

# Coyote Howler

## Canyon Creek Elementary PTA Newsletter

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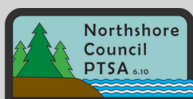
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### Goals are good!

At our first General Membership meeting on October 15th, Canyon Creek PTA members voted to approve our goals for the year:

- ▶ Engage and embrace diversity at our school and build community through a variety of free and low-cost events and programs.
- ▶ Provide educational enrichment opportunities and support innovative ideas to benefit students.
- ▶ Work to develop stronger ties with the outside community through targeted outreach programs.
- ▶ Cultivate PTA membership in order to develop a stronger organization for the benefit of our school community.



Having goals is important! They guide our choices about events and programs and they clarify our purpose. We work to ensure that every activity offered, every program planned and every grant funded supports these goals.

Our goals this year are focused on engaging students and families, enriching the educational experience, and building connections and community. All are made possible due to YOUR support!

If you have a bit of time, consider volunteering. If you have ideas about programs to try or improvements that can make our school even better, please share them with a board member. And, if you haven't already, become a member -- include your voice as we work toward our goals and advocate for our children. Find out more here:

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

Many thanks for all you do to support the Canyon Creek community!!!

Sincerely,

Robin Zaback  
PTA President

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## Important Dates

MARK YOUR  
CALENDAR!

### November

11/3 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Room 29  
 11/7 (Mon) - Graphic Novel Challenge Ends  
 11/10 (Thu) - Reflections Submissions Due  
 11/10 (Thu) - Veterans Day Assemblies  
 11/11 (Fri) - Veterans Day – no school  
 11/15 (Tue) - PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Library  
 11/19 (Sat) - Husky Football PTA Fundraiser  
 11/17-11/23 (Thu-Wed) - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
 11/24-11/25 (Thu-Fri) - Thanksgiving Break (no school)  
 11/28 (Mon) - **Warm Clothing Drive Begins**  
 11/28-12/2 (Mon-Fri) - School Book Fair  
 11/29 (Tue) - Book Fair Family Night, Library

### December

12/1,2 (Thu,Fri) - Staff Appreciation: Holiday Wrap Dropoff  
 12/8 (Thu) - PTA Board Dinner  
 12/9 (Fri) - Moms & Muffins  
 12/12 (Mon) - **Warm Clothing Drive Ends**  
 12/12,13,15 (M,T,Th) - Staff Appreciation: Gift Wrapping  
 12/19-1/2 - Winter Break - no school

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

## FEATURE - Warm Clothing Drive

Our excellent Canyon Creek Student Council is planning a Warm Clothing Drive!!

They will be collecting NEW and GENTLY USED cold weather clothing in sizes 5T to adult.

- coats
- sweaters
- hats
- scarves
- gloves
- boots



The Warm Clothing Drive will run from **Monday, November 28th** to **Monday, December 12th**.

All donated items will go to **Threads & Treads**, a free clothing bank for Northshore School District families.

Please start thinking about what clothing you could donate to help this worthy cause - and look for more information to be sent home with your student.

If you have questions about the Warm Clothing Drive, please contact Annie Hall ([ahall@snd.org](mailto:ahall@snd.org)) or Lauren Fabrizio ([lfabrizius@nsd.org](mailto:lfabrizius@nsd.org)).

**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 WA. 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 p.m. No referral required.

# What's Happening at School

## FOR THE ♥ OF BOOKS: Graphic Novel Challenge

The Graphic Novel Challenge is almost over but you still have time to submit your entry.

All student entries are due by **Monday, November 7th**.

Please return them to your child's teacher or the office. No late entries will be considered for the drawing. The drawing for the three Barnes & Noble gift cards will be held on November 14th.

If you have questions, please contact the Literacy Committee: Raneë Axtell ([raneeaxtell@yahoo.com](mailto:raneeaxtell@yahoo.com)) or Robyn Martin ([robynmartin700@hotmail.com](mailto:robynmartin700@hotmail.com)).



## Reflections Entries Due November 10th



The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Students of all ages and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2016-2017 theme:

*"What is your story?"*

Submissions are due **Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup>**. Information and competition guidelines are available in the Canyon Creek office as well as online at [www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections](http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections).

Questions? Contact Colette Puoci at [puocimama@gmail.com](mailto:puocimama@gmail.com).

