

# Coyote Howler Canyon Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter

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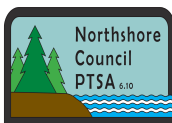
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## Upcoming Events

- 9/18, Popcorn Friday
- 10/2, Walk-a-Thon
- 10/6, PTA General Meeting
- 10/13, Fall Skate Party

## Welcome back to school!

I hope you and your family had a fabulous first two weeks. I am very excited to be back in the swing of things. It was great to see so many faces at the Welcome Back Ice Cream Social. Thanks to everyone that made that a successful event!

This is my second term as PTA President and 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 2nd**. 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 Dads and Donuts) to our school, funding programs such as the art docent program, running club, providing staff with enrichment opportunities and materials and so much more.

We would also love to see you at our first General PTA Meeting of the school year on **Tuesday October 6th**. 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 [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) or the state level at [www.wapta.org](http://www.wapta.org). And don't forget to keep up with our Canyon Creek PTA [www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com](http://www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com) and "like" 'Canyon Creek PTA' on Facebook.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Kline  
PTA President

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**Thanks to all our volunteers for helping with this years "Back to School Ice Cream Social", it was such a great success!**

**Without you, it wouldn't have turned out as great as it did. Having you, your kids, your spouses, or your parents, made it really fun and community oriented. Whether you were behind the scenes, helped with planning, or helped the day of, I wanted to thank each and every one of you!**

**Thank You...**

**Melissa Arnold, Elizabeth Arnold, Stacy Arnold, Melissa Barton, Joanne Burkett, Matthew Burkett, Kate Bradshaw, Misty Carter, Austen Carter, Lisa Chapman, Karen Cohen, Shannon Daniel, Bruce Denton, Kathleen Dunn, Ainsley Fuqua, Pam Green, Sue Hanson, Vicky Holmes, Hannah Hurey, Shea Johnson, Gwen Johnson, Leila Johnson, Megan Kearney, Julie Kerr, Melissa Kline, Grace LaPrease, Mallory Longdon, Paige Longdon, Mark Mayberry, Jodie McClure, Dusty McClure, Robert Olson, Amber Powers, Brooke Powers, Colette Puoci, Annabelle Puoci, Juliette Puoci, Tabita Regus, Makenna Relkoff, Rebecca Rice, Krise Swallow, Ewa Swiatek, Aleksandra Swiatek, Amin Taheri, Kaitlin Vagt (Her Parents Alan and Connie), Sheryl Valentine, Trina Wagar, Erica Wark, Mary White, and Tonia Wong!**

**There were so many that came and helped the day of and I want you to know it was appreciated. It was great to meet many of you for the first time and to also see the faces that I have known. I can't wait to do it again next year! If anyone had students that need volunteer hours signed off on, please email me.**

**Thank you again for making this event such a success!**

**Sincerely,  
Barbara Taheri (aka Barby)  
[parents@taheri.email](mailto:parents@taheri.email)**



**PTA General Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**6:30-8 pm**

**in the Library**

# Canyon Creek Elementary & PTA Sponsored Walk-A-Thon - October 2, 2015 Call for Volunteers

We will be conducting our 7th annual PTA sponsored Walk-A-Thon Fundraiser in partnership with Canyon Creek Elementary on **October 2**.

The event will be conducted during the school day and all proceeds raised will go towards supporting 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, collect running club cards, scan laps, assemble t-shirts, distribute t-shirts and escort classes to and from 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](mailto:whiteme@comcast.net).

<http://vols.pt/27gt2P>



**Every Kid in a Park**

A new initiative to get all 4th graders and their families to experience the places that are home to our country's natural treasures, rich history, and vibrant culture **FREE OF CHARGE!**

Access your own Every Kid in a Park pass now. This pass will give you free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and more!

**The Every Kid in a Park pass is available in the 2015-2016 school year for 4<sup>th</sup> graders.**

For more information click [here](#).



