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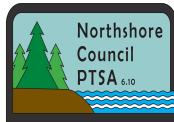
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Greetings!

I wanted to take a moment to let you all know PTA wants to hear from you. We welcome feedback anytime and through a variety of ways, email to me or any executive board member, the PTA box in the office or even a phone call.

Upcoming Events

2/23-24, Uncle Peteza's Fundraising Event

2/24, Hour of Code Event

3/4, BINGO Night

We missed you at the January General Meeting. School Board Director, Sandy Hayes gave a great presentation on education policy from all levels from federal to the local level. She also mentioned that she welcomes parents, teachers and community feedback anytime. Please visit the Northshore School District website under school board for contact information, meeting minutes and even videos of the meetings.

We have the nominating committee working very hard right now to recruit some new leadership for next school year. Please check the information below. We may also have chair positions open in the coming months. (Please see flyer on page 7 of this newsletter.)

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Sincerely
Melissa Kline
President



CANYON CREEK ELEMENTARY OPEN GYM AT NORTHSORE GYMNASTICS CENTER!

Monday February 15th from 11:00AM - 12:00PM

19460 144th Ave NE
Woodinville, WA. 98021
425-402-6602

Looking for something to do over midwinter break? Come enjoy a morning of jumping on trampolines, bouncing on spring boards, swinging on rope swings, and much more! This low cost event is only \$5 per child and all proceeds will go to Canyon Creek Elementary PTA! This event is offered to children ages 1-18 years old. Any children under the age of 4 must have an adult accompany them on the floor at all times.

Due to safety reasons this event is limited to the first 50 children – please RSVP at staceycsimon@hotmail.com by Thursday February 11th.

Fundraising event at Uncle Peteza's!

**February 23rd and 24th
4pm to 9pm**



**Uncle Peteza's
24118 Bothell-Everett Hwy
(two blocks south of Country Village)**

Come join us for a great meal February 23rd and 24th and Uncle Peteza's will donate 20% of the proceeds (excluding alcohol purchases) to Canyon Creek PTA!

Dine In or Carry Out!



**Wednesday, February 24, 2016
7- 8 PM**

PTA is sponsoring an Hour of Code Event!

Hour of Code is a one hour event where kids of all ages can participate through tutorials to learn just one hour of code.

Coding basics help nurture creativity and problem solving skills.
LIMITED SEAT AVAILABILITY!

Please sign up at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/hour-of-code-tickets-20642731967>
Password to sign up: coyote

For questions contact: Patty Buchanan pbuchana8@gmail.com

If you would like to volunteer to help the kids during the event or monitor the school laptops, please sign up at: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/MQOBM>



TROPICAL BINGO FUN NIGHT



Canyon Creek PTA's Tropical Bingo Fun Night is coming soon! This year's event is Friday March 4th at 6pm at BHS Cafeteria. We will have great raffle items, silent auction, bingo baskets, concessions and a food drive for the Maltby Food Bank.

Don't forget to wear your favorite tropical attire!

Preorder forms and classroom Bingo basket information were sent home Feb 8th. **SPACE IS LIMITED!** **All basket donations are due to classrooms by Feb 24th** and preorder forms are accepted until February 26th. (Unless we reach 500 before then). If you have any questions please contact Brandi LaCombe (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com) or Hannah Hurey (hannah@hurey.com).

Preorder forms can be found [here](#) on our PTA website.



Local PTA Unit Award Nomination Form 2015-2016

WHAT INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER AWARDS ARE GIVEN FOR THE LOCAL PTA UNIT?

- **Golden Acorn Award:** Recognizes an individual volunteer who has given outstanding volunteer service to all children in the school community. This acknowledges service by an individual "above and beyond" a particular job description.
- **Outstanding Educator Award:** Recognizes an individual educator who goes beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging for students.
- **Outstanding Advocate Award:** Recognizes an individual for continued and dedicated service to all children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.
- **Lifetime Membership Award:** The purpose of the Honorary Lifetime Membership award is to recognize an individual who has contributed significantly to a PTA at the local unit, council, or state level. This award can be given by a PTA unit, council, or region.
- **Awards Committee Members:** Mary White(chair), Jodie McClure, Dixie Burdon, Mark Mayberry, Susan Nakatsu, Kathleen Dunn, Melissa Arnold and Tess Davis

HOW DO I NOMINATE SOMEONE FOR AN AWARD?

In order to nominate an individual, please answer the questions below and submit this form to the PTA box in the main office **ATTN: Mary White**. Forms can also be emailed to Mary White at whiteme@comcast.net. All nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and are **confidential**. Questions? Contact Mary White at the email address listed above. Deadline for nominations is **April 4**.

