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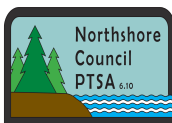
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Well we are in November, the month of Thanksgiving. I personally remind myself to be grateful for all my blessings.

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 deepest gratitude 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 17th at 6:30pm** in the CC library. Childcare will be provided by Champions. Our wonderful Canyon Creek Chorus will be performing. I hope to see you there!

Upcoming Events

- 11/13, Reflections Due
- 11/17, PTA General Meeting
- 11/30, Warm Clothes Drive Begins
- 12/11, Mom's & Muffins

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Sincerely
Melissa Kline
President



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

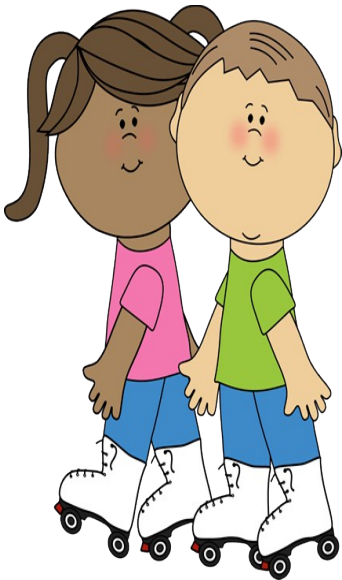
You can still enter the PTA's Reflections Art Contest.

This year's theme is: *Let Your Imagination Fly...*

Pick up entry forms and rules in the main office or ask your teacher.

All entries due by Friday, November 13th.

Watch the new video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8KjzPN4mTdE&feature=youtu.be>
email kristafred@gmail.com with any questions



Thank you everyone that was able to make it out to the **Fall Skate Party night!**

Such a fun night of skating, laughter, and fun prizes!

Also, a special thank you to Mr. Denton for coming out and joining us at raffle time!

Hope to see everyone again in the spring for another skate night party...stay tuned!



Were you not able to attend a General Meeting but what to stay in the know?

A current approved copy of our meeting minutes can be found on our PTA website:

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

Our Board Meeting minutes are posted on our website as well. For the most recent copy, click [here](#).

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



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

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Canyon Creek Elementary PTA Fall Fundraiser
7th Annual Walk-A-Thon
Post Event Results!

Thank you to all the **staff, parents, family members** and **students** who contributed to the success of this year's Walk-a-thon. Read on for the outstanding results!

Fun Facts:

- ✓ Number of students who walked: 711
- ✓ Number of staff who walked: 35
- ✓ Miles walked: 1744
- ✓ Total laps completed: 7,046
- ✓ Class who walked the most laps and was treated to a classroom celebration: **Mrs. Watson's 5th grade class who completed 272 laps.**
- ✓ Class who raised the most money and was treated to a class room celebration: **Mrs. Hodgson's 2nd grade class. They raised \$1432.00**
- ✓ Class who brought in the most non-perishable food donations and was treated to a classroom celebration: **Mr. D'Entremont's 4th grade class with 110.**
- ✓ Class who brought in the 2nd most non-perishable food donations and was treated to a classroom celebration: **Miss Baumgartner's 2nd grade class with 101.**
- ✓ Class who brought in the 3rd most non-perishable food donations and was treated to a classroom celebration: **Mr. Brush's 6th grade class with 98.**
- ✓ Classroom total for non-perishable food donations: **1953.** The donation was split between Northshore Community Kitchen and Maltby Food Bank! Way to go Canyon Creek!

And how did we do?

Between individual donations and corporate matching, we expect to make our \$26,000 goal!!!! The funds raised help to support our many PTA programs and events. These programs/events include:

- ***Replacement of 10+ year old track jerseys***
- ***Ukuleles***
- ***Granting of funds to set up and stock a book room benefiting all students***

Walk-A-Thon Post Event Results cont.

- **Art Docent & Science Programs**
- **Training and equipment for new PE program**
- **Staff Appreciation Events**
- **Student Directory**
- **Classroom Grants & Scholarships**
- **1st Grade Math Kits**
- **Online Reading Programs**
- **Assemblies**
- **Field Trips**
- **Funding of the PTA Operating Budget**
- **Science Night**
- **Playground Equipment**

Congratulations to our top prize winners!

1st Place – **Lindsey C.** (Mr. D'Entremont's 4th grade class) and **Sahan H.** (Mrs. Vancour's 4th grade class) and they shared the top two prizes receiving \$150.00 each.

3rd Place – **Caleb T.** in Mrs. Hodgson's 2nd grade class who received a check for \$75.00.