## Thank you to those who were involved in Community Serve Day here at Canyon Creek on Sunday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Below is a snapshot of just a few cool parts of CSD:

**2,024 volunteers served...many for more than the allotted 4hrs.**

- That's well over 8,000 "man hours" of work
- That's equivalent to what 4 full-time employees would accomplish in 52 weeks
- 216 Teachers were served
- 17 schools served within NSD
- All schools had more than 100 volunteers (excepts a couple that asked to cap lower)
- More than 1,000 yards of mulch was spread
- Projects included:
  - Painting
    - Portables
    - Classrooms
    - Benches/Fences/Gates, etc
    - Interior & Exterior Doors
    - Signs
    - Curb Lines
    - Playground Maps
  - Landscaping
    - Pruning
    - Planting
    - Mulch (1,000+ yards)
    - Play Chips
  - Pressure Washing
  - Serving Teachers & Classroom Organization
  - Making 2400 lunches for all the volunteers...which was done by volunteers

**It was such a great opportunity for people to connect & serve our community!**

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

Recess Running Club is a voluntary recess activity for students at Canyon Creek. Students run or walk around the perimeter of the dirt field (¼ mile) during recess on Tuesdays. Students have the opportunity to earn shoe tokens for miles they achieve. Volunteers will be needed to help monitor and record students' laps on Tuesdays, during recess from 11:20-1:20. Running Club will tentatively begin on Tuesday, October 6th and will continue through the end of May. If you are interested in periodically helping with running club please contact Megan Kearney or Erica Wark. Our runners love seeing frequent volunteers, but any volunteer time commitment you are willing to offer is welcomed!

[mkearney@nsd.org](mailto:mkearney@nsd.org)

[ewark@nsd.org](mailto:ewark@nsd.org)



## Library Volunteers Needed!

Known as a wonderful volunteer experience  
Perfect for Parents & Grandparents.

Enjoy quality time with your child's class.

visit: [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com)

- Locate 'Find a Sign Up' in top right corner.
- - Search by Email: [lisa.chapman@usa.com](mailto:lisa.chapman@usa.com)
- View your child's class day/times and pick your preferred weeks.

## ART VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thanks to all of you who have already joined Canyon Creek's Art Docent (Volunteer) Team this year. We still need more parent volunteers to keep our program going strong. Volunteering to teach art is a great way to get into the classroom and support art in our schools. But YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ARTIST OR A TEACHER!!! Art docents are given a handbook full of lessons, guidelines and tips to help implement approximately one lesson per month. Plus, there are plenty of other resources, including the support of three coordinators and a myriad of experienced docents ready and willing to help. If you'd like more information about our program or are ready to sign up, please contact us. Thank you!

Julie Archer

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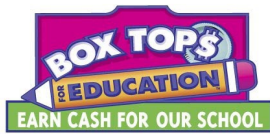
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## Get Ready, Get Set, Go Get Those Labels!!

The first label contest of the 2015-2016 school year, sponsored by the Canyon Creek PTA, will be held Oct 5<sup>th</sup> - Oct 9<sup>th</sup>. The top class with the most labels will win a freeze pop party (subject to approval by the teacher)! Last year Canyon Creek raised over \$1400 with the Box Tops program. Our goal this year is to exceed \$1500. Some of the points earned from the Labels for Education program last year were used to purchase new playground equipment.

Ask your Parents, Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles to start saving those labels and you can help earn money for our school! Box Tops can be found on dozens of brand names including General Mills cereals, Pillsbury, Nature Valley, Progresso, Fiber One and Kleenex to name a few. Labels for Education can be found on Bic, Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghettios, Swanson and V8 products.

Please turn in all trimmed Box Tops, Labels for Education (with bar code showing) and Tyson Project A+ labels into the front office or your teacher. Place them in a Ziploc bag with your teacher's name clearly marked in order to be counted.

Expired Box Tops and Labels for Education with less than half the bar code will not be counted.

Any parent who wishes to help count submittals can contact PTA Box Tops Chair Karen Cohen at [karenjffc@yahoo.com](mailto:karenjffc@yahoo.com).

We will be doing annual Vision and Hearing screenings on

Monday, October 19th, 2015.

As in past years, we do rely on the assistance of parent volunteers to work with our health screening team. There are a variety of important jobs that parents do, including assisting the team with the screenings, record keeping and "crowd control". No training is needed.

