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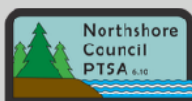
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Dear Canyon Creek Families,

In last month's *Coyote Howler*, Barby Taheri wrote about connectedness and being involved. One thing she wrote that really resonated with me: "It is never too late and it doesn't matter how big or how small - it all makes huge impact!"

She's so right! I definitely didn't start out as a PTA president. I started out by helping in my older son's classroom once a week. The following year, a friend and I volunteered to change the reader board in front of the school. When my youngest started Kindergarten, that's when I stepped up and joined the board as a co-vice president. Each year, as my boys grew a little older, and as I could manage it, I worked to get involved in different and deeper ways. And the more involved I became, the more I saw how integral PTA is to our school community and how much it does to support *all* of our students. I also started to really see first-hand how much care and effort our staff puts into their work every single day to make Canyon Creek an amazing place for our kids to learn.

What it comes down to is that it really does take a village to make our school the awesome place that it is. Research supports this as well: "When schools, families, and community groups work together to support learning, children tend to do better in school, stay in school longer, and like school more."*

There are many ways parents can support learning and become better connected with the school community. Volunteering is a great way to do that. Giving even an hour or two here and there can make a huge impact! (Feel free to drop me a line and I'll totally hook you up!) Another way you can support learning is to join PTA - it is easy and it also makes an impact. There's no time commitment with becoming a member! You don't need to volunteer or come to meetings. But just by joining, you make our community stronger - it shows that you support PTA's efforts to support our school and enrich our children's educational experience. Joining PTA also means that your voice is added to many others, making our collective voice that much stronger. So when decisions are made, we all can have a seat at the table.

I encourage you to be involved in whatever ways work best for you and your family. It is so worth it!

Many thanks for your support,

Robin Zaback

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Important Dates

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

January

1/6 (Fri) - Northshore Council PTA Reflections Ceremony
Open House, 6:30-8pm, Eastside Foursquare Church
1/10 (Tue) - PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Cafeteria
1/16 (Mon) - Martin Luther King Day - no school
1/16 (Mon) - WSPTA Focus Day in Olympia
1/19 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
1/27 (Fri) - Family Fun Night, 6-8pm, Gym & Cafeteria
1/30 (Mon) - Non-student day
1/31 (Tue) - Hour of Code, 7-8pm, Library

February

2/6-2/10 (M-F) - Spring Box Tops Drive
2/7 (Tue) - Literacy Night, 6-8pm, Gym
2/16 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
2/20-2/24 (M-F) - Mid-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).

Feature - Family Fun Night “GLOW-A-RAMA”

Mark your calendars for our Family Fun Glow Dance on **Friday, January 27th from 6-8pm**, in the Canyon Creek Gym & Cafeteria.

Stand out BRIGHT when dressed in white or neon for our GLOW DANCE!

This **FREE** event is open to all Canyon Creek students, staff and their families. Students must be accompanied by an adult who will remain on campus for the entire event.

Glow sticks will be available for purchase...and enjoy FREE POPCORN!

Want to help or have questions, contact the Family Fun Night Chair, Amber McAfee (ambermcafee23@gmail.com).



Family Fun
Night



What's Happening at School

Reflections



Remember that our students' work selected to move onto the PTA Council competition will be featured at the *Northshore Council PTA Reflections Ceremony Open House* on **Friday, January 6th from 6:30 - 8:00pm** at Eastside Foursquare Church, 14520 100th Ave. NE, Bothell, WA 98011.

We hope you will join us in celebrating the stories of students throughout the Northshore district.

Canyon Creek PTA General Meeting

Join us for our first meeting of the new year on **Tuesday, January 10th at 6:30pm**, in the cafeteria. Enjoy a performance by Canyon Creek's 5th grade marimba group! FREE childcare (ages 5+) from Champions will be available (located in the cafeteria).



Don't Miss

Recess Running Club



Recess Running Club has started!! This is a voluntary before school recess activity (**Fridays, 8:25-8:45am**) 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 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 8:25-8:45**.

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

Smart with Art

The PTA has coordinated with Smart with Art to offer 2 after school art classes. Limited scholarships are available, please contact the Canyon Creek Elementary office for details.

