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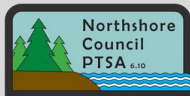
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Welcoming Fall!

While technically it's not fall yet, there is something about starting a new school year – the preparation involved, the new routines, the excitement – it definitely does not feel like summer anymore! And this year in particular brings some exciting new events and changes:



- **Coyote Fun Run, Saturday, October 1st** – It is an all-new fundraising event and is replacing the Walk-a-Thon – but the goal is the same. We hope to raise money to support the vast array of PTA programs, activities and events that enrich our students' lives!
- **First PTA General Meeting of the year, Tuesday, October 11th** – Another big change is that we'll be saying farewell to both our 5th and 6th graders in the spring as they transition to middle school. To help families navigate this transition, we will be hosting Skyview Principal, Dawn Mark, at our first meeting. She'll be joining us to discuss the ins and outs of middle school, as well as preparing for registration (which is coming up quick!). Mark your calendars – this is a meeting you will not want to miss!
- **PTA Website Updates** – There have been lots of changes to our Canyon Creek PTA website, too! One of the most exciting new features is the ability to accept credit card payments: buy your Canyon Creek spirit-wear online, make your Coyote Fun Run donation online, sign-up for membership online! Check it out: <http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com>.

Please, if you haven't joined our PTA yet, I encourage you to do so! Membership is our voice in this national organization that advocates for children. Check out all of the great things going on at a national level (www.pta.org) and the state level (www.wastatepta.org). And don't forget to "like" ['Canyon Creek PTA'](#) on Facebook.

Best wishes,
Robin Zaback
PTA President

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MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

Important Dates

September

9/9 (Fri) – First Day of School for Full Day Kindergarten
9/15 (Thu) – Picture Day!
9/15 (Thu) – PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
9/16 (Fri) – Popcorn Friday, recess
9/16 (Fri) – Spirit Wear Order Deadline
9/29 (Thu) – Art Docent Training, 9am, Cafeteria

Curriculum Nights (Tuesdays) – 9/13, 9/20, 9/27

** More details in "What's Happening Section" below

October

10/1 (Sat) – **Coyote Fun Run**, 10am, Skyview JHS
10/4 (Tue) – Fall Skate Party, 6:30-8:30pm
10/10-14 (Mon-Fri) – Fall Box Tops Drive
10/11 (Tue) – Health Screening, 8:45am-2:45pm
10/11 (Tue) – Graphic Novel Challenge Begins
10/11 (Tue) – PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Library
10/20 (Thu) – PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
10/21 (Fri) – Popcorn Friday, recess
10/21-10/22 (Fri-Sat) – WSPTA Legislative Assembly
10/27 (Thu) – Staff Appreciation: Soup Luncheon

For a **complete calendar** of PTA events for the 2016-2017 school year events, visit the PTA website (www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com).

FEATURED EVENT – Coyote Fun Run

COYOTE FUN RUN 2016

Saturday, October 1st

Our biggest PTA fundraiser of the year is coming on October 1, 2016! The money raised allows Canyon Creek PTA to provide and support numerous programs, events, and activities to serve our school community. This is replacing the Walk-A-Thon fundraiser of prior years.

There are many ways you can support our first-ever Coyote Fun Run:

DONATE!

Your tax deductible donation goes directly toward supporting Canyon Creek PTA's programs, events and activities that work to enrich our students' educational experience and our school community. Please – ask your friends, ask your family, check if your company has a matching program – every penny makes a difference!!!

- **Donate by check** using the special donation folders your child will be bringing home from school in mid-September.

-OR-

- **Donate online using a credit card!**
www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Fundraising/CoyoteFunRun.



PARTICIPATE!

Join us for this fun event at Skyview Jr. High on Saturday, October 1st! Your whole family can participate in the fun run, check out our sponsor and community fair, have a snack, and build community! If you can R.S.V.P. ahead of time, it will help us to better plan the event: <http://signup.com/go/ReMcWC>.

VOLUNTEER!

In order for this event to run smoothly, it is going to take lots of helpers. There are many volunteer opportunities available, please consider signing up to help at the event: <http://signup.com/go/6N25M2>.