Congratulations to all other prize winners!

The student(s) in grade 1-3 who walked the most laps was **Koleman J.** and he was treated to lunch with Mr. Denton.

The student(s) in grade 4-6 who walked the most laps was **Jack M.** and he participated in being principal for part of a day.

The mystery participation prize of a Seahawk's t-shirt went to **Donovan H.** in Mrs. Farner's 3rd grade class.

\$25.00 Gift Card Winners

Landon C., Alexander C., Linnea H., Simon P., Chase K., Carter K., Piper L.

Menchie's Card Winners

Connor H., Wyatt H., Emma H., Ethan F., Avery F., Anna R., Faith F., Logan Z.

Tote Bag Winners

Duncan G., Abigail S., Sophia L., Connor R., Langston G., Amanda F., Ashlynn P., Mia F., Victoria T., Sai Keertana G., Ethan C., Jessica T., Katie W., Elijah P., Kiara T., Isaiah C., Cason F., Jack T., Jack J., Kayla H., Kyle K., Chelsea K., Skylar S., Abigail B., Josephine A., Riley S., Daniel S., Kelsey A., Chelsea Yabut., Jayden L., Anna D., Sadie W., Jack W., Melleny C., Brandon D., Henry B. Hayden C., Esme O., Claire B., Addison C., Netra A., Eva R., Jaxsen B., Gavin K., Kellen R., Nolan R., Gordon Z., Ryan H., Andrew C., Emmie P., Daniel M., Gwyneth S., David M., Zach B., Camden R., Jesse N., Bhutan L., Brandon O., James G., Derek H., Tyler E., Chloe V., Samantha V., Kumba J., Catherine X., Will R.

Water Bottles

Jonathan V., Nora H., Keith M., Elsa M., Julia S., Brody M., Skylar N., Lavin N., Camden L., Laina L., Peyton M., Addison W.

Walk-A-Thon Post Event Results cont.

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

Sophia L. for this year's t-shirt design.

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

Mrs. Kearney for lending her "crowd control" expertise in ensuring students didn't stampede the scanners!

Melissa Kline for being our PTA champion for the event.

Mr. Denton and Ms. Bradshaw for cheering us on and consenting to "meet the challenge" during Field Day if the students make the goal.

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

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!

Patricia McCormick for lending her Excel expertise which enabled us to have the smoothest Pledge counting night we have ever had!

Becky Trepp, Sarah Sloan and Robyn Mortensen for letting us "pass the torch" and for new ideas!

T-shirt Advertisers:

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Jumpin J's

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**Canyon Creek Family*

Walk-A-Thon Post Event Results cont.

Corporate Matching Sponsors

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

U.S. Bank
 Microsoft
 Boeing
 Choice Hotels International
 Kibble & Prentice

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, recording 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 grateful for each and every one of you!

Thanks for a great year! The time has come for Mary White and Julie Kerr to "Pass the Baton". Your 2016 fundraising team will be Becky Trepp, Sarah Sloan and Robyn Mortenson.

Thank you,
 Mary White & Julie Kerr
Fundraising Committee

Calling all Watch D.O.G.S!

Dads Of Great Students



Who are the D.O.G.S?

- Dads
- Grandpa
- Step-dads
- Or other
 father figures

We want you to be a Watch DOG for a day!

Please go to Canyon Creek Website to view the Watch Dog Calendar for available days.

<http://wwwnew.nsd.org/domain/4425>

Then contact Laurie Powers at lpowers2@nsd.org to sign up.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you passionate about our amazing school?
Do you like to talk to people?

Bingo is looking for additional people to approach local businesses and help secure some amazing prizes for our silent auction portion of Bingo night. This can involve writing letters, making phone calls, or even visiting the business directly.

We would love to talk to you if you want to help!

Please contact:

Brandi (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com) or Hannah (hannah@hurey.com) to volunteer.

Classroom Volunteers Needed!

We would like each class to have a parent volunteer to act as the class Bingo Coordinator. This person would assist with gathering the class donations and then helping put the baskets together with the Bingo committee sometime in February.

If you would like to volunteer as your child's classroom coordinator, please contact

Brandi (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com) or Hannah (hannah@hurey.com) with your name, child's grade, and teacher.

We look forward to working with you on a fabulous bingo night!

The class themes we currently have are:

- 1st grade - Indoor Fun
- 2nd grade - Sports
- 3rd grade - Foodie
- 4th grade - Outdoor Fun
- 5th grade - Around Washington
- 6th grade - Local Sports Teams

** More details regarding these themes to be released later.



Questions, comments or interest in volunteering for Canyon Creek PTA events? Click [here](#) for a list of our committee chairs with contact information.