- Bite of Art - art relating to different types of cuisine (grades K-6th)
 - **Wednesdays 1:40-3:10pm, 1/11 - 3/8** (no class on 2/22), Price: \$160
- Imagine with Fashion - art relating to fashion (grades 1st-6th)
 - **Thursdays 3:10-4:40pm, 1/12 - 3/9** (no class on 2/23), Price: \$156



Register online at www.smartwithart.net/canyoncreek. Questions: office@smartwithart.net or 888.300.4671.

Hour of Code

Bring your child to Hour of Code to learn the basics of programming - appropriate for all grades Kindergarten - 6th. Parents must stay with their children. Check it out in advance at www.code.org.



There are two sessions scheduled:

- **Tuesday, January 31st**, from 7-8 pm, in the library
- **Tuesday, March 28th**, from 7-8, in the library

Please contact Heather Douangpanya (heather.douangpanya@frontier.com) with questions or if you would like to help!

Box Tops and Labels For Education - Spring Drive



Bring in Box Tops and Labels for Education from **February 6th to February 10th** for the Spring collection drive - the last of the school year. Keep clipping!

If you have any questions contact Karen Cohen PTA Box Tops Chair (karenjeffc@yahoo.com).

FOR THE ♥ OF BOOKS: Literacy Night

The PTA Literacy Committee is very excited to host the first Literacy Night at Canyon Creek. Literacy Night is **Tuesday, February 7th from 6-8pm** in the gym. We will have the following activities:

- Stations (Jenga, Bookmark Creation, Boggle, Journal Making, Vision Tracking)
- Student Book Exchange
- Reading with Rover, for the first time on campus, providing 3-5 dogs available to read with students.
- Authors' Corner featuring student graphic novel pages created during our Graphic Novel Challenge in the fall.



Please join us for this fun night!

We are looking for volunteers to help with the stations. Please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/find/signup>, enter "raneexatell@yahoo.com" to sign up to help.

Have questions, please contact Robyn Martin (robynmartin700@hotmail.com) or Raneex Axtell (raneexatell@yahoo.com).

Bingo Night



Canyon Creek PTA's Feeling Lucky Bingo Night is coming soon! This year's event is **Friday, March 17th at 6pm** at Bothell High School Cafeteria. We will have great raffle items, bingo baskets, concessions and a food drive for the Maltby Food Bank.

Preorder forms and classroom Bingo basket information will be sent home in mid-February. SPACE IS LIMITED! Teachers have been assigned their classrooms basket themes and they will be looking for help from their classes to put these baskets together.

Much more information regarding our Bingo night will be coming soon.

Bingo Volunteers Needed!!!

Bingo is looking for volunteers to help make this night a huge success. Currently we are looking for people to help with the raffle and organization of the event. Day of the event volunteer sign ups will be coming out soon. If you are able to help, please contact Brandi LaCombe at brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com.

PTA Membership

Membership Goal Status



Our 2016-2017 school year membership goal is 465 PTA members. We currently have 405 members (87% of goal).

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).

Volunteer Opportunities

PTA Awards Committee

Now seeking a PTA member to serve on the 2016-17 Awards Committee! This volunteer will work together with last year's award winners and a PTA board member to help publicize the awards, build a nominee list, and then decide on winners for this year's awards. Each year our PTA presents awards for Outstanding Educator, Golden Acorn, Outstanding Advocate, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about all of the amazing work the people in our school community are doing and to recognize their efforts!

If you are interested in volunteering to serve on the Awards Committee, contact Robin Zaback, canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com.

Event Volunteer Opportunities

- **Bingo Raffle Volunteers & Classroom Coordinators** - starting now!
Sign up: Contact Brandi LaCombe (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com), more details above.
- **Family Fun Night (Glow-A-Rama)** - Fri 1/27, 6-8pm
Sign up: Contact Amber McAfee (ambermcafee23@gmail.com), more details above.
- **Literacy Night** - Tue 2/7, 6-8pm
Sign up: Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>, enter "raneexatell@yahoo.com", more details above.

Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities

- **Library Brigade** - Every other week (or weekly if you want) in Library
Sign up: Contact Lisa Chapman (lisa.chapman@usa.com), more details below.
- **Watch D.O.G.S. and Playground Partners**
Sign up: Contact Bob Graff (rgraff@nsd.org), more details below.
- **Recess Running Club** - Before school recess, Fridays, 8:25-8:45am.
Sign up: Contact Shannon Daniel (sdaniel@nsd.org), more details above.