Questions? Contact event co-chairs: Sarah Sloan (smsloanrn@gmail.com), Robyn Mortensen (fitnessrlm@gmail.com) or Becky Trepp (beckytrepp@hotmail.com).

What's Happening at School

Curriculum Nights

Find out what your kids will be working on this year! Come to curriculum night! Meet in the **Cafeteria** first to hear from the Principal and Assistant Principal – then go to classrooms to hear from the teachers.

- 9/13, 6pm: K, 1st, Primary Mid-Level
- 9/13, 7pm: 3rd, Intermediate Mid-Level
- 9/20, 6pm: 5th
- 9/20, 7pm: 6th
- 9/27: 6pm: 2nd
- 9/27: 7pm 4th

Popcorn Friday

A fun recurring event for the kids is Popcorn Friday! The first one of the school year will be on September 16th, at lunch recess. This is sponsored by the PTA and is such a treat. For questions, contact Karoline Simmons (karolinescott@yahoo.com) or Tonia Wong (haystonia@hotmail.com).



Spirit Wear Orders



It's time to order your Spirit Wear for the 2016-2017 school year!

Shirts and sweatshirts are charcoal grey featuring our logo in turquoise. Socks are black with turquoise paw prints.

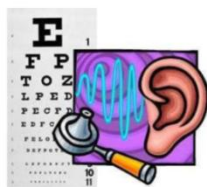
All orders are due Friday, September 16th.

Order forms went home in each student's first day envelope. And NEW THIS YEAR, you can now order Spirit Wear online at our PTA's website: www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com.

Questions? Please email Barbara Hawksworth (barbarahawksworth@gmail.com). Thank you for supporting our school!

Health Screenings

As you may already know, Nurse Helen has retired and we are welcoming our new nurse, Susan Monette-Czarnecki. Nurse Susan comes to us from Lockwood elementary with a wealth of experience. A gentle reminder to parents, please make sure your kids' immunizations are up to date.



Beginning of the school year means Vision & Hearing screenings. Our scheduled screening day is Tuesday, October 11 and with over 800 students, we need parents to help out. The PTA Health Room Coordinator, Faye Heng, is helping Nurse Susan coordinate volunteers so that the screening process goes smoothly and quickly.

Please help our nurse and our kids by signing up for the screening because we really, really NEED you!!! Questions or want to volunteer, contact Faye Heng (fxheng@gmail.com).

FOR THE ♥ OF BOOKS: Graphic Novel Challenge

Canyon Creek PTA challenges your kids to explore the world of graphic novels!

From October 11 through November 7 participants will read at least one just-right graphic novel and create their own graphic novel page. All participants will be entered into a drawing to win one of three Barnes & Noble gift cards.

Be on the lookout for more details in the next few weeks.

If you have questions, please contact the Literacy Committee:

Ranee Axtell (raneeaxtell@yahoo.com) or Robyn Martin (robymartin700@hotmail.com).



PTA General Meeting

Everyone is invited to attend our PTA General meetings. You can expect to hear updates from the PTA board and committees, and often guest speakers.

The first meeting will be on Tuesday, October 11th from 6:30-8pm, in the Library. We are excited to have the Principal of Skyview Junior High, Dawn Mark, coming to speak about the transition to Junior High / Middle School, how registration works, and what to expect. This seems especially appropriate given that our current 5th AND 6th graders will be moving to Skyview next year!!

Need childcare to attend? Champions is offering FREE childcare during in the Cafeteria for all PTA General Meetings!!

Fall Skate Party

All Canyon Creek students & families are invited to the Fall Skate Party on Tuesday, October 4th, 6:30-8:30 pm, at Everett Skate Deck – 9700 19th AVE SE Everett, WA 98208. The cost is \$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, all children MUST be accompanied by an adult who will remain ON PREMISES at ALL times. Questions: please call Barby Taheri at (425) 256-1591.

Reflections Arts Program



This year's PTA sponsored Reflections Art program kicks off in October!! The theme is "What Is Your Story?"

More information about the National Program can be found on the National PTA website (www.pta.org/reflections).