BOXTOPS AND LABELS FOR EDUCATION



The Fall Boxtops and Labels For Education collection week was a huge success.

- **\$1055 was raised for Canyon Creek from 10,550 Boxtops!**
- **3093 points for Labels for Education were earned.**
- **Mr. Brush's class brought in the most Boxtops and Labels with 947. Ms. Nuss's class had 605 and Ms. Hodgson had 575. Mr. Brush's class was treated to freeze pops.**

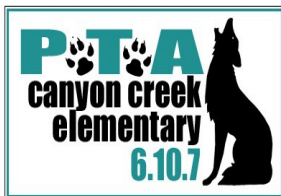
A big **thank you** to the following parents for helping to count and tally the labels- **Melisa Charlton, Suzanna Yarbrough, Lisa Villasenor, Nayana Vaghela and Julie Kerr.**

The next competition is early February. Start collecting now! We are well on our way to reaching a goal of \$1500.



GOLDFISH UPC codes are included in the Labels for Education program even though some UPC codes don't list Label for Education. So cut out the entire UPC barcode on all GOLDFISH bags (including individual snack size bags) and start saving them.

If you have any questions contact Karen Cohen PTA Boxtops Chair at karenjeffc@yahoo.com.



Thank you to our **397** members who have joined PTA!

Our high membership numbers allows us to better advocate for our particular needs at the state level.

Stay informed!

Interested in knowing what is happening with PTA in our State?

Follow this link:

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

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Warm Clothing Drive!

When: November 30th - December 11th

What: Coats, sweaters, hats, scarves, gloves, boots, etc.

(New or gently used, Sizes 5T-Adult)

For who: Threads & Treads

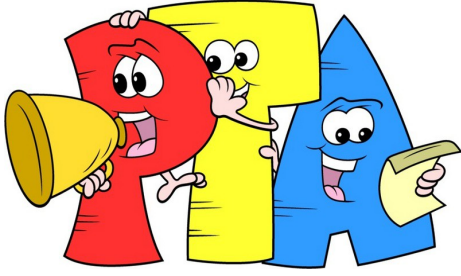
A free clothing bank for Northshore School District Families

Threads & Treads provides Northshore families free, quality donated clothing for school age youth, teens, young adults and parents. All Northshore families in need of clothing assistance are welcome to shop each month for three outfits.

Location: Canyon Park Junior High

Go to www.nsd.org/threads&treads for more information.

Questions? Contact Chrissy Baumgartner
cbaumgartner@nsd.org



Advocacy

Legislative Assembly Recap – The Washington State Parent Teacher Association held its’ 37th Annual Legislative Assembly October 24th in Olympia, Washington. There, Mindie Wirth and Colette Puoci joined other delegates from across the state to learn about progress related to the WSPTA “Top 5” priorities as well as debate and vote on new issues 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.

As a whole child advocacy association, the priority issues represent health, well-being and educational needs of the children of Washington State.

WSPTA’s “Top 5” 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**

2015-16 NEW Legislative Issues

Issue #1: Improving Education Outcomes for Foster Children

Issue #2: Career Development and Training for Paraeducators

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

COMMUNITY



Northshore Girls Slowpitch
Softball Association
<http://ngssa.org>

Join the Fun!

Northshore Girls Slowpitch Softball
2016 Registration Open!

Registration enrollment open October through February for all girls grades 1-12.

For additional information and to register, contact NGSSA by visiting online at:
<http://www.ngssa.org/registration>



We invite you to visit our one and only Scholastic Book Fair for this 2015-2016 school year 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: November 30th-December 4th

Shopping Hours: Before School 8:00-8:30am, After School Mon, Tu, and Th 3:00-3:30pm.
Wed 1:30-2:00pm and DAILY during your student's scheduled classroom library time

Special Event: Family Night – Tuesday, December 1st 5:00-8:00pm

If you're all booked up during Book Fair Week be sure to visit the Book Fair online at:
<http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/canyoncreekelementary> Our online Fair is available for and extended time from November 21st – December 9th. Free shipping to the school.
Great for those holiday gifts!



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.



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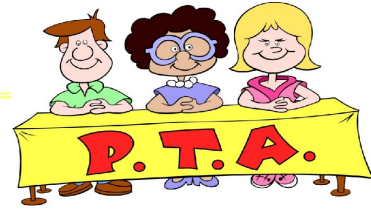
Catch up with the Northshore School District at:

www.nsd.org

Follow Washington State PTA at:

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

Member's Corner



Perks of the Pack

Canyon Creek PTA members are members of a State and National association. Several of the benefits of being a PTA member are listed below. Be sure to take advantage of your Pack Perks as well as other resources available to PTA members.