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
- ▶ **Dooley** - Fridays 12:00-12:45pm
1 volunteer needed for every second week
- ▶ **Hilgers** - Mondays 12:00-12:45pm
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

Please email Lisa Chapman (lisa.chapman@usa.com) for more information.



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!!

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).

Parent Information

Canyon Creek Student Directory - NOW AVAILABLE!

The directory is a great resource for families wanting to make connections with other families, students, and staff at Canyon Creek. While the directory lists nearly everyone, only families who submitted completed directory information forms have contact information included. And the directory is available exclusively to PTA members!

If you are already a PTA member, access to the directory also requires that you have an online account on our Canyon Creek PTA website. It is fast, easy and free to sign up! Once your account has been created, our web administrators will need to verify your account and then manually grant you access to the file. Please allow a couple of days for this to happen after you have created your account.



Get all the details and access the directory here:

<http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Directory/Student-Directory-Info-Page>

Note: The Canyon Creek Student Directory is for the private use of Canyon Creek PTA families. No part of the directory may be reproduced, sold or used for any commercial purpose.

Essay Contest: "Men Making a Difference"

All men involved in a child's life - fathers, uncles, grandpas, brothers, step-fathers, mentors, neighbors, pastors, coaches, and friends - impact the children they care about. Washington State PTA is sponsoring an essay contest that explores the important and different contributions that men make in the lives and education of children, from our children's perspective. The writing contest is open to all Washington state children, grades K-12 and the deadline is **March 1, 2017**.

For more information about the contest and how to participate visit: http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/PTA_mens/

Request for Secondary Student Volunteers

Do you have a junior high or high school student who loves working with children? If so, please read on!

Four years ago we started a Homework Club (tutoring) program at the Willow Tree Grove Apartments. We invite 1st-4th grade residents to join the Homework Club, and invite junior high and high school students (and adults!) to tutor the elementary school students. We meet in the apartment cabana. We will be tutoring on Mondays and Tuesdays in 2017:

- **January 9th - April 25th**
- **Monday and Tuesday nights, 4-5pm *Mondays will end at 4:50**

If you or your child is interested or would like more information, please contact our volunteer coordinator: DeAnne Willis, deanne.willis@icloud.com.

Thank you for considering involvement in this rewarding and fun opportunity! Feel free to pass on this information to other students who may be interested in community service hours and making a difference in the life of a child.

- DeAnne Willis and Jodi Ehlers, Homework Club Coordinators

Raz-Kids

Raz-Kids (<https://www.raz-kids.com/>) is a wonderful resource for young readers that offers leveled reading practice. It uses the same level system that our teachers use in their classrooms.

And every Canyon Creek K-3 student has access to this awesome resource, both at school and at home! For more information about this great reading resource and details on how to access it at home, contact your child's teacher.



Pedestrian Safety

Our school is a busy place and the traffic in our area reflects that as well. Please remember to be safe as you are walking and driving to school! There are many wonderful resources available to help families teach their children safe practices while walking to and from school as well as to encourage safe driving as well.

- The CDC website has an article titled, "Walk This Way! Taking Steps for Pedestrian Safety." It includes eye-opening statistics and special safety tips for children who walk to school.
<http://www.cdc.gov/features/pedestriansafety/>
- National Center for Safe Routes to School offers a wealth of information about walking safely, education tip sheets, and parent tips, with many resources available both in English and Spanish.
<http://www.saferoutesinfo.org/>
- The American Academy of Pediatrics has a wealth of information on staying safe on the way to school, for walkers, bud riders, drivers, and more.
<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/safety-prevention/on-the-go/Pages/Safety-On-The-Way-To-School.aspx>



And don't forget to check out the **Canyon Creek Parking Lot Safety** video as well. It has some great tips and reminders for families who choose to drive to school. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RoRspv8QV9U>

Community Resources



Community Resource Day is coming on **Friday, January 27th from 2-4pm** at Mobius Hall at Cascadia College. This event is designed to connect people to organizations that provide essential human services such as housing, food, and healthcare. This is the first in what is planned to be a series of ongoing events taking place on the fourth Friday of each month, from January through May, sponsored by Cascadia College, University of Washington Bothell, City of Bothell, Bothell United Methodist Church, Care Day and Lakeside-Milam Recovery Centers.