## Canyon Creek PTA Meeting

There is no requirement or expectation for PTA members to attend PTA meetings, but we do work hard to plan meetings that will be relevant and of interest to our school community. Anyone is welcome to attend. FREE childcare (for ages 5 and up) is generously provided during our meetings by Champions (located in the cafeteria). We hope you will join us!

- Tuesday, November 15th, 6:30-8pm, School Library:**

We're very excited to have Dr. Michelle Reid, Superintendent of Northshore School District, joining us for our November meeting! She will be talking about her vision for Northshore, what the district is working on to deal with growth and other challenges, as well as other topics. It is sure to be both an engaging and informative meeting!



**Don't Miss**

## Moms & Muffins



**Calling all Moms!** Mark your calendars...

Your Canyon Creek PTA invites you to accompany your student to school and enjoy a muffin together on **Friday, December 9th, 8-8:35am** in the Canyon Creek Cafeteria.

Look for an RSVP form to come home with your student in early December!

Volunteers are needed for set up (7:30–8am) and to help serve muffins (8-8:40am).

If you are interested in helping or if you have questions, contact Mary White ([whiteme@comcast.net](mailto:whiteme@comcast.net)).

## All For Books - Scholastic Donation Program

This year, we have an opportunity to bring books to families needing assistance within our Canyon Creek Community. Scholastic calls it **All For Books**.

Donate loose change or dollar bills by sending them with your student to class in a marked envelope with their name and teacher, **Wednesday, November 2nd through Friday, December 2nd**. Your student will be given an "All for Books Donation Book Slip" that they will write their name on. All donation slips will be proudly displayed in the library hallway. The students will be able to see their progress in giving back to the community.

*All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing books for families needing assistance within our school community.*

The **All For Books** money collected also helps readers beyond our community. Scholastic matches monetary donations with a donation of up to one million books. The books go to national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping families in need. These organizations include Kids In Need Foundation, Reader to Reader, Inc., and the National Center for Families Learning.



**SCHOLASTIC**

**Read Every Day. Lead a Better Life.**

## School Book Fair

The 2016 Canyon Creek Scholastic Book Fair will be held **Monday, November 28th through Friday, December 2nd**.

Book fair hours:

- Before School 8:00-8:30am (Mon - Fri)
- After School 3:00-3:30p, (Mon, Tue, Thu) & 1:40-2:10pm (Wed)
- Also, daily during students' scheduled Library Times

Don't miss Family Night!! It will be **Tuesday, November 29th, 5-8pm**. Cash, checks, and debit/credit cards accepted. There will be cookies and hot cocoa for purchase for 25 cents each, which will be donated to our "All For Books" fundraiser.

Online book fair shopping will also be available 24 hours a day between November 23rd-December 2nd. <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/canyoncreekelementary>



**What after school programs or events would your child would be interested in?**

**We would love to hear your thoughts.**

**Please share your ideas with our PTA president, Robin Zaback  
([canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com)).**



# Volunteer Opportunities

## PTA Chair Positions

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

- **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](mailto:canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com)).

## Nominating Committee

Believe it or not, it is time to start thinking about leadership for 2017-2018! We are in need of three PTA members to form a **Nominating Committee**. The purpose of the committee is to recognize and recruit the most qualified people available for PTA board positions. The time commitment is just a few hours a month from November to March. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact Robin Zaback ([canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com)).

## Event Volunteer Opportunities

- **Veterans Day Assembly Reception** - Thu 11/10, drop food contributions by noon  
Sign up: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49A5A92CA7F94-veterans](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49A5A92CA7F94-veterans), more details in article below.
- **Staff Appreciation: Gift Wrapping** - gift wrap donations (12/1 & 12/2) and wrapping gifts (12/12, 12/13 & 12/15)  
Sign up: Contact Elesha Ostrander ([threebugs@comcast.net](mailto:threebugs@comcast.net)) or (425) 770-9888, more details in article below.
- **Moms & Muffins** - Fri 12/9, Setup 7:30-8am, Help serving 8-8:40am  
Sign up: Contact Mary White ([whiteme@comcast.net](mailto:whiteme@comcast.net)), more details in "Moms & Muffins" above.
- **Bingo Raffle Volunteers & Classroom Coordinators** - starting now!  
Sign up: Contact Brandi LaCombe ([brandi\\_lacombe@hotmail.com](mailto:brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com)), more details in article below.

## Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

- **Library Brigade** - Every other week (or weekly if you want) in Library  
Sign up: contact Lisa Chapman ([lisa.chapman@usa.com](mailto:lisa.chapman@usa.com)), more details in article below.
- **Watch D.O.G.S. and Playground Partners**  
Sign up: Bob Graff, at [rgraff@nsd.org](mailto:rgraff@nsd.org), more details in article below.

## Veterans Day Assembly

Canyon Creek Elementary is having our annual Veterans Day assemblies on **Thursday, November 10th, 2016** and we are looking for volunteers to bring some snacks and goodies as a thank you to our veterans! The PTA is sponsoring a reception at 1:35pm and we are asking that contributions be brought in by noon that day. They can be dropped off in the Champion's room by the cafeteria. Sign up here: [www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49A5A92CA7F94-veterans](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C0C49A5A92CA7F94-veterans).

If you have ideas of what to bring other than what is listed, feel free!

Questions? Contact Barby Taheri at 425-256-1591 or [parents@taheri.email](mailto:parents@taheri.email).

## Library Brigade

Library is regarded as a wonderful volunteer experience, with duties including checking class books in and out, student check-out enquiries, distributing & placing holds, placing returned books back to the shelves and simply enjoying the relaxed environment, while getting to know the students in class.

Library Volunteers are needed for the following classes:

- ▶ **D'Entremont** - Mondays 11:10-11:55am  
1 volunteer needed every week or 2 volunteers alternating every second week
- ▶ **Vagt** - Tuesdays 1:40-2:25pm  
1 volunteer needed every week or 2 volunteers alternating every second week
- ▶ **Dooley** - Fridays 12:00-12:45pm  
1 volunteer needed for every second week

Please email Lisa Chapman ([lisa.chapman@usa.com](mailto:lisa.chapman@usa.com)) for more information.



## Staff Appreciation: Gift Wrapping Service



The Staff Appreciation Committee will be coordinating a holiday gift wrapping service for our teachers & staff. We are looking for donations of gift wrapping supplies and 15-20 parent volunteers to help with the wrapping.

**Gift wrapping supplies** needed: holiday-themed wrapping paper, bows, ribbons, gift tags, Scotch tape, and holiday gift bags with colored tissue paper. Please label "For PTA" and drop these items off in the school office anytime **Thursday, December 1st or Friday, December 2nd**.

**Parent volunteers** will be needed to help wrap gifts on **December 12th, 13th, & 15th (Monday, Tuesday & Thursday) from 9:30am-12:00pm**. Everyone will meet in the school office. Check your child's Monday Envelope this month for additional event information and to sign-up!

If you have questions about this event, please contact Elesha Ostrander at [threebugs@comcast.net](mailto:threebugs@comcast.net) or (425) 770-9888.

## Bingo Night

Bingo night is scheduled for March 17th and we are *already* getting started with planning!! We need your help. Please consider volunteering to help prepare for this popular and very fun evening of bingo.

### Bingo Raffle Volunteers

The Bingo committee is looking for some wonderful people to help with this year's raffle. If you are great at procurement and can help us score some awesome raffle donations, we would love to talk to you! Join us to help make this year's raffle the best ever.

Please contact Brandi LaCombe ([brandi\\_lacombe@hotmail.com](mailto:brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com)) to volunteer.



### Bingo Classroom Coordinators

We would like each class to have a parent volunteer to act as the Bingo Classroom Coordinator. This person would assist with gathering class donations and putting the class baskets together in March.

If you would like to volunteer as your child's Bingo Classroom Coordinator, please contact Brandi LaCombe ([brandi\\_lacombe@hotmail.com](mailto:brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com)) with your name, child's grade and teacher.

Keep your eyes out for information about the Bingo basket plan in the upcoming months! We look forward to making this the best bingo night EVER!!

## Watch D.O.G.S. and Playground Partners

Become a member of our WATCH D.O.G.S. program or Playground Partners program and make a difference at Canyon Creek!! These programs provide an opportunity for all Canyon Creek parents/caregivers to serve as positive role models for all of our students during the course of the school day.

### WATCH D.O.G.S.

#### Who are the WATCH D.O.G.S.?

("D.O.G.S." stands for Dads Of Great Students, but don't have to be dads!)

