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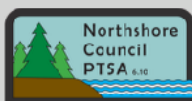
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Feedback is Welcome!!!

Dear Canyon Creek families,

This school year isn't even halfway over, but Canyon Creek PTA is already looking to 2017-18. Our Nominating Committee is on the lookout for people who are interested in volunteering for our Executive Board next year. Soon we'll be putting out the call for other leadership positions.

WE NEED YOU!

We need motivated and enthusiastic people to ensure Canyon Creek PTA is able to continue offering programs and support to benefit and enrich our students and school community.

Or maybe you're not ready to join the board, but you've been thinking about volunteering? If you are trying to decide if you want to step up and get more involved - **now** is a great time to start dipping your toes in the water!

- We have a number of upcoming events that will require the help of many to make them successful - Literacy Night, Bingo, Hour of Code - just to name a few. Consider signing up to help at one (or a few!) of these events to get a sense of what we do and how we do it. Check out pages 6 & 7 of this newsletter for a list of our current volunteer needs.
- You can also attend a meeting to get the inside scoop on the workings of PTA - we have general membership meetings every other month (the next one is March 14th). You are also welcome to attend our board and committee chair meetings (next one is February 16th).

Ask questions. Share your ideas. We would absolutely love to hear from you and we'd especially appreciate any helping hands.

Questions? Ideas? Suggestions? Please reach out to me (canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com) or any of our PTA board members! We'd love to connect with you.

All the best,

Robin Zaback

President
Canyon Creek PTA



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Important Dates

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

February

2/6-2/10 (M-F) - Spring Box Tops Drive
 2/7 (Tue) - Literacy Night, 6-8pm, Gym
 2/13-2/17 (M-F) - Random Acts of Kindness Week
 2/16 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
 2/20-2/24 (M-F) - Mid-Winter Break - no school
 2/24 (Fri) - Open Gym, 1-2pm, Bothell Gymnastics Club

March

3/9 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
 3/9 (Thu) & 3/10 (Fri) - Kindergarten Orientation, 7pm,
 Northshore Performing Arts Center
 3/10 (Fri) - Popcorn Friday, lunch recess
 3/14 (Tue) - PTA General Meeting, 6:30-8pm, Library
 3/17 (Fri) - Bingo Night, BHS
 3/28 (Tue) - Hour of Code, 7-8pm, Library

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

Feature - FOR THE ♥ OF BOOKS: Literacy Night

Literacy Night is **Tuesday, February 7th from 6-8pm** in the gym - hosted by Canyon Creek PTA.

Please join us for this fun family event celebrating literacy. We are excited to offer the following activities:

- Reading with Rover, where students will have the opportunity to read with service dogs.
- Stations (bookmark creation, journal creation, Boggle, Jenga, eye tracking games)
- Student Book Swap (participating students will have the opportunity to select books, if they donated books in January)
- Authors' Corner featuring student Graphic Novel Challenge entries and the PTA Reflections submissions in the Literature category.



We would love to see you there!

Would you help make this evening a success?

We are looking for volunteers to help run the activities. If you are available OR have an older child who needs community service credits, please go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>, enter "raneeaxtell@yahoo.com" to sign up to help.

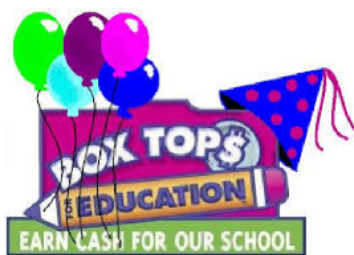
Questions?

Please contact Robyn Martin (robynmartin700@hotmail.com) or Rane Axtell (raneeaxtell@yahoo.com).



What's Happening at School

Box Tops and Labels For Education Drive



Our final Box Tops and Labels for Education collection drive of the school year will be held the week of **February 6-10**.

All Box Tops and Labels need to be submitted to your child's teacher or the front office with the teacher's name on the bag or envelope - no later than February 10th. The class with the most Box Tops and Labels will be rewarded.

So far this year we have raised \$1000 from the Box Tops program to help benefit the students!!



While the Box Tops program WILL continue next year, the Labels for Education program is coming to a close so check any soup cans or packages for final Labels for Education, to maximize the benefit to our school.

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

Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week

Once again, our amazing Student Council is planning a series of activities/events for Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week, **February 13-17**.

A random act of kindness is: a selfless act performed by a person or people wishing to either assist or cheer up others.

During this week, Canyon Creek students & staff will be challenged to step out of their normal routine and attempt a new random act of kindness each day of the week.

Goal: One RAK per day per student/staff member.

- **Monday: Compliment card.** Bring a kind note, or written compliment for a classmate.
- **Tuesday: Cheer up the elderly.** Bring a valentine card or a piece of homemade artwork for the residents of some local assisted living communities. This year we will be delivering valentines to Vineyard Park at Bothell Landing and North Creek Retirement.
- **Wednesday: Help the animals.** Bring in new and used towels (in good condition) for local animal shelters.
- **Thursday: Help Those in Need.** Bring in a roll of paper towels for the Ronald McDonald house, a housing facility for families of patients at Children's Hospital.
- **Friday: Say Thank You!** Bring a thank you card for someone who serves you. Examples: Bus drivers, cafeteria staff, parent volunteers, nurse, secretaries, custodians, etc.

There will be a contest awarding the classroom with the most acts of kindness during the week!! So get ready to reach out and make a positive difference in someone's day...

Imagine the lives we could impact together!

Questions? Contact Lauren Fabrizio (lfabrizius@nsd.org or 425-408-5749) or Annie Hall (ahall@nsd.org).

