Coyote Howler Canyon Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter



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Upcoming Events

Thurs, 9/18, Skate Night Friday, 9/19 Popcorn Friday Wed, 10/1 Staff Appreciation Soup and Salad Friday, 10/3 WALK-A-THON Tues, 10/7 General Meeting

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Welcome back -

I hope you and your family had a fabulous first two weeks of school. I am very excited to be back in the swing of things. Since this is my first term as PTA President, I wanted to take a minute to introduce myself and tell you about upcoming events. My name is Melissa Kline and I have two sons at Canyon Creek this year, one first grader and one third grader. I am truly looking forward to working hard for our children and school.

Our biggest fundraiser event is approaching very quickly; it is our annual Walk-a-Thon on **Friday, October 3rd.** Get out your sneakers and help us raise money to support Canyon Creek staff and students! Our dollars raised go towards bringing fun family events (Science Night, Art Gala and NEW this year Family Fun Night) to our school, funding programs such as the art docent program, providing staff with enrichment opportunities, materials and so much more. We hope to contribute to some playground improvements this year in addition!

We would also love to see you at our first General PTA Meeting of the school year on **Tuesday October 7th**. Did you know we ONLY have 5 general meetings a year and we provide FREE childcare?

Finally, please remember to join the PTA! Our voice is important in this National organization, that advocates for children. Check out all of the great things going on at a national level at <u>http://www.pta.org/</u> or the state level at <u>http://www.wastatepta.org/</u>. Remember to stay up to date with our Canyon Creek PTA website <u>http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home</u> and "like" 'Canyon Creek PTA' on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta.

Sincerely, Melissa Kline President



A HUGE thanks to all who helped at the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social.

It was great to see our volunteers pull together and serve over 1000 bowls of ice cream!

We can only do this with our amazing volunteers who donate their time and/or items to the social which helps make it a great event for everyone.

Save the date!

First General PTA Meeting

Tuesday, October 7th

6:30-8:00 p.m. in the Library

Come hear Deputy Superintendent, Carolyn O' Keeffe address the progress/timelines on the new high school, grade reconfiguration, boundary adjustments and our enrollment mitigation strategies between now and 2017-18. We will also be voting on the budget and standing rules.

Free childcare will be provided by Champions in the cafeteria

Come kick off the year with us.

It will be a great evening!



NEW THIS YEAR



COYOTE window decals! Show your school spirit for only \$5.00 Please contact: Tonia Wong at <u>haystonia@hotmail.com</u> Or Melissa Arnold at paul.andmelis@frontier.com

Get yours today!



Volunteer Opportunities

The PTA is looking for a coordinator for the After School Homework Help program at the Willow Tree Grove Apartments (next to Safeway at Thrasher's Corner) for the 2014/2015 school year.

This person would oversee a group of volunteers consisting of parents, junior high students, high school students and members of the community who come in 3 times a week to tutor Canyon Creek students. The program, which will begin in October and run through May, is held on Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-5:00 and Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30 (except days without early dismissal).

If you are interested in volunteering for this program or want to get more information, please contact Paige Longdon at plongdon@frontier.com

| Parent liasions needed for the following teachers: | | |
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| McLain | Hodgson | |
| Krahn | Роре | |
| Nakatsu | D'Entremont | |
| Miller | Vancour | |
| Barham | Booth | |
| Larson | Baumgartner | |
| Brush | Vaughan | |
| Hemp | Romppanen | |
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The parent liaison is reponsible for forwarding emails to your classroom teacher to help keep them up to date on the events at the school and helping put together bingo baskets for your classroom once the donations come in.

If you are interested in helping, please contact Megan King at <u>705kings@gmail.com</u>



Library Volunteers Needed!

The Canyon Creek PTA coordinates parent volunteers for our school library. The volunteers assist the librarian during classroom visits to the library by checking books in and out and re-shelving books. This makes a big difference in the quality of teaching and attention the students receive while in the library.

Library volunteers make a 45 minute commitment every week or every other week, depending on your preference. It is a great way to get to know the students in your child's class while helping our school.

We still have many classes needing volunteers! Please email Lisa at <u>lisa.chapman@usa.com</u> to find out details regarding your child's class time and volunteers needed.