For more information, please visit: <https://communityresourceday.wordpress.com/>.

Kindergarten Registration for 2017-18 School Year

Planning for the Class of 2030!

Kindergarten registration packets will be available in the Canyon Creek office **starting January 17th**, Monday - Friday from 8am - 4pm.

Mark your calendars if you have a child who will start kindergarten in September, 2017. If you know other parents of kindergarten age children in your neighborhood, please share this important information with them as well. Students need to be five years old on or before August 31, 2017 to be eligible for kindergarten. Please return a completed kindergarten packet by **JANUARY 31st**. **When these forms are returned to the office, you will need to show proof of address (utility bill, rental or purchase agreement, etc.) and we will make a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport.** Your child is welcome to come to school with you for registration, but it is not required.



In order to fill out the registration packet you will need:

- Two names and phone numbers of people to be called in case of an emergency and the parent cannot be reached
- Daycare provider for the 2017-2018 school year, if applicable
- Your child's immunization records

Kindergarten Immunization Requirements

Incoming kindergarten students are currently required to have the following immunizations **prior to the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year**. Please call Susan Monette-Czarnecki, our school nurse, at 425-408-5706 if you have immunization questions.

- DPT: At least 4 doses, the last after the 4th birthday
- Polio: At least 3 doses, the last after the 4th birthday
- Hepatitis B series: 3 immunizations
- MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella): 2 doses with the first after the 1st birthday
- Varicella: 2 doses of varicella vaccine received after the first birthday OR Documentation of the chicken pox disease by a health care provider

Kindergarten Orientation Meetings

There will be Kindergarten Orientation Meetings on **March 9th and 10th** at the Northshore Performing Arts Center.

More information regarding Kindergarten can be found on the district website <http://nsd.schoolwires.net/Domain/250>.

Advocacy

SAVE THE DATE: WSPTA Focus Day 2017

Monday, January 16, 2017

Capitol Building | Olympia

Ready to Rally? WSPTA advocates will be rallying on the capitol steps to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday by celebrating Education as a Civil Right, alongside many other Washington State advocacy groups.



Following the release of Governor Inslee's proposed budget, which includes \$3.9B in education funding, WSPTA advocates will hear from the Governor himself.

In addition to the Governor, new Superintendent of Public Instruction (SPI) Chris Reykdal will also spend time with us in the rotunda. Chris will talk about his vision for the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and his top priorities during the first 100 days of office.

Meet Your Legislators. The main reason for Focus Day is learning about Washington State PTA (WSPTA), our advocacy a legislative platform, and meeting with your legislators to talk about the importance of our Whole Child advocacy! Don't miss this opportunity for an exclusive audience with your elected officials.

Kids are welcome! There will be kids activities available in the Columbia Room.

Registration

Cost: Free

Register here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/wspta-focus-day-2017-registration-28198424246>.

Note: Register by January 9 to receive your free t-shirt at Focus Day and to pay/reserve your boxed lunch. Full registration closes January 11.

For more information, please visit: http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html.

Conversations With The Board

Northshore families and community members are invited to attend the second session of Community Conversations with the Board on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 from 7-8:30pm at the Skyview Junior High library.



Northshore School Board directors will introduce their work, and then meet in small groups with the community to discuss major areas of focus for the year. A Spanish interpreter will be available. Those needing interpretation in additional languages should contact Communications at 425-408-7670. <http://www.nsd.org/Page/60>

Press Release

State's Largest Parents' Association Applauds Inslee Education Budget

Tacoma, WA (December 15, 2016): After the release of Governor Jay Inslee's education budget spending plan on Tuesday, Washington State PTA President Barbara Martin issued the following statement:



"Governor Inslee's investments in K-12 education to support a high-quality teacher in every classroom and a skilled principal in every school are a great step forward in resolving the McCleary lawsuit. Funding to support beginning teachers, training and collaboration time, and market-rate salaries will help Washington attract and retain the professionals our students need to learn and succeed in our schools."

