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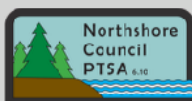
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Advocacy in Action!

Dear Canyon Creek families,

Recently, our PTA was contacted by a parent in the district, Summer Oleksy, who shared with us her concern about the high sugar content of Northshore School District's Lunch 'C' option that is offered on elementary menus.

The Lunch 'C' option of an 8-ounce yogurt cup (31.5 grams of sugar) and blueberry muffin (17 grams of sugar) / oat bar (17.3 grams of sugar) with milk clearly fulfill USDA nutrition requirements. However, we were shocked to learn that the combination of products offered can contain as much as 70.5 grams of sugar. The American Heart Association recommends children between the ages of 2-18 consume no more than 25 grams of sugar per day, which is half the Food and Drug Administration's recommendation of no more than 50 grams of sugar for adults. Ms. Oleksy also made a compelling argument with regards to how the high sugar content of the 'C' lunch option negatively affects the classroom environment and children's learning.

At our last PTA General Meeting on March 14th, not only did we hear wonderful performances from our awesome Canyon Creek Chorus and learn about library resources from our guest speakers, but we also took time to discuss this initiative to advocate for nutritionally improved Lunch 'C' options — and our membership voted to support it.

Our voices, joined with others from Bear Creek PTA and Wellington PTA have made a difference! With our support behind her, Ms. Oleksy advocated for change to NSD Food Services. At the Nutrition and Fitness Advisory meeting on Monday, March 27, it was announced that NSD Food Services will be making changes to lunch 'C' and begin offering a rotation of choices that are significantly lower in sugar content starting later this spring.

Many thanks to Summer Oleksy for all of her efforts leading the advocacy effort that prompted these changes. This is a wonderful example of what successful parent advocacy looks like and what can be accomplished when we work together to speak up for our children!

With appreciation,

Robin Zaback
President
Canyon Creek PTA



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Important Dates

April

4/7 (Fri) - Dads & Donuts, 8-8:30am, Cafeteria
 4/10-4/14 (Mon-Fri) - Spring Break, no school
 4/18 (Tue) - Spring Science Night, 6-8pm, Gym
 4/19 (Wed) - Smart with Art (Explore with Paint) begins
 4/20 (Thu) - Smart with Art (Cartooning) begins
 4/20 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
 4/24 (Mon) - Jumpin' J's After School Program starts
 4/26 (Wed) - Skyview PTSA General Meeting, 7pm
 4/28 (Fri) - Popcorn Friday, lunch recess
 4/28-4/30 (Fri-Sun) - WSPTA Convention

May

5/2 (Tue) - PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8:00pm, Cafeteria
 5/6 (Sat) - Spring Bazaar, 10am-3pm, Gym/Cafeteria
 5/6 (Sat) - Mariners Fundraiser, 6:10 pm, Safeco Field
 5/12 (Fri) - Art Gala, 6:30-8:30pm, Gym
 5/18 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
 5/19 (Fri) - Popcorn Friday, lunch recess
 5/29 (Mon) - Memorial Day, no school
 5/31 (Wed) - Class of 2023 & 2024 Parent Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Skyview

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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

FEATURE - Spring Science Night

Our Spring Science Night is **Tuesday, April 18th from 6-8 p.m.** in the Canyon Creek gym. Come join us for a FUN evening of learning, focused on STEM-related activities.



Grab a Passport to Explore on your way in and complete all activities for a prize! Check out all these exciting stations!!

- **All About Bees** - Learn all about the lifecycle of mason bees.
- **Build Your Own Circuit** - Learn about electronics and build your own circuit.
- **Elephant Toothpaste** - Learn all about chemistry with a fun and simple reaction.
- **Laser Maze** - Bend light and learn about diffractions using a fun interactive maze.
- **Microscopes** - Check out items that are too small to see with the naked eye.
- **How Acidic Is Your Food?** - Learn about staying healthy and the foods you eat.
- **Marshmallow Towers** - Engineer the tallest tower using only spaghetti noodles, tape and a single marshmallow.
- **Interacting Coding** - Direct a human computer using simple commands.
- **Origin of Math: The Abacus** - Learn about the history of math starting with the abacus.
- **DNA Extraction** - Extract DNA from strawberries.



Do you have questions or want to help?

Contact our Science Night Chair, Heather Douangpanya (text 206-491-8110 or heather.douangpanya@frontier.com).