Look for details about submission and rules in next month's Howler – and in flyers sent home with your kids. Contact our Reflections Chair, Colette Puoci (puocimama@gmail.com) with questions about the program.

Family Science Night

SAVE THE DATE for Family Science Night, Tuesday, November 1, 6-8 pm. Enjoy a **FUN** evening event filled with interactive, educational stations focused on STEM-related activities. Come see why science is cool!



We need volunteers to help! For questions or to sign up to help, contact our Science Night Chair, Heather Douangpanya at heather.douangpanya@frontier.com or text (206) 491-8110.

Early Release Wednesdays

The new district calendar for 2016/2017 school year revealed that the vast **majority** of Wednesdays this year will be **early release**, making it easier to keep track of when to pick up your child!!

Every Wednesday is early release, except:

- 9/7 – Full Day, First week of school
- 11/23 – Early Dismissal Week (11/17-11/23, Elementary has shorter days for conferences)
- 6/14 – Full Day
- 6/21 – Last day of school (shorter day, dismissal time will be published closer to end of school year)



Box Tops & Labels for Education Drive

Canyon Creek PTA will hold its fall Box Tops & Labels for Education drive the week of October 10-14, so keep clipping! There will be one additional collection in February 2017.

Box Tops for Education

Each Box Top that you clip earns 10 cents for Canyon Creek and those Box Tops can add up fast! Last year Canyon Creek raised \$1700 from Box Tops for the PTA to use on programs that benefit Canyon Creek students.



In honor of Box Top's 20th birthday this year, I am hoping Canyon Creek can collect 20,000 Box Tops. Look on all your boxes and packages for the bright pink Box Top label – some of the most common product lines are listed below. A complete list of products can be found on the Canyon Creek PTA website - go to the Fundraising tab then click on Partnerships.

- GENERAL MILLS CEREAL
- BETTY CROCKER (BAKING PRODUCTS AND HAMBURGER HELPER)
- ZIPLOC PRODUCTS
- GREEN GIANT PRODUCTS
- PILLSBURY PRODUCTS
- KLEENEX AND SCOTT PRODUCTS
- HEFTY PRODUCTS
- OLD EL PASO PRODUCTS
- SNACKS SUCH AS BUGLES, CHEX MIX, GARDETTO'S
- LARABAR AND FIBER ONE BARS
- NATURE VALLEY PRODUCTS
- ANNIE'S PRODUCTS
- MOTT'S APPLESAUCE
- YOPLAIT PRODUCTS

Check all of your packaging for Box Tops and Bonus Box Tops and clip them out. Ask family and neighbors to help by clipping too. You must include the date when you clip your label from the package. If you receive a 14 digit eBoxTops code on your supermarket check-out slip or on a package, you can go to the Box Tops website to redeem it for Canyon Creek or submit it in the fall drive.

Labels for Education

The Labels for Education program came to an end on July 31, 2016 after 42 years of operation. Although school coordinators were notified that Labels could not be submitted after July 31, 2016, the program WILL ALLOW SUBMITTAL of Labels for Education through the entire upcoming school year. As companies change out their packaging to remove the Label for Education, you can continue to collect any Labels that may be on remaining products. If you threw away labels in the spring after the February 2016 drive, I apologize – the notification of the submittal extension date was sent to school coordinators in August 2016.



Labels for Education have been on Bic, Campbell's, Pace, Pepperidge Farm, Spaghetti's, Swanson and V8 products.

Please be sure to include the UPC BAR CODE AND THE LABEL FOR EDUCATION LOGO when you clip the packaging. If the product does not show the logo (like some Goldfish packaging) please throw it away.

Tyson Project A+

Did you know that the Tyson Project A+ labels can also be turned in during the Box Tops drive? For every clipped label from a marked Tyson participating product, our school earns \$0.24.



Look for more details about the collection week and classroom competitions in the next issue of the newsletter.

If you have any questions, please contact our Box Tops Chairperson, Karen Cohen (karenjefc@yahoo.com).

Volunteer Opportunities

PTA Board & Chair Positions

We still have a few key Board and Committee Chair positions open for the 2016-17 school year. Please consider volunteering!



