!
- **Safeway:** If you visit www.escrip.com and enroll your Safeway Club Card our school will earn up to 4% back of sales. Our group ID# is 8561138 and we are listed as Canyon Creek Elementary School.
- **Target Take Charge of Education:** By enrolling your Target REDCard our school can earn 1% on all purchases made. [Click here to enroll](#). Also watch Facebook in August as Target often has their Give with Target campaign where they will donate \$1 for every vote for a school (after 25 votes).
- **Labels for Education:** You can help our school earn points which we can spend on items such as school supplies, gym/recess equipment, etc by saving any marked boxes from [participating products](#). You can bring in these labels any time during the school year and give them to your teacher or put them in the bin in the front office. You can also earn points by registering your shopping cards (QFC, Fred Meyer, Safeway) online at http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage.
- **Box Tops for Education:** Twice a year Canyon Creek hosts a Box Tops competition. You can clip and save Box Tops off [participating products](#) and bringing them into your teacher or in the front office in a Ziploc bag. Please note your student's teacher name on the bag.
- **Tyson Project A+:** For every clipped label off of marked Tyson [participating products](#) our school earns \$0.24.

If you have any questions or would like to help us get involved in other partnership programs, please reach out to Stacey Arnold at staceycsimon@hotmail.com.

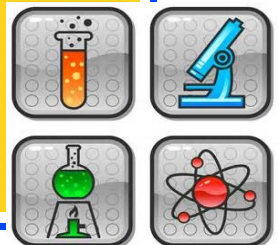
We would like to extend a **HUGE THANK YOU** to the volunteers that helped make the **PTA Family Science Night** a successful evening!

We could not have done it without your help. It was a crazy fun evening and you all worked very hard, so Thank You for the support!

The science night was well received and many compliments were given from parents and families, so give yourselves a big pat on the back!

We are looking forward to future events with our terrific volunteers.

Shea Johnson and
Misty Carter
PTA Science Committee



Community

To search for a list of current Northshore District approved e-fliers plus more information on those listed below, click:

<http://wwwnew.nsd.org/domain/195>

Internet Safety & Citizenship Speaker

Nationally-known speaker **Katie Greer** is coming to Woodinville High School to speak to ALL parents in the school district and community!

Thursday, November 20th

6.30 p.m. WHS Performing Arts Center

This event is for Adults only and is co-sponsored by Northshore School District and Woodinville area school PTAs and PTAs.

Questions to srudolph@marykay.com



Northshore Lacrosse

Registration open for the Spring 2015 season for K-12th grades, now through Dec. 30th, 2014

Sign up at:

<http://northshorelacrosseclub.com>

The above activities are not sponsored nor endorsed by the Northshore School District or any of its schools unless otherwise stated. The district assumes no responsibility for the conduct during or safety of the activities. Northshore School District shall be held harmless from any cause of action, claim, or petition filed in any court or administrative tribunal arising out of the distribution of these materials including attorney's fees and judgments or awards.



Members' Corner

ACTIVATING YOUR NATIONAL PTA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

National PTA has changed their policy and is no longer requiring people to use a code to set up a profile on their website and access the member benefits. You are now able to register with your name, email and address. To create your National PTA Profile go to <http://www.pta.org/activate>.

There are discounts available for PTA members at Great Wolf Lodge and FedEx/Kinkos as well as other retailers. For information on PTA member benefits, [click here](#).

You will need your membership card to access these benefits and other resources. If you haven't received an email from WA State PTA with your membership information, contact Colette Puoci at puocimama@gmail.com

Electronic Membership Cards!

Every member registered will receive a welcome email from WA State PTA with all the information you should need, including your ID number and links to various resources available through the WA State (wastatepta.org) and National PTA (pta.org) websites. If you have not received this email after 2 weeks of turning in your membership form or have any questions regarding membership please contact Colette Puoci at puocimama@gmail.com.



Mark Your Calendar!