What's Happening at School

Dads & Donuts

We hope to see student come to school a little early with their Dad, Uncle, Grandparent, or Guardian on **Friday, April 7th from 8-8:30 a.m.** in the cafeteria. Top Pot doughnuts, coffee, and water will be served.

The fun doesn't stop there! Don't forget to bring your guest out to Running Club and get an extra scan. If your guest can't stay, bring your classmates' guest and it counts!

If you would like to help, or have questions, please contact the Dads & Donuts Chairperson, Raneex Axtell (raneexaxtell@yahoo.com).



Smart with Art - After School Art Program

Smart with Art is coming again to Canyon Creek in April with two different after school programs beginning the week after Spring Break:



Explore with Paint (Grades K-5)

Join in an exciting journey to discover the art of painting!

Wednesdays: 4/19 - 6/7 from 1:40 PM - 3:10 PM in the Cafeteria

Cost: \$184

Cartooning, Drawing, and More! (Grades 1-5)

Discover drawing as you embark on a journey into cartooning, illustration, and hand lettering.

Thursdays: 4/20 - 6/8 from 3:10 PM - 4:45 PM in the Library

Cost: \$160

To register, visit: go.smartwithart.net/canyoncreek.

If you sign-up as a parent volunteer for the class, your child will receive 75% off class tuition. (Only one parent volunteer position available for each class on a first-come, first-serve basis.)

*Limited scholarships available. Contact the Canyon Creek Office for more information.

Jumpin' J's - After School Jump Rope Program

Our PTA has arranged for world class instruction with jump rope skills - double dutch, single rope skills, partner jumps!! This after school program will **begin on April 24th and go through June 5th** (no class on May 29th). The class will be on Mondays from 3:10-4:30 p.m. in the gym and is open to all Canyon Creek students, K through 6th grades.

Register by **April 17th**, directly through the program provider. Please DO NOT send payment or paperwork to school.

Sign up one of two ways:

- Online at www.jumpropechamps.com
- Via USPS Mail - print registration form on website (www.jumpropechamps.com)

For questions, contact Joyce Bica at 425-424-8870 or joyce@jumpropechamps.com.



PTA General Membership Meeting - May 2nd



Don't Miss

Our final PTA meeting of the year is coming up on **Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30-8 p.m.** in the cafeteria — and it is going to be action-packed! We'll enjoy performances by our 6th grade marimba group, announce our 2017 Local Award recipients (including the Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate and Outstanding Educator awards), and vote for next year's board members and budget.

We hope you will join us!

Spring Bazaar

Join us for our first-ever Spring Bazaar - on **Saturday May 6th!** Shop from over 30 different vendors, get a snack from Daddy's Donuts, enter our raffle for fun prizes, and benefit Canyon Creek PTA! We will be in the Canyon Creek cafeteria and gym from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



Check out the exciting vendors we have lined up so far:

- Daddy's Donuts
- Erin's Irresistible Treats
- Jamerry Nails
- Lilla Rose, Inc
- LuLaRoe
- Origami Owl
- Paparazzi Accessories
- Perfectly Posh
- Pixie Plates
- Rodan + Fields
- Second Place Decor & String Art
- Thirty-One Gifts
- Tupperware
- Young Living

There is still time to submit an application to be a vendor! If you are interested in participating in the event as a vendor, please use the form on our PTA website (<http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Article/View/Canyon-Creek-Spring-Bazaar>) and return the completed application and fees to canyoncreekspringbazaar@gmail.com. Checks should be made payable to: Canyon Creek PTA. Application and fee deadline is April 7, 2017. Handmade vendor items are welcome!

Questions? Please contact our Spring Bazaar Chair, Megan King (canyoncreekspringbazaar@gmail.com).

Mariner Game - Fundraiser

Take me out to the ballgame! Come join us on **Saturday, May 6th at 6:10 p.m.** for the Mariner's vs the Rangers. We have a block of seats reserved for the game so order your seats now! Tickets are a steal at only \$20 (normally \$31) - and a portion of the ticket price will be donated to Canyon Creek PTA.

Please reach out to Stacey Arnold (staceycsimon@hotmail.com) with questions or to purchase tickets.



Annual Art Gala



We are excited to announce that Canyon Creek PTA's Annual Art Gala will be held on **Friday, May 12th from 6-8 p.m.** in the gym.