Executive board positions:

- **Vice President of Facilities –**
Help us work with the Canyon Creek Office and the district to secure locations for events (5-10 hours per month).
- **Vice President of Awards and/or Grants –**
Help keep track of all PTA does, help to ensure our PTA follows best practices, apply for PTA awards (5-10 hours per month).

Committee Chair Positions:

- **After School Programs Chair –**
Plan and coordinate after school programs. Note that you do NOT have to attend the programs yourself, just organize them for our kids!
- **Community Outreach –**
Help with community outreach projects, also work with Student Council to support their outreach initiatives.
- **Volunteer Coordinator –**
Maintain lists of people who indicate they want to volunteer, contact them when the need arises (e.g., event support, special projects, etc.), and also work to find ways to recognize and appreciate our amazing volunteers!

For more information on any of the positions listed above or for other volunteer questions, please contact Robin Zaback: canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com.

Event Volunteer Opportunities

- **Coyote Fun Run –** Sat 10/1, 10-11am.
Sign up: <http://signup.com/go/6N25M2>
For details, see article above: [Featured Event – Coyote Fun Run](#).
- **Health Screenings –** Tue 10/11, 8:45am-2:45pm.
Sign up: Contact Faye Heng at fxheng@gmail.com.
For details, see article above: [Health Screenings](#).
- **Family Science Night –** Tue 11/1, 6-8pm.
Sign up: Heather Douangpanya at heather.douangpanya@frontier.com or text (206) 491-8110.
For details, see article above: [Family Science Night](#).

For details on these Event Volunteer Opportunities, please see the “What’s Happening at School” section above.

Staff Appreciation Help Wanted

Did you know that there is a PTA committee that organizes special events for our wonderful teachers and staff?

The next Staff Appreciation event will be on Thursday, October 27th and is a parent-donated lunch potluck of delicious soups and bread to nourish and warm our hardworking staff!

There are two ways to contribute –

- Bring a crockpot of soup, dinner rolls, bottled water, and/or other needed supplies for this event!
- If you don't have time to shop or cook, you can donate money and our team will do it for you!



Get the details and sign-up here: www.PerfectPotluck.com -- Coordinator's Last Name: mckenna / Password: 5133.

Thank you for your help! Any questions, contact Chrissy McKenna: (615) 708-7355 or chrissy.mckenna@gmail.com.

Art Docent Volunteers Needed



Did you know that our schools don't provide art teachers due to budget constraints?

To ensure there is still art in our school, our PTA provides monthly art lessons in every classroom through the Art Docent program! Isn't that amazing!!

We rely on MANY volunteers to keep the program running. Thanks to all of you who have already joined Canyon Creek's Art Docent Team this year. However, 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.

YOU DO NOT 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. There is also an Art Docent Training session on September 29th at 9:00am.

If you'd like more information about our program or are ready to sign up, please contact us: Julie Archer (julie.archer83@yahoo.com), Tess Davis (thetessaro@yahoo.com), Jeana Schroeder (northwestjeana@hotmail.com).

Library Brigade Schedule & Sign Up

Each class goes to the library once a week and has a Library Assistant who helps with student book check in and checkout, student check-out enquiries, distributing & placing holds, running morning reports, placing returned books back to the shelves and simply enjoying the relaxed environment, whilst getting to know the students in class.

Sign up to be a part of our Library Brigade!

To view class schedule & volunteer opportunities visit www.signupgenius.com/findasignup and enter email "lisa.chapman@usa.com", then click on the Canyon Creek Library link.

Or, you can email our Library Brigade Chair, Lisa Chapman (lisa.chapman@usa.com) and ask questions – and/or request the schedule & info to be emailed to you.



Howler Hoorays

Here's a special shout out to those who did something special for our school.

