

# Coyote Howler Canyon Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter

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Do you know a volunteer who seems always involved at the school and PTA? Has there been a teacher who has gone above and beyond their job to help kids at our school? Is there someone who advocates for kids in the form of education, health, safety, or welfare? If you know someone who has gone above and beyond for kids at our school, now is the time to nominate them for one of the PTA awards!

To nominate someone for a PTA award (Golden Acorn, Outstanding Educator, Honorary Lifetime Membership or Outstanding Advocate) simply complete the nomination form found on page 3 and return it to the main office or email it to Mary White (Awards Committee Chair) at: [whiteme@comcast.net](mailto:whiteme@comcast.net).

- **Nominations will be accepted through April 4th.** Nominations will be reviewed and a winner for each award selected by the Awards committee
- **Awards Committee Members:** Mary White(chair), Jodie McClure, Dixie Burdon, Mark Mayberry, Susan Nakatsu, Kathleen Dunn, Melissa Arnold and Tess Davis
- **Past winners and nomination forms are here on our [website](#).**

## Upcoming Events

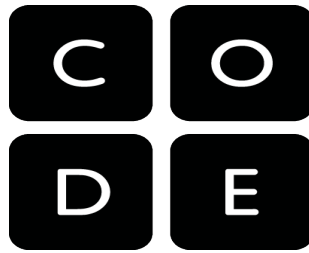
- 3/18, Popcorn Friday
- 3/22, PTA General Meeting
- 4/5, Spring Skating Party
- 4/8, Dad's and Donuts

Also this month, we have a general PTA meeting on **March 22<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** in the library. Please come hear the Canyon Creek Chorus and all about the exciting events and activities going on at school. Bring a friend and join us!

Sincerely,  
Melissa Kline  
President

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The Hour of Code Event was a lot of fun!

Thank you to the volunteers who helped make the night a success:

Bob Buchanan, Wyatt Davis, Cesar Omiste, Dujatha Prabhu, Barby Taheri,  
Nicole Trimble and Keith Zaback.

Special Thanks to Chris Brush who helped us with set up.

For those kids who want to continue the fun at home, visit [code.org](http://code.org) for more free  
tutorials!

Patty Buchanan PTA Co-Science Chair



## 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!**

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## 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](mailto: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:

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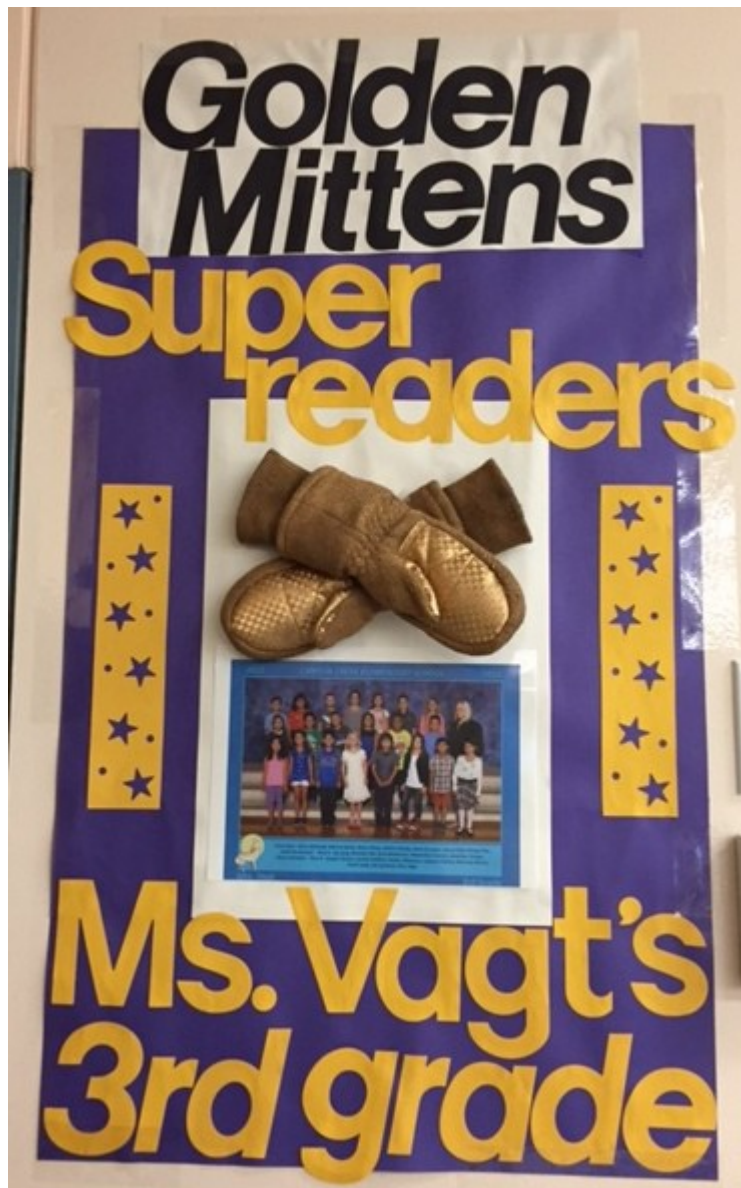
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...and the Golden Mittens award goes to Ms. Vagt's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class!  
 Congratulations for winning the PTA Snowball Reading Challenge!