- ▶ Dads
- ▶ Grandpas
- ▶ Step-dads
- ▶ Or other father figures



#### What do the WATCH D.O.G.S. do?

- ▶ Volunteer in their student(s)'s classroom as well as others (up to 4 classrooms in a day!)
- ▶ Enjoy lunch with their student(s)
- ▶ Help at recess by playing with their student(s) and conducting special recess activities
- ▶ Most importantly, WATCH D.O.G.S. provide positive male role-models throughout the school.

### Playground Partners

Playground Partners is a **new** volunteer effort designed to provide students with additional structured activities during their lunch recess (11:20am-1:20pm) and is open to **all** Canyon Creek parents/caregivers.

Playground Partners can choose between conducting special activities (such as whiffle ball, frisbee golf, or sidewalk chalk art zone) or serving as "Good Sportsmanship Coaches" for a team sport or other game.



#### How to get involved:

If you interested in either of these programs or have questions, please contact our WATCH D.O.G.S. and Playground Partners Coordinator, Bob Graff ([rgraff@nsd.org](mailto:rgraff@nsd.org)).

# Fundraising RESULTS

## Coyote Fun Run - Results & Survey

### Fundraising Summary

We are so excited to announce that the first ever Coyote Fun Run was a smashing success! In addition to having a fantastic time getting to RUN at our fundraising event, we have very nearly met the \$20,000 fundraising goal thanks to the students and their families and friends donations, as well as corporate matching.

### Prize Announcements

Congratulations to our Coyote Fun Run individual fundraising prize winners!



- Our top earners this year, in a 3 way tie for first, received a \$40 gift card to University Bookstore and a Canyon Creek Hoodie:  
**Alexander C., Emi C., Landon C.**
- Our second-fifth place earners each won a \$25 gift card to University books and a Canyon Creek t-shirt:  
**Caleb T., Carter K., Chase K., Sahan H.**
- Our next three top earners each won a \$10 gift card to Menchie's and a choice of Canyon Creek t-shirt or socks:  
**Avery F., Ethan F., Will R.**
- And to round out our top earners, each won their choice of a Canyon Creek water bottle or pair of socks:  
**Charles J., Charlotte M., Elsa M., Keith M., Logan Z., Parker D., Samuel P., Simon P., Sydney T., Victoria T., Flynn Z.**

Also, a big Hoorah to our classroom prize winners!

- **Ms. Watson's 5th grade class** was the top earning classroom and has won a Pizza Party!
- **Ms. Burkett's 3rd grade class** won TWO class parties, for most food collected for the food drive (108 items) and for most online RSVPs (the only class with more than 50% responding)!
- **Ms. Miller's 4th grade class** won a party also for second most food collected (106 items) for the food drive!
- **Ms. Vagt's 3rd grade class** won a class party for the most event participation, with 58% of her class in attendance at the Fun Run!

And the random prize drawing among all students who submitted fundraising pledges of any amount went to **Gwyneth S.** is Ms. Lindley's 4th grade class. She won a \$10 gift card to University Bookstore.

And congratulations to our various random prize winners who won sponsor gift cards and spirit-wear prizes at the event on October 1st.

Thank you all so much for contributing to such a spectacular fundraising event. We appreciate all you do! If you have questions, please contact the Canyon Creek PTA Fundraising Fun Run Committee: Robyn Mortensen ([fitnessrlm@gmail.com](mailto:fitnessrlm@gmail.com)), Sarah Sloan ([smsloanrn@gmail.com](mailto:smsloanrn@gmail.com)), or Becky Trepp ([beckytrepp@hotmail.com](mailto:beckytrepp@hotmail.com)).

### Share Your Feedback

We want to hear from you! This was our first year doing the Coyote Fun Run, and we would love to get some feedback about the event to help us plan for next year. Please take a few minutes to complete our online survey:

<http://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/3141154/Survey-Coyote-Fun-Run-2016>





## Box Tops Drive - Results

The Fall Box Tops & Labels for Education drive has ended and was a huge success!!!

- **Box Tops**

Your 9,950 clippings raised **\$995** from the Box Tops for Education program!! That's cash in the bank to use for programs to benefit Canyon Creek Elementary kids.

- **Labels for Education**

We earned **1128** points in Labels for Education program.



The 3 classes with the highest combined Box Tops and Labels for Education were:

- First Place - Mrs. Burkett's Class - 856
- Second Place - Mr. Martin's Class - 724
- Third Place - Mrs. Watson's Class - 559



Mrs. Burkett's class will be rewarded for their win in the collection competition.