- THREE BIG CHEERS to all our **NEW and RETURNING PTA volunteers** – we couldn't do it without you.
- GREAT GRATITUDE to **Jodie McClure** for continuing to coordinate facilities for PTA throughout the summer, despite the fact that it is not her job anymore.
- A HUGE HOORAY to **Jennifer Herrman** for all of her efforts researching and setting up online credit card acceptance on our website!
- THANKS to **Nicole Trimble** for developing a fresh new look for our *Coyote Howler* newsletter.
- MANY THANKS to **Melissa Kline** for welcoming families and representing Canyon Creek PTA at the First Grade Open House and the Primary Center Teddy Bear Picnics this summer!
- A SHOUT OUT to our Staff Appreciation Committee: **Elesha Townsend, Christine McKenna, and Dawn Draheim**, who coordinated tasty Italian sodas in the morning as well as a yummy dinner for our hard-working teachers and staff on the day of the ice cream social. We appreciate your efforts!
- HUGE THANKS from the Staff Appreciation Committee to the following places/people who helped make the snack and dinner for the August 30th Staff Meeting a delicious one: **Himitsu Sushi & Teriyaki in Bothell** for making and partially donating the chicken teriyaki; **Costco in Lynnwood and Woodinville** for their food and supply donations; and **several Buy Nothing Bothell members/Canyon Firs neighbors** for lending us their rice cookers. We couldn't have pulled it off without their help and support! ~Elesha, Chrissy & Dawn
** Be sure to stop by Himitsu Sushi & Teriyaki (20806 Bothell Everett Highway, across from Fred Meyers) for lunch or dinner - tell them Canyon Creek PTA sent you!



Community Serve Day

On Sunday, August 21st, our school was lucky enough to be included in the Community Serve Day projects.

It's amazing what a difference it makes – painting blue columns & railings, bark & woodchip spreading, library cleanup, new sitting area on the playground, classroom setup, freshly painted sign, bookroom organization & office help.

- THANKS A MILLION to **our site coordinators, Melissa Kline and Miss McLain, and the 112 Community Serve Day volunteers** from both the community and our school, who took four hours out of their weekends to help spruce up and prepare Canyon Creek Elementary for the new year!!





WSPTA Fall Conference

WSPTA Region 6 held its Fall Conference and training event on August 22nd. Our PTA treasurer, Jennifer Herrman, represented Canyon Creek PTA and completed "PTA & the Law", an intense three hour class that covers all the ins and outs of running a non-profit organization.

- THANK YOU to **Jennifer Herrman** for making time to take that valuable class!

New Family Tours

- WOOHOO to the volunteers who took our new families on tours of the school, answered questions and pointed people to classrooms: **Deepthi Chandra, Myrleen Christiansen, Faye Heng, Shea Johnson, Megan King, Melissa Kline, Colette Puoci, Amin Taheri, Nicole Trimble, Sheryl Valentine, Mary White, and Liz Wright.**
- And EXTRA THANKS to **Sue Hanson** (Canyon Creek Elementary office manager) for setting us up with clip boards, list of topics and maps to help on the family tours!!

Back to School Ice Cream Social

It was so nice to see so many families enjoying the evening, checking out the PTA tables – AND enjoying the yummy ice cream sundaes!!

- HUGE HOORAYS to **Barby Taheri and Michelle Pue** for organizing the fun event.
- THANK YOU to the long list of helpers for making it run smoothly and successfully: **Julie and Megan Archer, Elizabeth and Melissa Arnold, Chrissy Baumgartner, Deepthia Chandra, Dylan D'Entremont, Dawn Draheim, Annie Hall, Faye and Vincent Heng, Connor, Hannah, and Wyatt Hurey, Shea, Gwen, and Layla Johnson, Chelsea, Megan, and Tenlee King, Paige and Laini Longdon, Jessica Malm, Mark Mayberry, Elesha Ostrander, Ella and Reese Phelps, Colette and Annabelle Puoci, Chandni Rajasekaran, Lisa Reid, Alena and Lavani Sharma, Jennifer Snyder, Amin Taheri, Mary Vasatka, and Robin Zaback.**
- MUCH APPRECIATION to those of you who stopped by to help out without signing up - it was really appreciated as well!!



New Playground Sandbox!

- THANK YOU to **John Phelps** for building a new sand box for the school playground.
- We also have to give KUDOS to the awesome moms (and kids) who filled that huge box with sand on a random Wednesday afternoon: **Melissa Kline (organizer), Julie Archer, Rane Axtell, Karen Cohen, Jessica Malm, Jodie McClure, Kay Robinson, Nicole Trimble, Liz Wright & Robin Zaback.**



PTA Membership

What does PTA do?