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 our PTA news and events!



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 Washington State PTA by  
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# Canyon Creek PTA Spring Skating Party!



All Canyon Creek Students & Families Are Invited!

WHEN: Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30 pm

WHERE: Everett Skate Deck – 9700 19<sup>th</sup> AVE SE Everett, WA 98208

(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

WE ARE A  
COMMUNITY



## District Hosts March Open Houses on Grade Reconfiguration and Fall 2017 Transition Support

Northshore schools will move to K-5 elementary schools, 6-8 middle schools and 9-12 high schools in fall 2017. The district will host open houses in March for participants to talk with district staff and principals about the changes that will happen through grade reconfiguration, the work of the grade reconfiguration task forces and the planning schools (and the district) are doing to support students, staff and families through the transitions.

Importantly, participants will have an opportunity to provide input on transition needs in relation to the various changes that will occur in fall 2017 (grade reconfiguration, boundary adjustments, the opening of North Creek High School, later high school start times, and full-day kindergarten). The input form will also be available online in English and Spanish from the district website before the first open house on March 2. This input will be shared with the district, schools and associated task forces to support their work in developing plans to support students, staff and families.

### Open House Events

March 9	6-8 p.m.	Bothell High School, 9130 NE 180th St., Bothell, WA 98011
March 15	6-8 p.m.	Skyview Junior High School, 21404 35th Ave. SE, Bothell, WA 98021
March 23	6-8 p.m.	Woodinville High School, 19819 136th Avenue NE, Woodinville, WA 98072
March 31	6-8 p.m.	For Spanish-Speaking Families, Woodmoor Elementary School, 12225 NE 160th St., Bothell, WA 98011

Final 2017 boundary maps will be displayed, as well as information on the early transition waiver process and enrollment growth and mitigation. The format of each open house on March 9, 15 and 23 is the same and participants are welcome to attend the event(s) that is most convenient. The March 31 open house event will be conducted in Spanish and will have a slightly different format. Information shared at open houses will also be available on the district website. Please contact the Communications Office, 425.408.7670, [communications@nsd.org](mailto:communications@nsd.org), for additional information, questions or for accommodations for the event.

Keep an eye out for our annual Dad's and Donuts event, coming up  
Friday April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016!

Fliers coming soon, sign up and come hang with your kiddos, grab some  
coffee and a donut!

**\*\*Volunteers are also needed to make this a fun event, please contact  
Barby Taheri at 425-256-1591 or email [parents@taheri.email](mailto:parents@taheri.email) \*\*\***



### Winter BoxTops and Labels for Education Results

Thank you to all the parents who sent in BoxTops and Labels for Education with their son or daughter. The results are in for the competition held February 1-5, 2016.