Look for two individual art pieces from each student! In addition, our students' visual arts Reflections submissions will be on display.

Our fabulous Marimba Band will perform twice: from 5:50-6:20 p.m. and from 7-7:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jeana Schroeder (northwestjeana@hotmail.com).

Recess Running Club

Beautiful Friday morning? Remind your child to participate in the Recess Running Club!!

This is a voluntary before school recess activity (**Fridays, 8:25-8:40 am**) for students at Canyon Creek. Students run or walk around the perimeter of the dirt field (1/4 mile). Students have the opportunity to earn shoe tokens for miles they achieve. Running Club will continue through the end of May.

We do need volunteers to help make it run smoothly!! Our runners love seeing frequent volunteers, but any volunteer time commitment you are willing to offer is welcomed. Volunteers are needed to help monitor and record students' laps on **Fridays from 8:25-8:40.**

If you have questions, or are interested in helping with running club, please contact Shannon Daniel (sdaniel@nsd.org).



Volunteer - PTA Positions (2017-2018)

Are you interested in meeting school community parents?
Do you think the programs listed below are valuable?
Would you be open to take a program and make it your own?

We have heard from people who are interested in taking a role in PTA next year - but we need more help!! If you have questions about any of the positions listed below, or would like to indicate your interest in volunteering, please email Robin Zaback, canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com.

Executive Board:

*** Membership** - Serve on the PTA Board of Directors and manage all things membership, including but not limited to, marketing, developing and implementing campaigns, data entry, budget tracking, and ongoing communication of goals and membership initiatives.

Fundraising:

Coyote Fun Run - Assist with planning and organizing of the PTA's primary fundraiser of the year.

Partnerships - Develop and promote PTA fundraising opportunities, including silent fundraising management, special events, and ongoing community partnerships.

Bingo - Organize and manage the annual event, including but not limited to marketing, raffle procurement, organizing prize basket donation drive, coordinating volunteer support, and event management.

Enrichment:

After School Programs - Plan and keep track of after school programs, act as a point-of-contact for the organization, and help request/plan space/time needs.

Art Docent/Art Gala - Coordinate and manage the art docent program, including but not limited to supply ordering, art docent recruitment, training and support, and planning and organizing the annual Art Gala event.

Literacy - Work to promote literacy in the Canyon Creek community through programs and/or events.

Playground - Work to identify and communicate playground/outside needs and help advocate for and implement any changes.

**** Running Club** - Work in collaboration with Canyon Creek staff to organize and manage recess running club, including scheduling volunteers and maintaining relevant records.

Communication:

Directory - Publish the annual student directory, including but not limited to, compiling and collating data, securing release information, and preparation of data for publication.

Reader Board - Maintain the reader board outside the school on a regular basis. School Staff Support:

Book Room - Work with Canyon Creek staff to manage and maintain the Book Room, including working closely with Canyon Creek teachers and staff on organization, preparation and maintenance of materials, and coordinating volunteer support.

**** Watch D.O.G.S. Coordinator** - Act as PTA liaison to the staff Watch D.O.G.S. coordinator and assist in organizing the program as well as recruiting, training and scheduling volunteers.

School Spirit / Community:

Back to School Ice Cream Social - Organize and plan the annual event, including securing food/supplies, volunteers, event management, and marketing.

Spiritwear - Plan and manage fall spiritwear sales, including but not limited to, ordering, inventory management, marketing, event sales, and product delivery.

****40th Anniversary** - Help coordinate and plan programs/events to celebrate Canyon Creek's 40th anniversary!

Community Outreach - Help with community outreach projects, also work with Student Council to support their outreach initiatives.

Volunteer Coordinator - Act as the point-of-contact person for people interested in volunteering, 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!

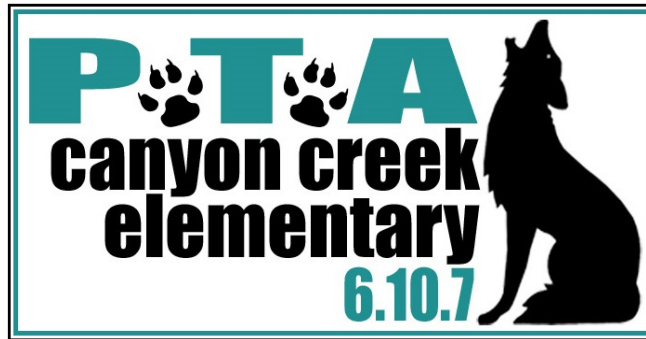
**Board of Directors position;*

***New position for 2017-2018.*

2017 Nominating Committee Report

Below please find the report from the Nominating Committee, listing the nominees for each of the officer positions for the 2017-2018 Canyon Creek PTA board. The nomination period ended on Wednesday April 5th, 2017.