2014 – 2015 Key Advocacy Events

Coffee with your Legislator	Nov/Dec
Focus Day in Olympia	January 19
2015 PTA Convention	April 17 - 19

Washington State Parent Teacher Association Sets Legislative Agenda –

The Washington State Parent Teacher Association held its' 36th Annual Legislative Assembly October 24th and 25th, in Vancouver, Washington. There, Mindie Wirth and Rebecca Boss joined other delegates from across the state to debate and vote on the new platform of legislative priorities for the 2015 -2016 legislative session in support of the organizational vision of "Making every child's potential a reality." The legislative platform supports the delivery of the mission:

- PTA is a powerful voice for all children.
- PTA is a relevant resource for families, schools and communities.
- PTA is a strong advocate for the well-being and education of every child.

In all, 13 issues made the short-term platform. As a whole child advocacy association, the priority issues represent health, well-being and educational needs of the children of Washington State.

WSPTA's priorities for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions:

1. [Funding McCleary](#)
2. [Create Positive School Climates Through Social Emotional Learning](#)
3. [Increasing Capital Funding](#)
4. [Increased Access to Higher Education](#)
5. [Breakfast After the Bell](#)

Also supported (listed alphabetically):

[Access, Equity & Opportunity for Students with Disabilities and Special Needs](#)

[Closing Opportunity Gaps](#)

[Equal Access for ELL Students](#)

[Family and Community Engagement](#)

[Inclusive Special Education](#)

[Playground Safety](#)

[Investing in Teacher Professional Learning \(CTWG Implementation\)](#)

[Regulating Child Restraint and Isolation in Schools](#)

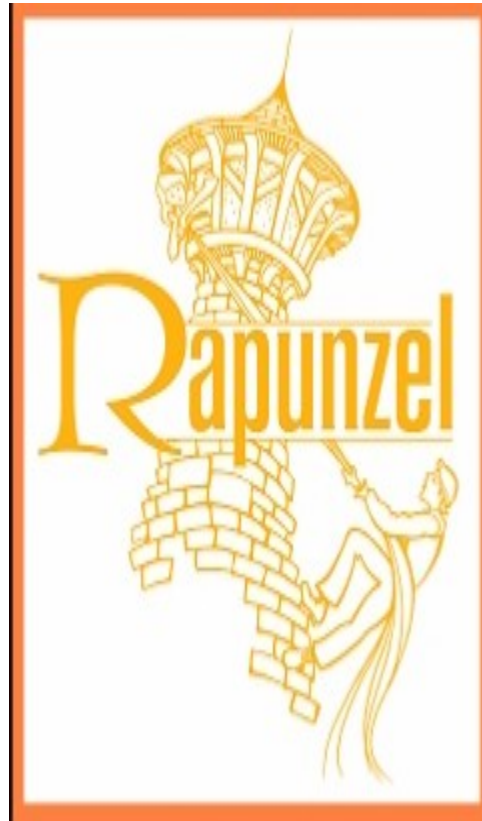
Join us for Focus Day, January 19, 2015!

The 2015-16 Washington State legislative session begins in January. Please join us on the steps of the capital in Olympia (bring your kids, this is a school holiday!) to encourage OUR state representatives to make education a top priority, and to provision adequate funding for basic education in the 2015-17 biennial budget.

Please reach out to Mindie Wirth mindiewirth@hotmail.com if you are considering attending or have a question. If we are able to get enough participants, Northshore Council will arrange for bus transportation. This is a fantastic opportunity to speak directly to lawmakers about the issues that matter most to you, and a great way to introduce our children to state government. Who could think of a better way to spend a non-school day with our kids?

SAVE THE DATE!

Canyon Creek PTA and Missoula Children's Theater will be bringing "Rapunzel" to Canyon Creek from 1/5/15 - 1/10/15.



50-60 Canyon Creek students in grades K-6 will be cast in the show!

Not your typical fairy tale, this musical tale of Rapunzel features Rapunzel herself along with ogres, wood elves, spies, and a myriad of fairy tale creatures in a wonderfully creative spin on this classic tale.

Auditions will take place after school in the gymnasium on Monday, January 5th from 3:20-5:20 p.m. Students cast must be available for rehearsals after school and in the evening during the week of January 5th, as well as the dress rehearsal and two performances on Saturday, January 10th at the Northshore Performing Arts Center.

More information as well as audition permission slips will be coming home with your child in late November/early December.

Howler Hoorays!