Washington State PTA is an organization that is focused on the whole child – both the academic and non-academic needs of every student – Martin expressed excitement in some specific funding proposals:

"We are thrilled that this budget proposal recognizes the importance of social and emotional barriers to learning, with investments to support the health and well-being of our students. A crucial priority for Washington State PTA is to ensure adequate staffing of school counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, and family engagement coordinators. This budget proposal funds these critical staffing positions."

The Washington State PTA adopts a two-year legislative agenda in the fall, based on positions drafted and voted on by membership at a Legislative Assembly. The legislative agenda includes support for: social and emotional learning, full funding of basic education, closing the opportunity gap, professional standards for para-educators, and funding for programs to increase breakfast participation in high-poverty schools.

"We applaud Governor Inslee for creating a bold plan to amply and equitably fund basic education for our more than one million students across the state, and are excited to partner with him and others to advance these budget proposals in the upcoming session," said Martin.

About Washington State PTA: The Washington State PTA was founded in 1905 by Abby Williams Hill of Tacoma, an artist who saw the need for an organization to support Washington's children. Thanks to her leadership and vision—and over 132,000 current members who have carried her vision forward—Washington State PTA has been a leading voice for children in Washington for over 110 years.

Source: <http://wsptagrassroots.blogspot.com/>

Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates



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| January 10th | NSD Board Meeting at 4pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341) |
| January 16th | WSPTA Focus Day 2017 - in Olympia
(http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html) |
| January 17th | Community Conversations w/Board at 7:00 PM @ Skyview JH Library
(http://www.nsd.org/Page/60) |
| April 28th - 30th | WSPTA Convention at SeaTac Hilton
(http://www.wastatepta.org/meetings/index.html) |

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

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

- **** Holiday Special: Ice Skating at Magic Season Ice Arena:** From November 25 - December 16 and January 3 - 8, when you go ice skating at the Magic Season Ice Arena in Bellevue, be sure to mention Canyon Creek PTA and they'll make a \$3 donation for every paid admission! For additional information please visit <http://www.bellevuedowntown.com/events/magic-season/main-events/ice-arena>.



- **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.

The next Box Tops & Labels Drive is February 6th - 10th, 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.

Howler Hoorays

- SPECIAL SHOUT OUT to **all who donated** to the warm clothing drive for local families. You are appreciated!!
- A HUGE HOORAY to our Staff Appreciation team, **Elesha Ostrander, Dawn Draheim, and Chrissy McKenna**, for organizing our first-ever holiday gift wrapping event for staff.
- YIPPEES from the Staff Appreciation Committee to the following people for donating supplies and/or their time to our Gift Wrapping Event: **Fatima Bhatti, Kimberly Buckland, Karen Cohen, Tina Dom, Lori Hays, Jennifer Herbison, Hannah Hurey, JingJing Lu, Eileen Magnusson, Becky Trepp, and Nicole Trimble**. It was a success and we couldn't have done it without your help!
- THANK YOU to **Mary White and Julie Kerr** for their efforts in putting together Moms & Muffins! Even with a last minute cancellation and having to reschedule, they managed to put on a wonderful event that served so many Canyon Creek families!
- MANY THANKS to all the **moms and students** who attended the Moms-n-Muffins event. The event was a huge success! We served a variety of muffins, Tully's coffee and apple juice to 320+ attendees. The event was festive and a lot of fun. A big shout out to **Bhu Patro** for helping us secure a discount on the muffins and a Fred Meyer gift card that covered the majority of supply items. A huge round of applause for **Kristen Swallom and Melissa Kline** who helped us the day of the event. - Julie Kerr and Mary White, Co-Chairs for Moms-n-Muffins Committee.
- GREAT GRATITUDE to Membership Chair **Melissa Kline** who is constantly working to find ways to connect and engage our community and build the strength of our PTA through innovative membership campaigns, like 5 for Pie.
- MUCH APPRECIATION to **Tess Davis** for coordinating our upcoming Winter enrichment programs with Smart with Art. Without an After School Programs Chair, we have really had to limit what we offer to kids this year, so we are grateful for her willingness to take on this additional role.



Useful Links

- ▶ PTA Website: www.canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com
- ▶ PTA Meeting minutes: http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Meeting_Minutes/Meeting_Minutes
- ▶ 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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