The next collection drive is in early February, so keep clipping your Box Tops. And keep searching for any Labels for Education that remain on packages at home! We are well on our way to reaching a goal of \$1500 for the PTA to spend on programs and resources that benefit our students.

If you have any questions, contact PTA Box Tops Chair, Karen Cohen ([karenjeffc@yahoo.com](mailto:karenjeffc@yahoo.com)).

## PTA Membership

### Join Today!

Our goal is to get 465 PTA members. We currently have 383 members - that's 82%!!

There are different membership options:

- ▶ Family membership for \$21
- ▶ Single membership for \$13
- ▶ OR grab a friend and join together for \$21 (\$10.50 each)

Join online: <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](mailto:melissareitbauer@hotmail.com)).



## Parent Resources

### One Voice Blog



**One Voice**, <http://onevoice.pta.org/>, is the Official Blog of National PTA. In it, you'll find posts concerning all aspects of education, advocacy, and the work PTA does on behalf of all children. Recent entries include online safety for kids, engaging parents in education, and healthy schools. Check it out!

### Community Resources

The **Northshore Community Kitchen** is a partnership between Northshore Council PTSA and the Northshore YMCA to help address the food insecurity needs of Northshore students and their families.

The Community Kitchen was launched in April 2012 and currently prepares and distributes around 80 meals each week, year-round.

Families who are enrolled in the program are able to pick up meals once a week at the Y/Carol Edwards Center in Woodinville.

For more information about volunteering, donating, or enrolling in the program, contact Northshore Community Kitchen Coordinator Sue Freeman ([suefree7@hotmail.com](mailto:suefree7@hotmail.com)).



Also find more information on the website (<http://www.northshorecouncilptsa.org/northshore-community-kitchen.html>)

### Northshore School District - Superintendent's Blog

As you may know, this year we have a new Superintendent for our school district - Dr. Michelle Reid. She has a blog on the Northshore School District website. If you are interested, check it out: <http://www.nsd.org/Page/29868>.



**Northshore  
School District**

Strengthening Our Community Through Excellence In Education

**What would help you?  
What are you interested in?  
Let us know!**

**We are always looking for topics of interest to our PTA members & community.**

**Please share ideas with the Howler Editor, Nicole Trimble ([nictrimble@gmail.com](mailto:nictrimble@gmail.com)) or the PTA President Robin Zaback ([canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com](mailto:canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com)).**

# Advocacy

## 2016 Legislative Assembly - Recap

On October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, Jennifer Snyder and Mindie Wirth, along with PTA delegates from around the state, joined together in Olympia to set the Washington State PTA Legislative Platform. Ten issues were debated, discussed, and voted to be on the platform for the upcoming legislative biennium. Five of those 10 issues were voted to be the top priority. In addition, there were three new resolutions added to the long-term platform.

### Top 5 Legislative Priorities:

1. Social Emotional Learning
2. Ample Fund Basic Education
3. Closing the Opportunity Gap
4. Standards for Para-Educators
5. Breakfast after the Bell

### Issues Also Supported: (listed in alpha order)

- Engaging Families in Student Success
- Improving Educational Outcomes for Foster Children
- Post-Secondary Higher Education
- Removing the Barriers to Implementing ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- Restorative Justice and School Safety

### NEW Resolutions added to the Long-Term Platform:

- Child Sex Trafficking
- Dyslexia and its Educational Impact
- Mitigating Environmental Hazards and Contaminants in Schools

Northshore's impact at the Assembly was impressive. Three of the issues and two of the resolutions were sponsored by PTA members from Northshore School District. Mindie Wirth, Canyon Creek, sponsored the Child Sex Trafficking Resolution which was added to the long-term platform. In addition to the issues and resolutions, the delegates made amendments and voted on the Legislative Principles. Go to [www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html](http://www.wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html) to read more about the issues and resolutions on the Legislative Platform.

## Make Your Vote Count!

Election Day is **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**. Voters are encouraged to return their completed ballots as soon as practical. There is a no postage needed at ballot drop box locations. The closest ballot drop off box to Canyon Creek is located in the Canyon Park QFC Shopping Center parking lot. It is available 24 hours a day until 8 p.m. on Election Day, **Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**.

