Springtime is here!

This time of year brings new growth to our community. In order to assist with our student’s growth, PTA’s general membership voted to spend up to $25,750 on our gift to school program. We will announce all grants at our May 3rd meeting. If you were unable to attend PTA meetings this year, May 3rd is your chance. We will announce gift to school grants, honor dedicated volunteers and staff with PTA awards and recognize retiring teachers and staff. Marimba will also performing and they are a group you don’t want to miss!

PTA is looking for new volunteers to help keep our PTA strong next year and heading into 2017-2018, when we will have a lot of district wide transitions between grade reconfiguration, boundary adjustments, full day Kindergarten and HS later start times. Please consider volunteering for either a board role or a committee chairperson role. Great things happen because of YOU! Please contact me with questions or new ideas for a committee role.

Currently recruiting for: (more details in this issue)
- PRESIDENT (board position)
- Co-Vice President (board position)
- Membership (board position)
- Newsletter
- Literacy Chair
- After School Enrichment
- Website
- Family Fun Night (this was the Glow dance this year)

Sincerely,
Melissa Kline
President
Canyon Creek PTA
Spring Skating Party!
All Canyon Creek Students & Families Are Invited!

WHEN: Tuesday, April 5th 6:30-8:30 pm
WHERE: Everett Skate Deck – 9700 19th AVE SE Everett, WA 98208
(See 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

Dad’s and Donuts
Friday April 8th, 2016!

Come join us for coffee, donuts, and some one on one time with your kid(s) before school!

Where: Canyon Creek Elementary Cafeteria
Who: Calling on...Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, and Guardians

If you have any questions please email me, Barby Taheri, at parents@taheri.email
Save the dates!

April 11-24, 2016

Red Robin will quintuple our school donation to 5% for Red Robin Burgers For Better Schools!

For a limited time, they will donate 5% of your check (instead of the usual 1%) to Canyon Creek every time you visit and use your Red Robin Royalty account.

Looking for a library helper to assist every other week in the following classes:

- Baumgartner Mon. 12pm
- Kope Tue. 12:45
- Reid Wed. 10:05
- Sprague Thurs. 12:45
- Vaughan Fri. 8:55
- Clarkson Fri. 12:45
- Farner Fri. 11:10

Known as a great volunteer experience!
Contact Lisa at lisa.chapman@usa.com

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

Click here: https://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta

Check it out and “Like Us”!

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

Click here for a list of our committee chairs with contact information.
Spring is here! With it brings new beginnings, and as a PTA we are working hard to recruit and establish committee chairs for the 2016-2017 school year. GREAT things happen because of YOU donating your time to serve our school. Please consider volunteering.

I am happy to answer any questions you may have about any position below:

LITERACY:
Do you have a passion for books? Want to help organize fun programs for our students to encourage reading?

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:
Like our Glow-a-Rama dance? Bring back this fun family night! Or bring ideas to create a new fun night!

NEWSLETTER:
Do you enjoy graphics, organizing and editing text? Use your talents to create our monthly e-newsletter!

WEB SITE:
Seeking a volunteer who can keep our website up-to-date. Someone who can help us with formatting is ideal.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:
Are you a detail orientated planner? Would you like to see more enrichment activities for our kids? Legos? Art? Language? Technology? Organize these programs with our school and outside vendors.

MEMBERSHIP:
Do you enjoy meeting new families? Grab a friend or two and help get folks signed up for PTA! Help design flyers, process membership forms, & design the bulletin board themes to your choice!

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Do you have a new program you want to see at Canyon Creek? Contact us! Thank you to all who serve as volunteers!

Melissa Kline - PTA President
melissareitbauer@hotmail.com
Green Day Recycling Event!

Saturday, April 23rd 9am-2pm

Canyon Creek Parking Lot
Next door to Skyview Jr High

What items can you bring????

Working or non-working, non-toxic items:

- Electronics
- Computers
- Appliances
- Bicycles
- Vehicles
- BBQ’s
- Metal Furniture
- Scrap Metal
- Fitness or Medical Equipment

1 Green Planet will be on site to collect your “junk”. This zero waste, zero landfill organization donates proceeds from recycled raw materials to local charities such as Seattle Children’s Hospital. Check out their website for a complete list of items:
www.1greenplanet.org

What about clothing and textiles????