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers needed for Canyon Creek's Recess Running Club!!



Recess Running Club is a voluntary recess activity that students at Canyon Creek have the opportunity to participate in. Students run or walk around the perimeter of the dirt field (1/4 mile) during recess on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students have the opportunity to earn shoe tokens for miles they achieve. Last year over 700 students participated in running club and students ran 7,941 miles.

Volunteers will be needed to help monitor and record students' laps on Tuesdays and Thursdays, during recess from 11:20-12:55. Running Club will tentatively begin on Tuesday, September 23rd and will continue through the end of May.

If you are interested in periodically helping with running club please contact Megan Kearney (PE Teacher) at <u>mkearney@nsd.org</u> or (425) 408-5718

Our runners love seeing frequent volunteers, but any volunteer time commitment you are willing to offer is welcomed!

ART DOCENTS NEEDED!

Thanks to all of you who have already joined Canyon Creek's Art Docent Team this year. We are still looking for more parent volunteers to keep our program going strong. Volunteering to facilitate art projects is a great way to get into the classroom and support art in our schools. But <u>you don't</u> <u>have to be an artist or a teacher!</u> Art docents are given a handbook full of lessons, tips and guidelines to help you implement approximately one lesson per month. Plus, there are plenty of other resources, including the support of three coordinators, two trainings, and a myriad of experienced docents ready and willing to help. We welcome parents willing to be leaders as well as those more comfortable in a support capacity. If you'd like more information about our program or are ready to sign up, please contact us. Thank you!

Julie Archer-julie.archer@yahoo.comTess Davis-thetessaroo@yahoo.comJeana Schroeder-northwestjeana@hotmail.com





We will be conducting our 6th annual PTA sponsored Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser in partnership with Canyon Creek Elementary on **October 3rd**. The event will be conducted during the school day and all proceeds will be raised to support our PTA Gift to School fund and PTA operating budget. In order to ensure a fun and safe event for all students, we are making the call for volunteers. We will need people to help set up/tear down the course, count laps, tally laps, assemble t-shirts, distribute t-shirts and escort classes to the track, and count pledges post race.

If you are interested in volunteering please access the **VolunteerSpot** link below (either click or copy and paste link into your browser) and sign-up.

If you are unable to sign-up on line and would like to help, please contact Mary White at whiteme@comcast.net.

VolunteerSpot: http://vols.pt/27gt2P



Reminder:

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September 19th during lunch recess



Get legislative news and keep up on WSPTA's advocacy

through the **Grassroots Connection** blog.

You can sign up for email updates

on the blog site.

http://wsptagrassroots.blogspot.com/





School lunches create a lot of garbage. The average elementary student throws away 67 pounds of lunch waste each year.

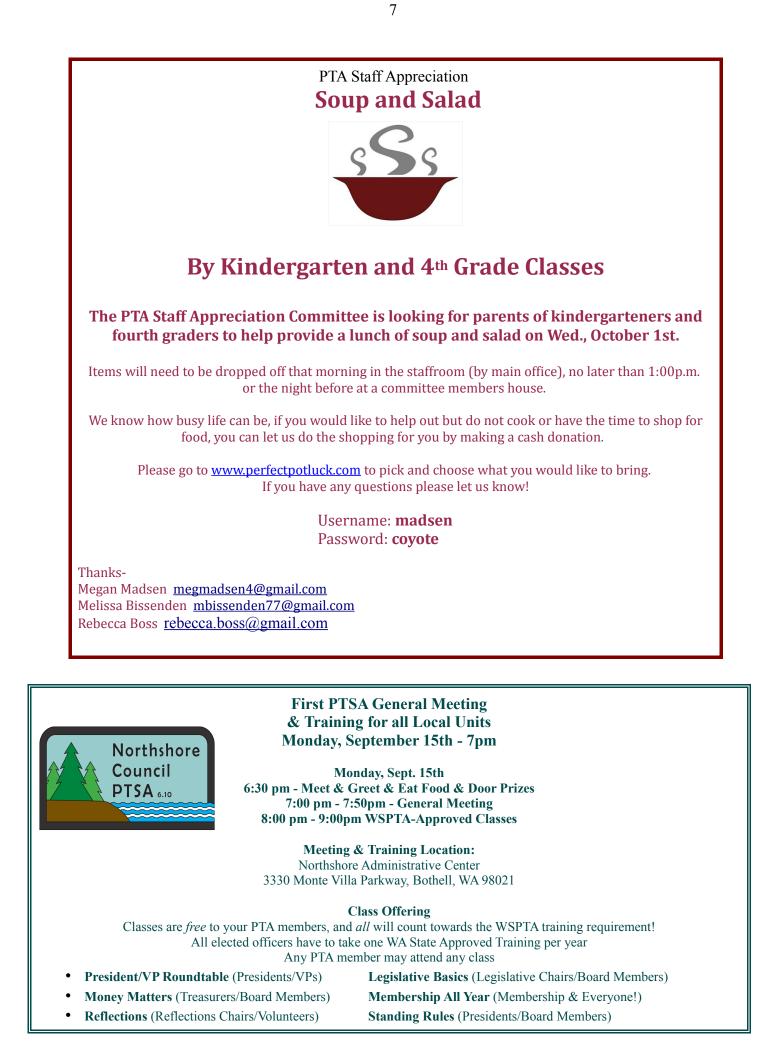
There's a better way! Taking your lunch in reusable containers reduces waste and encourages healthier lunches.