Which award are you nominating this person for? _____

Name of Nominee: _____

Would you like to notify the individual of this award? _____

Is this person a school teacher, staff, volunteer, and/or parent? _____

Please describe the reason(s) you believe this individual should be awarded this award:

Congratulations to the students and staff for their outstanding achievement in participating in the PTA's Reading Snowball Challenge!



The challenge lasted the entire month of January with a goal of encouraging reading and promoting literacy. Students in all grades earned a "snowball" by completing 30 minutes of reading. At the end of the Challenge, Canyon Creek students had turned in 5,856 snowballs. This accounts for 2,928 hours of reading...or 122 DAYS!

Each grade had a winning classroom which earned a special bookmark for students (which were specially illustrated by Jeana Schroeder...Thank You!) and classroom dollars towards the purchase of new books.

A full spreadsheet of the winning classrooms and overall final tallies can be found on the PTA bulletin board. Great Job to All!

The Glow Dance on January 29th went well, with no injuries (except some of us parents were a little sore from busting a move). Some kids even made a conga line to DJ Super Dave's beats!

SPECIAL THANKS TO:

The decorations coordinator Rebecca Boss and her children and amazing team; Stacy Clark, Melissa Bissenden and their children. Also, Patricia and Eli McCormick, Melissa Kline, Melissa and Elizabeth Arnold. Concession stand: Ed Curci, Danny Carmichael, and Corlis Goodall. Glo light personnel: Holly Freligh, Julie Archer. Chaperones: Brandy Grant, Kim Rosenberry, and Jodie McClure. Clean up crew: Nicole Trimble and her daughter, Jessica!

Thanks to Mrs. Andrick for greeting again, we know the kids love to see you. We even saw Ms. Bradshaw our assistant principal on the dance floor!

We would love some new ideas for next year, please consider this PTA chair position if you love to plan a fun party!

Stay informed!

Find out what's happening with Washington State PTA by following this link:

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

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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Bingo is looking for volunteers for transporting baskets to BHS, event set-up, check-in, raffle table, concessions sales and many others.

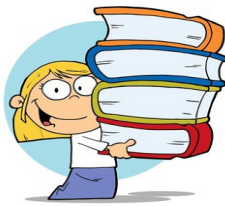
Great opportunity for middle and high school students to get volunteer hours (they just can't handle money).

If you would like to help make Bingo successful and a smooth working event, please contact Brandi LaCombe at brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com.



Library Volunteers needed for the following classes:

Vancour	Martin
Kope	Reid
Hodgson	Clarkson
Sprague	Barton
Vaughan	D'Entrement



Please email Lisa at lisa.chapman@usa.com for more details.

Questions, comments or interest in volunteering for Canyon Creek PTA events?

Click [here](#) for a list of our committee chairs with contact information.

Parenting / January 22, 2016

OUR CHILDREN
National PTA's Unique Voice for Parents

Raising Truthful Children

All kids sometimes lie to their parents. The most common reason is to avoid punishment for a deliberate or accidental misdeed. Another common motive is to obtain some reward or benefit not otherwise obtainable.

There are also lies to protect a friend or sibling, lies to enhance self-esteem (bragging), lies to get out of an awkward social situation, lies to obtain privacy from an intrusive parent, and lies to test and exert power over their own lives. The list goes on.

Parents are often hurt when they discover a serious lie, and that hurt may motivate the parent to punish more severely than is justified or useful, and unwittingly motivate the child to become a more careful liar rather than discourage future lying behavior.

To be truthful when you know that doing so will get you punished asks for more bravery than most of us, let alone our children, have.

Read the full story on how to raise a truthful child at: PBS.org/Parents.

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



Click here:

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

Check it out and "Like Us"!

SEEKING NEW PTA OFFICERS!

Want to get more involved at Canyon Creek?
The PTA has a great opportunity for you!

For the 2016-2017 school year, we will be looking to replace positions that will be vacated at the end of this school year. They are:

PRESIDENT
Co-VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY

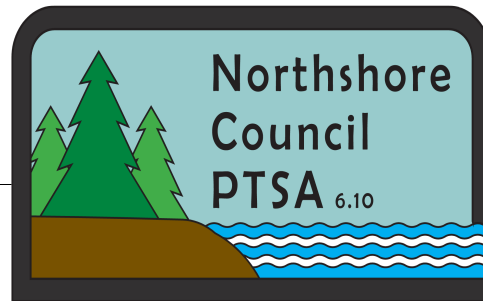
➡ Nominations accepted until April 1, 2016 ⬅

Please contact the nominating committee if interested or would like to nominate someone. We are happy to answer questions.