Advocates for ALL kids!!! *First day of school guides
Scholarships for students in need*

Howler Newsletter *Ergo Chairs for Kids* **COYOTE FUN RUN**

Assist with School-wide service projects *Health Screening volunteers*

IXL *Veterans Day Reception* *Author Visits* *Staff Classroom Grants* *RazKids*
Track jerseys *PE Equipment* *National Geographic*

SCIENCE NIGHT *Helps coordinate Community Serve Day* *Social-Emotional Resources*

Staff Appreciation **Playground Equipment** **Bingo Night**

BOOKS!!! *Daily Library Volunteers* *Heritage Festival with the 3rd grade team*

Literacy Enrichment *Hour of Code* *Laminator* **Primary Center support**

Dads & Donuts *Reflections* **Art Gala** *POPCORN FRIDAYS!*

Back-to-School Ice Cream Social

Skate Nights *Field Trip Grants* *Health Room supplies* *After School Programs:*
Jump Rope Club, Drama, Art,

New Family Tours *Sunshine Fund* *Buddy Benches* *Video Game Design*

Spiritwear *Running Club funding and volunteers* **School Supply Drive**

Parent Education at meetings *Food Drives* *Menchies & Pizza Nights* *Marimba Transportation*

Reader Board *Moms & Muffins* **Green Day Community Recycling Day**

Communicator of resources to families *First Grade Open House support* **Popsicles for Field Day**

Standing Desks *Outdoor Murals* **Glow Dance**

Box Tops **Art Docent Program**

Science Weekly *Scholastic News* **ROBOTICS GRANT**

Clay Projects **\$20K + coordination of the staff book room**



Join The Pack Today!!

Our membership goal this year is **465 members**. We currently have **135 members**, 29% of our goal.



Please help us reach our goal and join the pack!!

<http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Membership/Join%20Today>.

Confidential scholarships are available.

For more information about membership or scholarships, please contact our Membership Chair, Melissa Kline (melissareitbauer@hotmail.com).

Parent Resources

New Lunch Menus

The Northshore School District has announced that with the exception of September 2016, elementary families will no longer receive printed monthly menus. Families will be able to print menus for their schools or view them online through the new My School Menus system.



For more information about the new system and to access the interactive menu and nutritional program, visit: <http://www.nsd.org/Page/13772>.

Every Kid in a Park!



The National Park Service is once again offering the Every Kid in a Park program for fourth graders that will allow free entrance to more than 2,000 federally managed lands and waters nationwide for an entire year!

The "Every Kid in a Park" pass admits the fourth grader and any accompanying passengers in a private, non-commercial vehicle at per vehicle fee areas, or the pass owner and up to three accompanying adults at sites that charge per person.

Your 4th grader can go to <https://www.everykidinapark.gov/> and sign up for a pass today!

Be a Learning Hero

"When it comes to your child's education, you are a Learning Hero.

Your superpowers include expertise about your child's interests, habits, and personality. Combine this knowledge with a clear understanding of how to support your child's learning and the sky's the limit."



Check out the "Super 5 Power Moves" from [Be a Learning Hero](#) to help you answer the question:

What is my child expected to learn this year?

You'll find a great collection of resources and videos compiled by experts at National PTA, Scholastic, Great Schools and more.



English: <http://bealearninghero.org/super5/>

Español: <http://bealearninghero.org/es/super5/>

Community Outreach

Threads & Treads is a free clothing bank operated by the Canyon Park Junior High School PTSA and located at Canyon Park Junior High School (23723 23rd Avenue SE, Bothell). Northshore families in need of clothing assistance may shop once a month for 3 outfits, including shoes, jackets and accessories. Also available are sportswear, career attire and school performance wear.



Threads & Treads is open **Wednesdays, 3-6 pm**. No referral required.

Hilos y Pasos proporcionando ropa apoyo para familias que lo necesitan. Hilos y Pasos es un banco de ropa gratis para las familias del Northshore School District. Cada familia puede seleccionar 3 atuendos al mes por cada miembro de la familia.