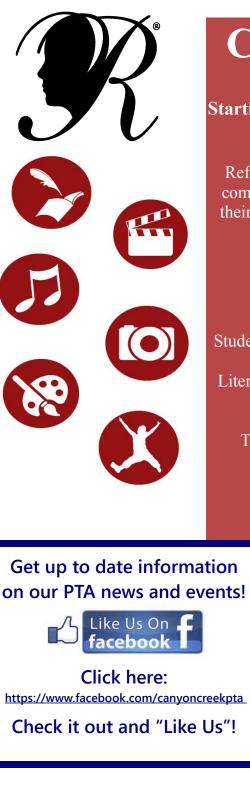
Waste Watchers is helping families make the switch to reusable's by offering a free lunch kit!

Ready to get your free lunch kit?

Become a Waste Watcher and take the pledge at:

http://getcartsmart.com/index.html







CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

Starting October 1st, Canyon Creek will be accepting entries to the Reflections art contest.

Reflections is a **National PTA** and **Washington State PTA** cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

The 2014-2015 Reflections theme is **The World Would be a Better Place if.....**

Students grades K-6 can use this theme as inspiration to create works of art in the following 6 categories: Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video and Choreography/Dance.

There is also a Special Artist Division for students with disabilities.

Only original works of art are accepted.

Entry forms and guidelines will be available soon. More info to come.

Any questions or comments, please email Krista Frederickson at <u>kristafred@gmail.com</u>

2014-15 PTA Membership Goals



100% Teacher Membership

430 Total Membership



Fall Membership Goal

Total Members as of Sept. 9th. 315



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 <u>www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards</u>. 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 <u>www.escrip.com</u> 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. <u>Click here to enroll</u>. 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 <u>participating</u> <u>products</u>. 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 <u>participating products</u> 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 <u>participating products</u> our school earns \$0.24.
- Want to earn a popcorn party for your class? October 13-17 we will be having our annual label collection contest. Turn in all Box Tops, Labels for Education and Tyson Project A+ labels. Be sure to send them to school in a Ziploc bag with your student's teacher name marked clearly.

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.



Hearing and Vision Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help with our annual Vision and Hearing Screening on Monday, Oct. 20th.

Volunteers are needed from 8:30am – 2pm, but we can make accommodations if you can't stay that long. No training is needed.

> You can sign up in the office or email either: Fatima Bhatti at <u>baby_abdulr@yahoo.com</u>

or

Mrs. Ziemkowski, school nurse at hziemkowski@nsd.org





Did you notice the new PTA banner at the ice cream social? Are you wondering what **6.10.7** stands for?

You have heard that a strong membership helps our voice at the PTA national level. What does that mean?

PTA is a truly grass works organization whose main focus is the local unit: OUR SCHOOL and OUR STUDENTS.