We need volunteers from 8:30 a.m. - 2 pm. To volunteer, please email Fatima Bhatti at [baby\\_abdulr@yahoo.com](mailto:baby_abdulr@yahoo.com).



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



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

Check it out and "Like Us"!



## Spirit Wear!

Order your Spirit Wear for the 2015-2016 school year.

**NEW** this year we are offering **TRACK SHIRTS** (water-wicking poly-blend material), youth **TALL SOCKS**, and **WATER BOTTLES**. All shirts and sweatshirts are charcoal grey featuring our new logo in turquoise. Tall socks are black with turquoise paw prints. Water bottles are black with turquoise logo.

If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Barbara Hawksworth at [barbarahawksworth@gmail.com](mailto:barbarahawksworth@gmail.com).

Order forms were sent home in Monday envelopes, but are also available in the office or via email.

**Orders must be received by Friday, Sept. 18th, 2015.**

THANK YOU for supporting our school!

## Watch D.O.G.S

Who are the

**D.O.G.S?**

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

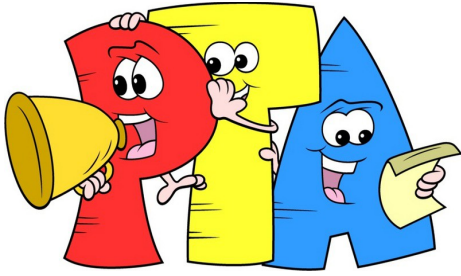
**Dads of Great Students**



**Watch  
D.O.G.S.  
Training:  
Tuesday,  
October 6<sup>th</sup> 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 to view open dates: <http://wwwnew.nsd.org/domain/4425> and email Laurie Powers.
- 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 Laurie Powers at [lpowers2@nsd.org](mailto:lpowers2@nsd.org) with questions or to sign up for a day.



## 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 many different bills covering topics such as funding McCleary, supporting social & emotional learning, increasing capital funding, increasing access to higher education and supporting breakfast after the bell. Click [here](#) to see the full list and descriptions for the 2015-16 Washington State PTA Top 5 legislative priorities.

PTA Advocacy can be as simple as being informed on the issues or expanded to include attending/speaking at school board meetings, writing/meeting with your legislators, attending the PTA Focus Day Rally in Olympia in February, 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 [mindiewirth@hotmail.com](mailto:mindiewirth@hotmail.com) to get connected.

### 2015 – 2016 Key Advocacy Events

Northshore School Board Candidate Forum	October 5
Deadline to register to vote online & by mail	October 5
PTA Legislative Assembly in Olympia	October 24
Deadline to register to vote in person	October 26
General Elections	November 3
Focus Day in Olympia	February 3

### Get out the vote!

While many associate voting only with the large, national campaigns; it is just as important to be informed and remember to vote in the local (and often out of cycle) elections! This fall registered residents in our district will have the opportunity to vote for two new School Board members. Please take the time to learn about all of the candidates running in this election, attend the candidate forum hosted by Northshore Council PTSA on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and if you are not registered to vote – do so now! Click [here](#) to register online.





## 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](http://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](http://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](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](mailto:staceycsimon@hotmail.com).



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[www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org)

**Follow Washington State PTA at:**

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



## Member's Corner

For those who have already joined, you will be receiving an email from WA State PTA in the next couple of weeks. Look for your electronic membership cards and visit [http://www.wastatepta.org/member/value\\_benefit/value\\_benefit.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/member/value_benefit/value_benefit.html) to see what benefits you can access.

We are looking forward to a great school year.

Your Membership Team,  
Renee Axtell, Colette Puoci & Tonia Wong

**Canyon Creek PTA helped raise more than \$50,000 last year.**

**Here is a list of grants awarded as well as some of the programs we spent it on.**

\$2200 for a 2 year trial of Pebble to Go database for librarians and teachers for non-fiction books/research  
 \$1600 for a new laminator  
 \$600 for razkids.com - an online reading subscription for all of 3rd grade  
 \$2100 in online and magazine subscriptions for the entire 4th grade  
 \$750 on 1st grade math manipulatives  
 \$1200 to support writing curriculum for the learning center  
 \$8000 for books & take home book kits for levels A-H  
 \$2400 for standing desk conversion kits  
 \$2600 on special training and equipment for new PE curriculum  
 \$400 for social emotional learning books