THANK YOU to **Miwako Farr** and **Robyn Martin** for working so hard to get all the new books ready for the bookroom and continuing to keep it organized for our teachers.

A **HUGE** thank you to **Misty Carter** and **Shea Johnson** for a fun science night!

THANKS to **Kyla Bovetz**, **Sarah Fernandez**, **Melissa Kline**, **Krise Swalom** and **Ashley Watts** for helping with the Box Tops/Labels contest. And a giant shout out to **Stacey Arnold**, **THANK YOU** for coordinating all our fundraising partnerships!

THANK YOU to our school nurse **Mrs. Z** and parent volunteers: **Susan Alderin**, **Melissa Arnold**, **Stacey Arnold**, **Brenda Garner**, **Anna Hebel**, **Anna Meyer**, **Moriah Quimby**, **Fatima Rasheed**, **Chitkalalalitha Seshasankaran**, **Karoline Simmons**, **Sarah Sloan**, **Tonia Wong** and **Liz Wright** who helped Vision and Hearing testing for K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th grades run so smoothly.



An Invitation to All Veterans in our Canyon Creek Community

The Canyon Creek students and staff are honored to invite all Veterans to a special assembly

Wednesday, November 12

1st Assembly from 12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

2nd Assembly from 2:00 – 2:40 p.m.

Doors will open at 12:30 for seating
in the Canyon Creek Elementary Gymnasium

We're on the Web! Find us here:

<http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

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Want to add something to the Howler?

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Catch up with the Northshore School District at:

www.nsd.org

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<http://www.wastatepta.org/>



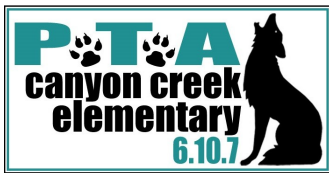
Seeking library helper's for the following classes:

Mrs. Krahn	Mrs. Miles
Mrs. Nakatsu	Mr. D'Entremont
Mr. Booth	Mrs. Larson
Mr. Brush	Mrs. Peterson

A great way to get to know the students in your child's class while helping our school!

Contact: lisa.chapman@usa.com

Fall Drive 2014



Our Voice, Our Vote

Membership Form

Canyon Creek PTA has confidential membership sponsorships available. If you would like your PTA membership to be sponsored, please return this form to the office at your convenience.

With a large membership, Canyon Creek PTA has a stronger voice and is better able to advocate for our students.

PTA Membership

Name:

Phone:

Email:

Zip Code:

Used to register PTA membership

Youngest Student's Name

Students Teacher

**Questions? Contact Colette Puoci at
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Thanks for your support!**



In order to improve the WSPTA's ability to achieve its mission and goals, the 2014-2015 WSPTA Bylaws Committee will solicit, consider and clarify the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws proposals from members and recommend bylaws for adoption by the membership during the April 15-17, 2015 WSPTA Convention.

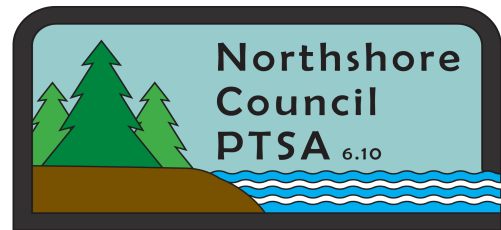
We intend that any and all changes meet one or more of the following criteria to be included in the draft bylaws. The proposed change should:

- help the WSPTA accomplish its mission and goals and/or
- enhance the reputation and/or stature of the WSPTA and/or
- improve services to our members and/or constituent organizations and/or
- enhance our ability to attract and retain members and/or
conserve resources (time, money, etc.)

To take the Bylaws Survey, [please click here.](#)

Your input is greatly appreciated!

Bylaws Survey Due Deadline – December 1



Membership Meeting

November 17th NSD Building, Ricketts Board Rm.

6:30-Meet and Greet

7:00pm Call to Order

Highlights:

- SEPAC-How YOU can include kids w/Special Needs into your School party planning
- YAY Membership! w/Cindy Jensen
- 2014-15 Legislative Update w/ Carrie McKenzie
- Reflections Update
- VP Open Election
- Much more