If you need help accessing these discounts and resources visit [WASatePTAperks](#) , [NationalPTAperks](#) or email your membership team at canyoncreekptamembership@gmail.com

State PTA Value & Benefits

With more than 132,000 members, Washington State PTA is the largest volunteer association dedicated to the education, health, welfare, safety of all children in Washington State. When you join PTA, you support local, state and national efforts to improve the lives of children and their families.

2015-16 Member Benefits and Discounts

Member benefits are available to all WSPTA members. Have your electronic member card available when taking advantage of benefits.

FedEx Office

Local PTA's and individual members can receive B&W copies at 4¢ each (single sided), color copies at 39¢ each (single sided), and 15% off all other production services. Members can use these special rates for all printing needs. Great Wolf Lodge [Through December 31, 2015](#)

PTA members can save up to 20% on available rates now - December 31! Upon check in, please provide your valid PTA member card.

Key Arena/McCaw Hall

Get priority access to some of the best sports and entertainment in Seattle! From discounted tickets to a family event or a private suite for your friends, Key Arena/McCaw Hall has what you are looking for!

Xfinity Arena at Everett

Disney on Ice: Frozen [November 18-21, 2015](#)

Disney Live! Mickey and Minnie's Doorway to Magic [January 17, 2016](#)

Harlem Globetrotters [February 14, 2016](#)

National PTA

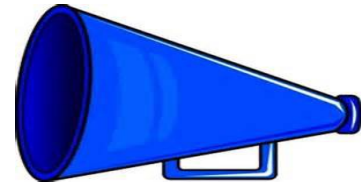
Save Money with Member Benefits Providers

National PTA teams up with businesses committed to supporting PTA's mission of serving all children by offering our members special discounts, fundraising opportunities and other unique deals. Click on the links below to learn more about these companies and to access benefits available to PTA members.

Colette Puoci

Membership Chair

Howler Hoorays!



HOORAY to all the volunteers who helped with Hearing and Vision Screenings: **Susan Alderin, Brenda Garner, Katie Hunter, Hannah Hurey, Michelle Moody, Jason Moon, Laurel Poertner, Chitkala Serharonkaran, Becky Trepp and Tonia Wong.** We couldn't have done it without you! And a **special thanks** to our school nurse, **Mrs. Ziemkowski** who manages to pull it all together.

PTA Family Science Night

THANK YOU!

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make science night a great success!

THANK YOU: Lindsay Hoelscher, Steve Dill, Laura Romanschi, Hannah Tran, Elesha Ostrander, Bob Pouchanan, Cesar Omiste, Shea Johnson, Mary White, Heather Douagpanya, Jessica Malm, Babu Chandra, Minita Loyal, Carri Patterson, Joanne Burkett, Stacey Arnold, Maria DeJesus, Dujatha Prabhu, Babu Chandra, Stephanie Simmons, Nicole Trimble.



Moms & Muffins



When: Friday, December 11

Time: 8:00-8:35 am

Where: Canyon Creek Cafeteria

Calling all Moms! Your Canyon Creek PTA invites you to accompany your student to school and enjoy a muffin together.

Look for an RSVP form to come home with your student in early December!

Volunteers needed for set up (7:30–8:00) and to help serve muffins (8:00-8:40). Contact Mary White if you are interested at whiteme@comcast.net

We are a Grateful Pack



Thank you to all those who have already joined Canyon Creek PTA! We are grateful for your support and are excited for the 2015-16 school year.

You can help us grow by adding a member!

If you've joined as an individual member you can add an additional adult membership for \$8. Add a spouse, grandparent, aunt or uncle. Anyone can be a PTA member. Even out of town family members can show their support for your student.

Questions? Contact the membership team at canyoncreekptamembership@gmail.com

Membership Type (circle one):

(Re) New this year **Individual (\$)**13.00 **Family (two adults) (\$)**21.00

Name(s): _____

Phone: _____ Email(s): _____

(used for PTA meeting & event news)

City: _____ Zip: _____

Youngest Student's Name: _____ Teacher: _____

(Your PTA Membership Card will be emailed to you. If you don't receive it within 2 weeks, please contact puocimama@gmail.com.)

Add a member for (\$)**8.00**

Current Member's Name: _____

New Member's Name: _____

New Member's Email (optional) _____

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