The election for these positions will take place at the next PTA General Membership Meeting on **Tuesday, May 2nd, 6:30-8 p.m.** in the cafeteria.



Nominating Committee Report

The 2017 Canyon Creek PTA (6.10.7) Nominating Committee places the following names in nomination:

For Office of President: Robin Zaback

For Office of Vice President of Communications: Karan Sidhu

For Office of Vice President of Awards & Grants: OPEN

For Office of Secretary: Angela Hacker

For Office of Treasurer: Jennifer Herrman

The Nominating Committee has confirmed that all nominees have been a member of the PTA for at least 30 days prior to the election, and meet other requirements as required by the *Washington State PTA Bylaws*.

Respectfully Submitted,

2017 Nominating Committee
Melissa Kline
Rachel Thompson
Stacey Arnold

Parent Information

PTSA Meeting - Current 5th & 6th Grade Families!!



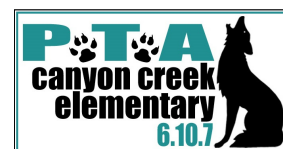
Skyview PTSA invites 2017/2018 school year incoming 6th and 7th grade families to attend their next PTSA General Membership Meeting on **Wednesday, April 26th, 2017, at 7 p.m.** in the Skyview school library. Representatives from the Student Planning Committee, Shannon Cortinas and Bret Geller, will be speaking about the 2018 Spring Break Washington D.C. trip. It will be a great opportunity to learn more about Skyview and how you can get involved!

Questions? Contact Skyview PTSA Secretary, Teresa Holmberg (nwgreenthumb@gmail.com).

Want to get involved with Skyview's PTSA? See what volunteer positions are available for 2017-18! Check out their website for next year's open positions: <http://skyviewjuniorhigh.ourschoolpages.com/Home>.

Gift to School Program

Each spring, Canyon Creek PTA members allocate money toward a Gift to School Grant Program. This year, the general membership voted to spend up to **\$13,000** in grants to pay for materials, activities or projects at Canyon Creek that are aligned with the mission statement and goals of the PTA.



Any staff members or PTA members may submit requests. Past projects/programs funded via our Gift to School grants have included online subscriptions (e.g., RazKids, IXL, Pebble Go, etc.), classroom book sets, standing desks, playground improvements, professional development, decorative murals, and much more! Download the application here:

http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Doc/2016-2017/gift-to-school_application_2017.pdf

Return completed applications with supporting documents to Robin Zaback or to the Canyon Creek Office. The application deadline is **Monday, April 24, 2017**. Applications will be reviewed by our Gift to School committee later that same week. Questions? Contact Robin Zaback (canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com).

WSPTA Convention - April 28-30

Washington State PTA will host its 104th Annual Convention **April 28-30, 2017** at the Hilton Seattle Airport and Conference Center. The convention is a celebration of all things PTA. The event offers inspiration, classes, networking, new ideas, special offers and giveaways, and plenty of fun!

For all the details, check out the WSPTA Convention Webpage: <https://www.wastatepta.org/convention/>.



Canyon Creek PTA budgets money to help pay for the cost of members who wish to attend. Note that attending convention also counts toward the annual training requirement for Executive Committee members. If you have any questions about convention or are interested in attending, contact Robin Zaback (canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com).

Council PTSA Seeks Award Nominations



Know a teacher, staff member, leader, volunteer or community member who has gone above and beyond for kids this year? Northshore Council PTSA is seeking nominations for the 2016-17 Outstanding Educator, Outstanding Advocate and Outstanding Service Awards. Winners will be honored at their Spring Recognition event on June 1. Please complete the nomination form at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/northshoreptsaaawards>.

Nominations are due by **Friday, April 28th**. Contact Jane Flaherty at janealaherty.pta@gmail.com for more information.