**Overall Canyon Creek collected 6100 BoxTops and earned the school \$610.  
Over 1200 pts were earned from the collection of Labels for Education.**

A combined total of BoxTops and Labels for Education for the top 4 classes are shown below:

Mr. D's class – 1st place – 1073  
Ms. Farner's class – 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 546  
Ms. Hall's class – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 424  
Ms. Sprague's class- a close 4<sup>th</sup> place – 408



Mr. D's class will be rewarded for their first place finish.

Typically this would be the last official competition of the year. However, recent communication from Labels for Education indicates the program will be ending June 30, 2016. So there is a chance we may do one more competition late in the school year to collect final Labels for Education to submit to the program. Remember to look for Labels for Education labels on your food packages from Campbells, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghettios, Swanson and V8 products. UPC codes from Goldfish packages are part of the program too.

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

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



## 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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**Want to add something to the Howler?**

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

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# POPCORN Friday

## MARCH 18<sup>TH</sup>

### DURING LUNCH

### recess

#### Getting ready to do some spring cleaning?

Before you throw out old rags or donate your old clothes, please consider donating them to our clothing drive hosted by Clothes for the Cause – running in association with Green Day, Saturday April 23rd!

PRE COLLECTION IS KEY TO OUR FUNDRAISER!! We can arrange pick up or drop off for you. Please clean out your closets and help us fill the truck while supporting Canyon Creek Elementary PTA!

#### Accepted Items:

- STUFFED ANIMALS;
- CLOTHING (any kind/any condition);
- PAIRED SHOES (any kind/any condition);
- TOWELS (bath, kitchen, rags);
- SHEETS, BLANKETS, QUILTS;
- BACKPACKS;
- CURTAINS/DRAPERY;
- PURSES, BELTS (synthetic/leather);
- TABLECLOTHS, PLACEMATS.



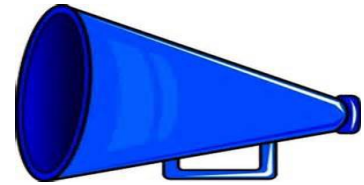
Please note that we cannot take glass, breakables, electronics, pet beds, bed pillows, carpeting, uniforms, or hotel/hospital linens, or items previously for sale at a thrift store.

Please place your items in TIED black 30 lb garbage bags. No boxes or bins please.

Please reach out to Melissa Kline at [melissareitbauer@hotmail.com](mailto:melissareitbauer@hotmail.com) or Stacey Arnold at [staceycsimon@hotmail.com](mailto:staceycsimon@hotmail.com) with questions.



# Howler Hoorays!



A **HUGE HOORAY** to **Patty Buchanan** for coordinating our first ever Hour of Code!

**THANK YOU** to **Robin Zaback** for spending the time submitting our PTA award applications!

A **GIANT HOORAY** to **Stacey Arnold** for organizing our Northshore Gymnastics fundraiser and Uncle Petza's night!

**THANK YOU** to **Brandi Lacombe** and **Hannha Hurey** for all their hardwork planning our Bingo Night!



103<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention - May 20-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016

Join Washington State PTA during the 103rd Annual Convention and connect with your fellow PTA members and leaders in Yakima, May 20-22nd, 2016.

Registration opens March 2016. Plan your trip now to:

- Get **inspired** with amazing ideas to use with your PTA.
- **Cultivate** new ways to make your PTA stronger together.
- Learn how to **educate** others about the great benefits of a PTA in your school.

Join the excitement and be a part of our best convention yet!



## March is National Reading Month!

It is a time for students, teachers and families to celebrate and cultivate a lifelong love of reading. This is a great opportunity to get creative and find unique ways to integrate more reading into your family's everyday lives.

If your child is a reluctant reader, it's also a great time to show how fun reading can be and model good reading habits. Learn how you can support a child's interest in reading with our [infographic](#) and get tips on how you can [inspire your child to read](#).

Click [here](#) for a list of creative ideas to help you celebrate National Reading Month!



**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](#).**