We’ll take those too, BUT these items need to be in a SEPARATE tied black 30lb trash bag! **Please note that we cannot take glass, breakables, pet beds, bed pillows, carpeting, uniforms, or hotel/hospital linens, or items previously for sale at a thrift store.**

- Stuffed Animals
- Clothing (any kind/any condition)
- Paired shoes (any kind/any condition)
- Towels (bath, kitchen, rags)
- Sheets/Blankets/Quilts
- Backpacks
- Curtains
- Purses, Belts (synthetic/leather)
- Tablecloths, Placemats

Clothes for the Cause will be on site to Collect your unwanted textiles. This organization takes the material collected and recycles nearly 100% of donations either as recycled fibers or usable clothing sent to thrift stores.

You DO NOT want to miss this event if you are spring cleaning! Help us raise money and work to keep the Earth clean!

Cost: A suggested donation to the host schools of $10 (please consider more depending on load size)

Donations are tax deductible and... directly benefit Skyview PTSA and Canyon Creek PTA!

Questions: Please contact Shea Johnson shea73j@yahoo.com or Rikki Stride rikkistride@hotmail.com
Clothes for the Cause Fundraiser

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 or Stacey Arnold at staceycsimon@hotmail.com with questions.

Barnes and Noble Fundraiser

Mother’s Day is just around the corner! Looking for something to get mom?

Come into the Woodinville Barnes and Noble between 4/26 through 5/1 and a portion of your purchase will help Canyon Creek PTA.

On 4/30 our very own Mrs. Fiser and Mrs. Beavo will be joining us at Barnes and Noble for a special story time!

Watch your child’s folder for additional information.

Please reach out to Stacey Arnold at staceycsimon@hotmail.com with any questions.
FAMILY NIGHT WITH THE BURKE MUSEUM
CELEBRATE EARTH DAY!

WHEN: Tuesday, April 19th from 6-8pm (Drop in anytime!)
WHERE: Canyon Creek Elementary gymnasium
WHAT: Celebrate Earth Day with objects, specimens, and activities from the Burke Museum! This is not a drop-off event. Bring the whole family for a night of hands-on family learning!
Sponsored by the Canyon Creek Elementary School PTA

Stay informed!
Find out what's happening with Washington State PTA by following this link:
http://www.wastatepta.org/index.html
103rd Annual Convention - May 20-22nd, 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!

LAST EVER COLLECTION
LABELS FOR EDUCATION!!

The LABELS FOR EDUCATION program is ending due to decreasing national involvement. One last and final Labels for Education contest sponsored by the Canyon Creek PTA will be held to meet the July 2016 submittal deadline. The collection will be held from Monday, May 23- Friday, May 27. Keep collecting all those Labels for Education until May. Remember Labels for Education can be found on the following products:

- Bic
- Campbells Soup
- Pace products
- Pepperidge Farm Products (including Goldfish UPC Codes)
- Spaghettios
- Swanson products
- V-8 Products

Questions?
Please contact PTA Box Tops Chair - Karen Cohen at karenjeffc@yahoo.com
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](http://www.escrip.com). 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.

We're on the Web! Find us here:
- [http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home](http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Home)
- Like us on Facebook! [https://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta](https://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta)
- Want to add something to the Howler? Contact: Karoline Simmons – Newsletter Editor [karolinescott@yahoo.com](mailto:karolinescott@yahoo.com)
- Catch up with the Northshore School District at: [www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org)
Howler Hoorays!

A HUGE HOORAY to Megan King and Amy Hatten for organizing the silent auction at BINGO Night!

THANK YOU to our Canyon Creek staff and teachers for supporting PTA! We had 100% teacher membership this year. Thanks for being the "T" in PTA!

HOORAY to Julie Kerr, Karoline Simmons, Sarah Sloan and Tonia Wong for serving our kids on Popcorn Friday!

THANK YOU to Barby Taheri for organizing our Skate Nights!

SPECIAL THANKS to Canyon Creek’s Chorus along with Ms. Rice and Mr. Gray for their fantastic performance at our last General Meeting.

Canyon Creek really enjoyed author, Deborah Hopkinson’s visit on Tuesday, March 22nd.

We were very happy with her presentation, and feel the students came away with a very authentic and meaningful experience!

Thank you PTA for sponsoring her visit.

Karla Beavo
Library Media Specialist

Canyon Creek's Annual Art Gala
Friday, May 13th

A night you will not want to miss!

Featuring two individual art pieces from each of our students.

Mark your calendar now.