Can Do 5K 2017

Believe, Inspire, Celebrate! The Can Do 5K course is a fabulous flat and scenic run and is both family friendly and challenging for the experienced runner. Proceeds benefits local families with children with Special Needs-- to increase opportunities for inclusion, specialized camps & activities, and advocacy. Features 5K Run/Walk, Mile Walk & Kid Dashes on **Saturday, April 30th, 2017**. For more information, visit: www.CanDo5K.org.



KCLS Tween Nonfiction Writing Workshop



**King County
Library System**

The Bothell Library will be hosting this special workshop geared toward kids ages 8 to 12 on **Thursday, April 20, 2017** from 5-6:00 p.m. The interactive workshop will be presented by award-winning nonfiction author Laurie Ann Thompson. She will explain the process of writing compelling nonfiction, including research, planning, drafting, revising and editing.

For more information and registration details, visit: <https://kcls.bibliocommons.com/events/58b73295bc02b7a402402fda>.

Howler Hoorays

- Our Popcorn Friday crew was back in action in March! THANKS to **Karoline Simmons, Tonia Wong, Miwako Farr, and Megan Madsen** for all of their efforts popping and distributing hundreds of bags of free popcorn to our staff and students.
- MANY THANKS to our amazing **Canyon Creek Chorus and Ms. McLain** for performing at our March PTA meeting, as well as to **KCLS Librarian Linda Mauer and Canyon Creek Librarian Mrs. Beavo** for sharing great information about library resources.
- MUCH APPRECIATION to **Dawn Draheim** for organizing as well as to **Chrissy McKenna and Jessica Malm** for providing the treats that made our March Staff Appreciation Irish Tea event a success.
- AROOOOO!!!! Huge shout-outs to event chair **Brandi LaCombe, her amazing crew of volunteers, and our supportive Canyon Creek staff** for all of their work in making Lucky Night Bingo a great evening! It was a super fun family event!!!
- HUGE HOORAYS to **Ranee Axtell and Robyn Martin** for all of their work planning and organizing our first-ever Literacy Night, including the student book swap, all of the activity stations, and introducing Reading with Rover to our Canyon Creek community. It was a great evening!
- WOOHOOS from the Literacy Committee: We would like to thank **everyone who attended** Literacy Night. The creation stations, Book Swap, and literacy games were so much fun, but by far the hit of the night was the Reading with Rover program. The students had a blast reading with the certified therapy dogs. THANKS to the **Reading with Rover volunteers and their dogs**. We are also very appreciative of our volunteers - parents, students, and staff who gave so generously of their time, talent, and suggestions. We would especially like to thank **Mrs. Hanson, Mr. Mayberry, Mrs. Beavo, Mrs. Dunn, Mrs. Frederickson, Mrs. Fiser, Jeana Schroeder, Ella S., Nancy Tangen, Nicole Trimble, Kat Pierce, Robin Zaback, Tess Davis, Boon D., Juliette P., Annabelle P., Colette Puoci, Mrs. Reid, Joel Martin, Harrison T., Ismail M., Mrs. Jansen, Mr. Denton, Ms. Bradshaw, Mrs. Barton, Karen Cohen, and Dr. Nancy Torgerson** who donated two, slant boards for the raffle.
- MANY THANKS to **Heather Douangpanya and Savani Tatake** for organizing and hosting another great Hour of Code event and for continuing to bring more S.T.E.M. enrichment opportunities to our Canyon Creek community.
- SHOUT OUT to **Bob Graff**, the Canyon Creek staff member who oversees recesses - for helping to select the items that were ordered for playground use with the accumulated Label for Education points.
- HUGE KUDOS to **Barby Taheri** for putting on another amazing Skate Night! Always a fun evening!
- GRATITUDE to **Karoline Simmons** for bringing a fresh spring look to our PTA bulletin board in the main hallway!



Advocacy

Northshore School Board *News*

Northshore School Board Director, Ken Smith, announced Monday, March 27, his intent to resign his board position in order to run for state Senate in the 45th District. The Northshore School Board will review Director Smith's decision at an upcoming meeting and determine next steps based on board policies.

For more information, contact Director of Communications Casey Henry at chenry@nsd.org or 425-375-3221.