Ballots returned through the mail must be post marked no later than November 8. Due to the large number of state and local measures on the ballot, \$0.68 postage is needed to return your ballot by mail. As has always been the case, the Post Office will forward ballots with insufficient postage to the Auditor's Office for processing.



If you are registered to vote and have not received a ballot by October 25, call 425-388-3444. For more information, visit [www.snoco.org/elections](http://www.snoco.org/elections). You may also contact Snohomish County Elections at [elections@snoco.org](mailto:elections@snoco.org).

En Español: <https://www.sos.wa.gov/elections/spanish.aspx>.

## Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates

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| <b>November 8th</b>      | General Election Day ( <a href="http://www.snoco.org/elections">www.snoco.org/elections</a> )   |
| <b>November 8th</b>      | NSD Board Meeting at 4pm ( <a href="http://www.nsd.org/Page/341">http://www.nsd.org/Page/341</a> )  |
| <b>November 22nd</b>     | NSD Board Meeting at 7pm ( <a href="http://www.nsd.org/Page/341">http://www.nsd.org/Page/341</a> )  |
| <b>January 16th</b>      | 2017 Legislative Focus Day in Olympia ( <a href="http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html">http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html</a> ) |
| <b>April 28th - 30th</b> | WSPTA Convention at SeaTac Hilton   |

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

## Howler Hoorays

- MANY THANKS to **Barby Taheri** for coordinating our Fall Skate Night and ensuring the 178 kids and their families who skated had a blast!
- GRATITUDE to **Faye Heng** for coordinating volunteers who assisted the nurses with vision and hearing screenings. And YIPEES for our volunteers who helped make the day run so smoothly: **Becky Trepp, Hnoss Huang, Alice Hongxia Liu, Mariel Villa, Kimberly Buckland, Brenda Garner, Lori Kirsten, Tong Phelps, Elesha Townsend, Megan Madsen, Rebecca Boss, Chitkala Seshasankaran, Melissa Kline, and Chi Le.**
- THANK YOU to the awesome October Popcorn Friday crew, **Tonia Wong, Karoline Simmons, Sarah Sloan, Megan Madsen and Miwako Farr**, who made and handed out popcorn to students and staff!
- SPECIAL THANKS to our delegates to the WSPTA Legislative Assembly, **Jenn Snyder** and **Mindie Wirth**, who represented Canyon Creek in Olympia and helped decide Washington State PTA's legislative platform.
- BIG APPRECIATION to our Staff Appreciation Committee - **Elesha Townsend, Christine McKenna & Dawn Draheim** - for coordinating another great event for our teachers and staff. And SPECIAL THANKS to all the volunteers who brought food and supplies for the Soup & Bread Luncheon: **Ranee Axtell, Karen Cohen, Dawn Draheim, Casey Dwyer, Miwako Farr, Jana Houle, Hannah Hurey, Melissa Kline, Megan Madsen, Jessica Malm, Chrissy McKenna, Angelique Peretzman, Selvi Periyasamy, Colette Puoci, Kris Purrier, Joy Schuler, Harjit Singh, Sarah Sloan, Barbara Taheri, Nicole Trimble, Mary White, Suzanna Yarbrough and Robin Zaback.**
- HOORAY to our Literacy Committee, **Ranee Axtell** and **Robyn Martin**, for creating the awesome posters that are on display in the library and next to the main office. It is so fun and inspiring to see what books the teachers ❤️.





# 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](http://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](mailto: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 & Labels Drive is over, see results from that drive in the article above. The next Box Tops & Labels Drive will be in February 2017, so keep clipping!!

- **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.



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

## Useful Links

- ▶ PTA Website: [www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com](http://www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com)
- ▶ PTA Meeting minutes: [http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Meeting\\_Minutes/Meeting\\_Minutes](http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Meeting_Minutes/Meeting_Minutes)
- ▶ PTA Facebook page (like us!): [www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta](http://www.facebook.com/canyoncreekpta)
- ▶ Canyon Creek Elementary website: <http://www.nsd.org/canyoncreek>
- ▶ Northshore School District website: [www.nsd.org](http://www.nsd.org)
- ▶ Northshore Council PTSA website: [www.northshorecouncilptsa.org](http://www.northshorecouncilptsa.org)
- ▶ Washington State PTA website: [www.wastatepta.org](http://www.wastatepta.org)
- ▶ National PTA website: [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org)
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