** Volunteers are needed to help. If interested, see details: <http://cpjhptsa.com/>, under "WAYS TO HELP" tab – or contact Eileen Jowell at jowelleileen@gmail.com.

Fundraising Partnership Program

Did you know there are lots of great ways to give back to our school through partnership programs?

Shop or Dine Rewards

- **Fred Meyer Community Awards:**

Want our school to earn money every time you use your Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Canyon Creek Elementary School PTA (by name or non-profit #81720) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards.



- **AmazonSmile:**

Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases when you shop on the Amazon Smile website.



To use the website, you must enroll at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1043788>.

- **Red Robin:**

Every time you eat at Red Robin, our school can earn 1% of your check when you through their Burgers for Better Schools program.



Simply log in to your Red Robin Loyalty Card account at <https://royalty.redrobin.com> and select Canyon Creek Elementary.

**** EXTRA DONATION:** The Red Robin donation amount increases from 1% to 5% when using your registered **Red Robin Royalty Card** from 9/8/2016 thru 9/18/2016.

If you have any questions or would like to help us get involved in other partnership programs, please contact our Fundraising Partnership Chair, Stacey Arnold at staceycsimon@hotmail.com.

Clip, Save & Bring to School

Bring all clipped labels to school during the Box Tops drive – or anytime! Just put them in a baggie and label with your student's teacher's name. Turn them in at the office or to the teacher.

**** The Fall Box Tops Drive dates are 10/10/2016 thru 10/14/2016. See Box Tops Drive page for more details.**

- **Box Tops for Education:**

Each box top is worth \$0.10 for our school.

You can create an account on their website, where you can earn money for our school by shopping online. (There are also online coupons you can print to save YOU money!) To see current deals, use the following link: <http://www.boxtops4education.com/earn/in-store-offers>.



- **Labels for Education:**

Help our school EARN POINTS which we can spend on items such as school supplies, gym/recess equipment, etc by saving any marked UPC labels from participating products.



- **Tyson Project A+:**

For every clipped label from a marked Tyson participating product, our school earns \$0.24.



If you have any questions, please contact Karen Cohen (Box Tops Chairperson) at karenjeffc@yahoo.com.

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, early education, and so much more. PTA advocates on behalf of all children on the important issues impacting education, health, and safety.

PTA Advocacy can be as simple as being informed on the issues or can be expanded to include attending and speaking at school board meetings, writing to and 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 Jennifer Snyder (jennjsnyder@hotmail.com).

Legislative Assembly

The Washington State PTA will hold its 38th Legislative Assembly in October of this year. Local unit and council PTA representatives from across the state meet to debate and discuss issues that the PTA hopes to advocate for during the next legislative biennium. During the weekend event, three different types of legislative proposals are discussed: Platform Issues, Legislative Principles, and Resolutions. Legislative Assembly will also offer training opportunities around grassroots advocacy.



Last year the 2015-16 legislative platform continued to support the delivery of the association's vision and mission. Two new supported issues were voted in favor of; in addition to the five short-term legislative issues. As a whole child advocacy association, the priority issues represent health, well-being, and educational needs for all children in Washington State.

The 2016-17 Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly will be held in Olympia on October 21st -22nd. Please click here for more information. <http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html>.

Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates

- Oct 10 Last Day to Register to Vote Online or by Mail
- Oct 21 & 22 Legislative Assembly in Olympia
- Oct 31 Last Day to Register to Vote in Person
- Nov 8 General Election Day
- Jan 16 Focus Day Rally in Olympia



Useful Links

- Canyon Creek PTA website: www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com
- Canyon Creek PTA meeting minutes: <http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Meeting%20Minutes/Meeting%20Minutes>
- Canyon Creek PTA Facebook page (like us!): www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta
- Canyon Creek Elementary website: <http://www.nsd.org/canyoncreek>
- Northshore School District website: www.nsd.org
- Northshore Council PTSA website: www.northshorecouncilptsa.org
- Washington State PTA website: www.wastatepta.org
- National PTA website: www.pta.org
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