Washington State  
**PTA**<sup>®</sup>  
 everychild.one voice.<sup>®</sup>

### MEMBER BENEFITS

*Member benefits are available to all WSPTA members.*

*Have your electronic member card available when taking advantage of benefits.*

#### **FedEx Office**

Local PTAs and individual members can receive B&W copies at .04 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. [Click here for the flier.](#)

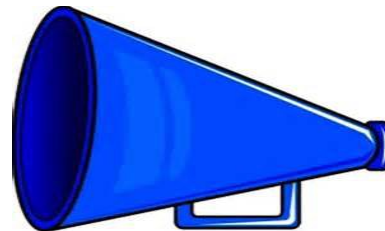
#### **\*NEW\* KeyArena/McCaw Hall**

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! Visit the WSPTA designated [ticket page](#) for more information or [download the flier.](#)

#### **\*NEW\* Washington State Fair**

WSPTA members can begin purchasing discounted tickets to the Washington State Fair through a custom portal. Save up to 49% on tickets to the Washington State Fair, September 11-27 and #PARTYBIGWA with tons of free entertainment, concerts, fabulous fair food, animals, and much more! [Click here](#) for more information and promotion code.

# Howler Hoorays!



A **HUGE HOORAY** to **Jodie McClure** for designing our new spirit wear logo and to **Tonia Wong** for working all summer on getting new spirit wear items.

**THANK YOU** to **Barby Taheri** for organizing our fun and successful Welcome Back Ice Cream Social.

**HOORAY** for **Brandi Lacombe, Julie Kerr, Mary White, Melissa Arnold, Amber McAfee, Jodie McClure, Gretchen Slywka, Liz Wright, Krise Swallom, Sarah Sloan, Margaret Covey, Krista Fredrickson and Barby Taheri** for helping new families either by giving tours or helping them find classrooms on the first day. **We appreciate you!**

**THANKS** to **Melissa Arnold, Julie Boyd, Julie Kerr, Karoline Simmons, Gretchen Slywka and Tonia Wong** for helping to make picture day run smoothly.

## *Canyon Creek PTA Fall Skating Party!*

All Canyon Creek Students & Families Are Invited!

WHEN: Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: Everett Skate Deck – 9700 19<sup>th</sup> AVE SE Everett, WA  
(See [www.everettskatedeck.com](http://www.everettskatedeck.com) for directions) (425)337-0202

COST: **\$5 per person**, includes admission and skate rental  
Extra charge of \$1 for inline skate rental  
No charge for non-skating adults

All skating students will be entered into a raffle during skate night for a chance to win fun prizes!

This is a PTA sponsored event for Canyon Creek students and their families.

Children **MUST** be accompanied by an adult who will remain **ON PREMISES** at **ALL** times.

Questions: Please call Barby Taheri at 425-256-1591



**POPCORN  
FRIDAY!**

September 18<sup>th</sup>

**DURING LUNCH  
RECESS**





## HAVE YOU JOINED THE PACK?



*We are well on our way to our goal of 520 members!*

*45 Members signed up BEFORE the ice-cream social and over 200 more the first week of school.*

*Thanks to everyone who has already joined the pack with a special "Thank you!" to those who contributed in sponsoring teacher and family memberships.*

*Anyone can be a PTA member of Canyon Creek - it is not just limited to parents of students or folks planning on volunteering with PTA events.*

*Membership is the heart of Canyon Creek PTA and we all make a difference.*

PTA members vote on the programs we support and how we spend money raised throughout the year. To become a member, fill out the form and return to the office at your convenience. Checks payable to Canyon Creek PTA.

Questions? Contact Colette Puoci, Membership Chair, at 425-686-8103 or [puocimama@gmail.com](mailto:puocimama@gmail.com).



You can return this form anytime to your student's teacher or the front office of Canyon Creek

Membership Type (circle one):      **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](mailto:puocimama@gmail.com).)

### 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)

Canyon Creek Elementary is non-profit and all donations are tax deductible.