So, what does 6.10.7 stand for? Canyon Creek PTA is in the 6th PTA Region in Washington,

the 10th Council and we are the 7th unit.

The more members we have at the unit level the more votes we get at the state level.

Issues PTA has legislated on in the past include education funding, closing opportunity gaps and school start times.

We're looking for a strong membership this year, our goal is 430 members.

With your PTA membership you get a Canyon Creek student directory as well as voting rights at PTA meetings (meetings are open to non-members too).

Available through the <u>State</u> and <u>National PTA</u> websites, members have access to: Parental resources, teacher resources, a section on the new common core standards as well as other educational tools.

Some business also offer discounts to PTA members. Great Wolf Lodge is currently running a program through December.

We are looking forward to a fantastic school year. PTA offers so many programs for Canyon Creek students and your membership shows your support. If you haven't joined yet, now is the time!

Colette Puoci Membership Chair

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.

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

Lil Cougs Cheer Camp Saturday, October 4th

Open to all students K-6th.

Join the Bothell High Cheer Team for a fun filled day of cheer & dance, chants, motion and other cheerleading techniques.

Where: Bothell High School's Gym

Time: 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Cost: Pre-Registration by Sept. 29th \$45. After Sept. 29th and at the door, \$55

For more information email Tori Ehlert at jvcoachtori@gmail.com or call 425-298-4171





After school language classes available at Crystal Springs, Fernwood, Frank Love, Kenmore, Moorlands and Westhill elementary schools.

Email: info@fl4y.org

https://www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org/

Calling all first graders!

We have a local Daisy Troop that is just starting up and is looking for 4-5 girls that are interested.

We will have a family meeting on Sunday, September 28th at 11:30am to complete paperwork, registration and discuss meetings and volunteer opportunities.

Please contact Megan King if you are interested at <u>705kings@gmail.com</u>

Join Cub Scout Pack 66!

In the Canyon Creek/Kokanee Elementary areas

Cubs Scouts is for Boys in 1st-5th grades and their families.

For more information, please contact

Cindy Brown at 425-482-3066 or

cindy@chipandcindy.net

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The **PTA Family Reading Experience**, **Powered by Kindle** includes a set of free activities and tools in English and Spanish to organize events that engage the entire family in improving reading skills for students between kindergarten and fifth grade.

Take a digital tour of the program at:

http://www.pta.org/programs/content.cfm?ItemNumber=3563&navItemNumber=3668



Make your plans now to join us for Canyon Creek PTA's Fundraising Day at the Bothell Red Robin!

> When: Mon. Oct. 20, 4-9p.m Where: Bothell Red Robin 21215 Bothell-Everett Hwy

Come have a great meal and Red Robin will donate a portion of the proceeds to Canyon Creek PTA!

Remember to tell your server you are there to support Canyon Creek PTA by bringing this flyer!

Contact Stacey Arnold at

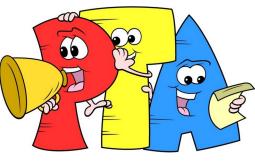
staceycsimon@hotmail.com with questions.

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Mark Your Calendar!

2014 – 2015 Key Advocacy Events

PTA Legislative Assembly Coffee with your Legislator Focus Day in Olympia 2015 PTA Convention October 24 – 25 Nov/Dec January 19 April 17 - 19



ADVOCACY

PTA Advocates for All Children

Did you know that PTA is the oldest and largest child advocacy organization in the country? Since inception in 1905, PTA has been a driving force behind the creation of kindergarten, hot lunch programs, universal immunizations in schools, early education (coining the phrase "preschool") and so much more. PTA advocates on behalf of all children on the important issues impacting education, health and safety.

Last year, your PTA came out in full force to advocate on 20 different bills covering topics such as extending foster care services, improving outcomes for homeless students, and increasing the credit hours needed to graduate high school from 19 to 24 so students can meet the minimum credits required by most universities and colleges.

PTA Advocacy can be as simple as being informed on the issues or expand to include attending/speaking at school board meetings, writing/meeting with your legislators, attending the PTA Focus Day Rally in Olympia in January, or testifying in front of the state legislature to put a face on important issues.