A conversation does not equal a commitment so feel free to just inquire.

Thank you for considering to serve!

Nominating Committee - Mindie Wirth (mindiewirth@hotmail.com)
Jodie McClure (sunnierays@msn.com)
Barbara Taheri (barbyrappelynn3@hotmail.com)



Speaker Series: How to Save for College

In cooperation with Northshore School District, Northshore Council PTSA is excited to bring in a local financial advisor to educate parents on strategies for saving for college and find out "what's next" with Washington's GET!

Please join us on March 1st, 7:00 pm at the Woodinville High School Auditorium for an informative and engaging event.

This FREE event is open to all parents in the community and school district.

COMMUNITY

Hi, my name is Jodi Ehlers and I work at Canyon Creek. DeAnne Willis and I are going to coordinate an elementary student tutoring program that our CC nurse, Helen Ziemkowski, started at Willow Tree Grove apartments. This will be the third year of operation for the tutoring program.

We've been utilizing local junior high and high school students to tutor the Canyon Creek elementary students at the apartment complex in the office/common area. The tutors and students will have adult supervision at all times. It is a highly popular program with the apartment students and very rewarding for the older students.

Our plan is to continue the program again this year, on Thursdays, 4:00-5:00 p.m., for students in grades 1-3 through May 2016.

We are reaching out to you to see if you have junior high or high school aged kids who might be interested in tutoring elementary aged students.

If your child is interested in helping with this tutoring program, please complete the following information and return it to Jodi Ehlers at Canyon Creek.

Name: _____

Grade level: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Or just email the information to one of the email addresses listed below.

We will contact you soon with additional details. **(We are also looking for additional adults to help tutor and supervise students on a regular or occasional basis.)** Please let us know if you have an interest in this area as well. If you have any questions, feel free to email me at jehlers@frontier.com or jehlers@nsd.org. This is a very rewarding opportunity, and also a great way to earn service hours for Honor Society.

Thank you for considering!
Jodi Ehlers and DeAnne Willis (206) 313-7896

Threads and Treads is a free Northshore School District Clothing Bank located at Canyon Park Junior High School.

This service, operated by volunteers, is open Thursdays 4-6pm. Northshore School District families are welcome to shop for 3 outfits per family member per month.

The main focus is clothing for school age to young adult (high school), and parents. There is no screening process to demonstrate need, nor do families need a referral. Please encourage students and parents who need clothing to come and shop. The volunteer staff is very helpful and the clothing selection is good!



Hilos & Pasos

Proporcionando ropa apoyo para familias que lo necesitan
Cada Jueves, 4:00–6:00 PM (si hay escuela)
Situado a Canyon Park Junior High

Hilos y Pasos es un banco de ropa gratis para las familias del distrito escolar de Northshore. Cada familia puede seleccionar 3 atuendos al mes por cada miembro de la familia. Hilos y pasos esta abierto los Jueves de 4 a 6pm, excepto los dias festivos y vacaciones de la escuela.



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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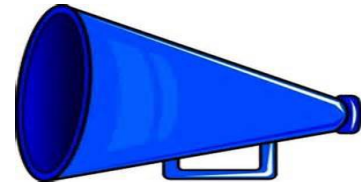
Catch up with the Northshore School District at:

www.nsd.org

Follow Washington State PTA at:

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

Howler Hoorays!



A **HUGE HOORAY** to all our **Canyon Creek teachers** for thoughtful report cards!

THANK YOU to **Amber McAfee** for organizing our awesome glow dance, the kids had a blast!

A **GIANT HOORAY** to **Jeana Schroeder** for the amazing bookmarks she created for the snowball challenge!

THANK YOU to **Mindie Wirth** and **Robin Zaback** for representing Canyon Creek and attending focus day.



One Voice

5 Ways Parents Can Set Digital Ground Rules

Kids are going online at an increasingly younger age and are more digitally active than ever. It is also more than likely that you have a child or teenager who received his or her first mobile phone or tablet for the holiday.

Did you know...

- 73 percent and 75 percent of children ages 8 and under have access to some sort of smart mobile device at home
- 68 percent of teens text every day
- 51 percent of teens visit social networking sites daily

As we ring in the new year, make a family resolution to have "The Smart Talk" with your kids about how to use their digital devices safely. You need to know what kind of information or content your kids are sharing and explain the potential security risks with your child.

The Smart Talk allows you to set ground rules and boundaries for their smartphone and tablet use.

Click here for five tips that will help you get started.



Not able to attend a General Meeting but want 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.