Open NSD School Board Director Positions

The Northshore School District will have 4 open School Board Director positions for the 2017 August Primary Election. The seats open will be:

- District #1 currently held by Director Kimberly D'Angelo
- District #2 currently held by Ken Smith
- District #4 currently held by Sandy R. Hayes
- District #5 currently held by Director Amy Cast

These positions are four year terms and non-partisan. Election Day is Tuesday, August 1st. If you are interested in running for office, the candidate filing begins on **May 15th and ends on May 19th**. For more information, please visit <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/for-candidates.aspx>.

Senate Advances Bill to Extend Levy Cliff to 2019

As its last bill of the March 8 cutoff, the Senate Wednesday night passed an amended bill on the "levy cliff" ([ESB 5023](#)), with all members voting in favor; with the exception of Republican Senator Michael Baumgartner of West Spokane. The Senate ran their version of the bill so they could change the title to be about excess levies and not the levy cliff.

The striking amendment offered by Senator Fain:

- Extends current local levy authority and LEA through January 1, 2019;
- Requires that all levies collected in calendar year 2018, and thereafter, be deposited into a local revenue sub-fund of the general fund to enable detailed accounting of the amount and the object of expenditures; and
- Requires that any enrichment levies going to the voters after January 1, 2018 be approved by Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) before being placed on the ballot. Districts planning to go to the voters with an M&O enrichment levy would be required to create a detailed report of the activities to be funded and then submit that report to OSPI for approval. The bill states that enrichment levies beyond the state-provided funding in the omnibus appropriations act for the basic education program components under RCW 28A.150.260 (prototypical schools funding formula) are a permitted use.

WSPTA members are strongly encouraged to [listen to the debate](#), which led to the 48-1 vote.

It will be critical that school districts, parents, and other education advocates explain the gap story in their school and district, which basically means having a better understanding of what it actually costs to run that school, serve its students, and attract and retain professional educators.

Members are encouraged to write House and Senate members to express their thanks that a levy extension bill is in play. But messages also should stress that with prohibitions on the use of local levies for activities deemed basic education, the state will have to step up in a really big way. Otherwise, areas that are underfunded now and where local funds are supplementing the most basic of activities - like transportation, nurses, and special education - will fall short in the final education funding solution.

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Current Legislative News - Updates

Receive legislative news and keep up to date on WSPTA's advocacy through the Grassroots Connections blog. You can sign up for email updates at the blog site: <http://wsptagrassroots.blogspot.com/>.

**Grassroots
Connection**
WASHINGTON STATE PTA

Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates



April 25th	NSD Board Meeting at 7pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341)
April 28th - 30th	104th WSPTA Annual Convention in Seattle (http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/index.html)
May 9th	NSD Board Meeting at 4pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341)
May 16th	Community Conversations w/Board 7 PM - Leota Junior High Library

If you are interested in learning more about PTA Advocacy, contact Jennifer Snyder (jennjsnyder@hotmail.com) to get connected.

Useful Links

- ▶ PTA Website: www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com
- ▶ PTA Meeting minutes: [http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Meeting Minutes/Meeting Minutes](http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Meeting%20Minutes/Meeting%20Minutes)
- ▶ 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
- ▶ Want to add something to the Howler? Contact Newsletter Editor, Nicole Trimble (nicttrimble@gmail.com).

PTA Membership

Did you know that as a Canyon Creek PTA member, you can save money?

Washington State PTA collaborates with businesses and associations that support WSPTA's mission and vision. As part of that relationship, these organizations offer members special discounts. Businesses include FedEx Office, Great Wolf Lodge, Xfinity Arena at Everett, and more!

Check out what discounts are available by visiting the WSPTA website:
<https://www.wastatepta.org/get-involved/member-benefits/>

Not a member? It's never too late to join! Sign-up online at:
<http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Membership/Join%20Today>

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. Note, that you need to do this EVERY year for it to keep working!



- **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.



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.

Keep clipping Box Tops for NEXT school year fall collection!

- **Box Tops for Education:**

Each box top is worth \$0.10 for our school. Each school year this program brings in approximately \$1,500!! So keep clipping!!

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.bboxtops4education.com/earn/in-store-offers>.



- **Labels for Education:**

This program is ending this summer due to decreased involvement nationwide. Canyon Creek PTA has cashed out the points earned through this program and have "purchased" the following items:

- * \$500 worth of Visa Debit cards (to be used for future PTA purchases)
- * Playground balls
- * Athletic balls (soccer, football and basketball) for playground use
- * Jump ropes for playground use



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

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