If you are interested in learning more about PTA Advocacy, contact Mindie Wirth at <u>mindiewirth@hotmail.com</u> to get connected.

Howler Hoorays!



A Giant THANK YOU to Krise Swallom for organizing our fabulous Ice Cream Social!

THANKS to our Staff Appreciation committee: Rebecca Boss, Megan Madsen and Melissa Bissenden for organizing coffee and treats for the first staff meeting and for the staff dinner before the Ice Cream Social.

Many **THANKS** to **Jodie McClure**, **Shea Johnson**, **Patricia McCormick**, **Lisa Ziz** and **Tonia Wong** for taking new families on tours. Many new families felt more at home with your efforts!

THANK YOU to those who helped make the Ice Cream Social a huge success:

Melissa Arnold, Melissa Kline, Chuck Arnold, Manisha Nitin, Mrs. Kearney, Mr. Maybery, Mrs. Fiser, Mark Daniel, Shannon Daniel, Joe Foti, Ms. Rice, Gretchen Slywka, Mrs. Ehlers, Alex Ehlers, Elizabeth Arnold, Dusty McClure, Jodie McClure, Matt Wright, Liz Wright, Ed Curci, Robert Olson, Keith Kline, Paige Longdon, Mallory Longdon, Katie Hunter, Karoline Simmons, Scott Simmons, Julie Archer, Monica Hubinette, Kym Hardan, Ms. Hall, Gina Fuqua, Rachel Thompson, Mrs. Kope, Tonia Wong, Josh Wong, Grace Laprease, Amber McAfee

THANK YOU to our amazing **teachers** and **staff** for getting ready for another great year with our children!



Canyon Creek has updated their PTA bulletin board

Look to the board outside of the office for PTA information, as well as teacher profiles (currently Mr. Misner and our new Asst Principal, Mrs. Hoeft) and student artwork.

We're on the Web! Find us here: http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home Like us on Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta Want to add something to the Howler? Contact: Karoline Simmons – Newsletter Editor karolinescott@yahoo.com Catch up with the Northshore School District at: www.nsd.org Follow Washington State PTA at: http://www.wastatepta.org/

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| PTA is OUR VOICE and OUR VOTE locally & nationally for our kids! PLEASE JOIN TODAY! | | | | |
| Membership is the heart of Canyon Creek PTA - we all make a difference! | | | | |
| anı | nual commitment to suppor | | | |
| Anyone can join the Canyon Creek PTA - parents of students, grandparents, neighbors & even out of state family can support our school through membership. | | | | |
| Canyon Creek PTA helped raise over \$50,000 last year! | | | | |
| Here are some of the programs we invested in: | | | | |
| ç | 55000 in Teacher Grants 52,610 for Assemblies 52,000 for Ukuleles 51,730 for New XC & Track Jerseys | \$1,695 for Running Club \$1,500 in Books for the Bookroom \$1,470 in Fieldtrips Grants \$1,280 towards Science | \$300 for the Playground \$330 for Dads and Donuts \$920 for Art: Most of the Art Docent program is funded by YOU! | |
| | To become a member, fill out the form and return to the office at your convenience. Please make checks payable to: CANYON CREEK PTA . Thanks for your support! | | | |
| Membership Type (circle one): Individual \$13.00 Family (two adults) \$21.00 | | | | |
| Name(s) | | | | |
| | | | (used for PTA meeting & event news) | |
| City | /Zip: | _ | | |
| Youngest Child's Name: Child's Teacher: | | | | |
| Questions? Contact Colette Puoci, Membership Chair, at 425-686-8103 or <u>puocimama@gmail.com</u> . (Your PTA Membership Card will be emailed to you. If you don't receive it within 2 weeks, please contact Colette.) | | | | |
| | SPONSORSHIP REQUESTS/ DONATIONS | | | |
| | Confidential sponsorship requested. 100% assistance or partial assistance \$(fill in amount) | | | |
| | □ I would like to sponsor a parent's membership \$(fill in the amount) | | | |
| | □ I would like to sponsor a teacher or staff's membership \$(fill in the amount) | | | |
| | □ I would like to make a donation to Canyon Creek PTA \$(fill in the amount) | | | |
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