FEBRUARY SPIRIT DAYS

Friday 2/3 - Canyon Creek Spirit Day

Friday 2/10 - Canyon Creek Spirit Day

Friday 2/17 - Twin Day!

Canyon Creek Elementary Open Gym at Bothell Gymnastics Club!

Looking for something to do over mid-winter break? Come enjoy an afternoon of jumping on trampolines, bouncing off spring boards, swinging on rings into the foam pit, and much more!

This low cost event is only \$5 per child and all proceeds will go to Canyon Creek Elementary PTA!



- **Friday February 24th from 1-2pm** (during mid-winter break)
- Bothell Gymnastics Club: 22214 20th Ave SE #102, Bothell, WA 98021

Due to safety reasons this event is limited to the first 40 children. This event is offered to children ages 1-18 years old. Any children under the age of 4 must have an adult accompany them on the floor at all times.

Please RSVP at staceycsimon@hotmail.com by Friday February 17th.

Canyon Creek PTA General Meeting

Mark your calendars for our next PTA General meeting on **Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30pm**. FREE childcare (ages 5+) from Champions will be available (located in the cafeteria).

Contact Robin Zaback (canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com) with questions.



Bingo Night



Canyon Creek PTA's 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 donations are due to classrooms by **Wednesday, March 1st** - ask your student's teacher about how you can help!

If you have any questions or would like to help out your class please contact Brandi LaCombe at brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com.

Bingo Volunteers Needed!!!

Bingo is looking for volunteers for transporting baskets to BHS, event set-up, check-in, raffle table, concessions sales and many others. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to get volunteer hours (they just can't handle money).

If you would like to help make Bingo Night successful and a smooth working event, please contact Brandi LaCombe at brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com or sign up using this link to our event sign up: <http://signup.com/go/xyKUVt>.

Hour of Code



Want to expose your child to computer programming? Are they interested already and would like to explore it some more? Did they attend the last one and just can't get enough?!



Bring your child to Hour of Code to learn the basics of programming - appropriate for all grades Kindergarten - 6th. Parents, please plan to stay with your children. This event will be on **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!

Recess Running Club



Recess Running Club has started!! This is a voluntary before school recess activity (**Fridays, 8:25-8:40am**) 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 8:25-8:40**.

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

Reflections



Canyon Creek 5th grader **Mia Thompson**, submitted a dance piece that has moved on to the state level of the PTA *Reflections* competition! Congratulations to Mia on her achievement in dance!!

Will you be at Literacy Night on February 7th? *Reflections* submissions in literature will be featured at that event.

Reflections submissions in Visual Arts will be featured at our Art Gala this Spring.

PTA Membership

Membership Goal Status

Our 2016-2017 school year membership goal is 465 PTA members. We currently have 412 members (88% 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

SEEKING NEW PTA OFFICERS!

Want to get more involved at Canyon Creek?
The PTA has a great opportunity for you!

For the 2017-2018 school year PTA Board positions available will be:

PRESIDENT
Co-VICE PRESIDENT
TREASURER
SECRETARY

➡ **Nominations accepted until April 5, 2017** ⬅

Please contact the nominating committee if interested or would like to nominate someone. We are happy to answer questions.

A conversation does not equal a commitment so feel free to just inquire.

Thank you for considering to serve!

Nominating Committee: Melissa Kline (melissareitbauer@hotmail.com)
 Rachel Thompson (rthompson120@hotmail.com)
 Stacey Arnold (staceycsimon@hotmail.com)

PTA Green Day Chairperson

We need a volunteer to organize and run our Green Day recycling and fundraising event on April 1st! Total time commitment is probably 6-8 hours. If you are interested, or want more information about what is involved, contact Robin Zaback (canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com).

*** Event Volunteer Opportunities ***

- **Literacy Night** - Tue 2/7, 6-8pm
 Sign up: Go to <http://www.signupgenius.com/findasignup>, enter "raneextell@yahoo.com", more details above.
- **Staff Appreciation: Valentines for Staff** - Fri 2/10
 Sign up: Go to www.signupgenius.com/findasignup, enter "draheimdawn@gmail.com", more details below.
- **Bingo Night Volunteers** - Fri 3/17
 Sign up: Contact Brandi LaCombe (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com), OR signup online <http://signup.com/go/xyKUVt>, more details above.
- **Hour of Code** - Tue 3/28, 7-8pm
 Sign up: Contact Heather Douangpanya (heather.douangpanya@frontier.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.

Staff Appreciation - Valentines for Staff!

The Staff Appreciation Committee is looking for parent's help. We would like to give every staff member a hand crafted valentine. You can sign up for one or more specific staff members at the Sign Up Genius ink below...

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f084aaea92aa4fd0-valentines/>

We will be collecting your valentines in a box, in the hall outside the school office, on **Friday February 10th**. Please label your valentine clearly with the staff member's name you signed up for, so we can deliver for you.

We will be adding a sweet treat to every valentine so please do not seal envelopes.

And thanks in advance for your help!



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

Our Children Magazine

Check out the latest articles in National PTA's publication for families, *Our Children Magazine*, at <http://ptaourchildren.org/>.

Some recent features included information on National PTA's advocacy efforts on gun safety, ideas for how parents can use screen time to help children learn, and instructions for a Rocket Launch experiment families can do at home to engage kids with science.

Esta revista también está disponible en español! Vaya al sitio web (<http://ptaourchildren.org/>) y seleccione el idioma en la parte superior de la página para mostrarlo en español.



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/.

Community Resources: Northshore Youth & Family Services

For 45 years the non-profit organization, Northshore Youth & Family Services, has been dedicated to providing professional, affordable, and culturally appropriate counseling services for individuals, couples, families and at-risk youth throughout Bothell and surrounding areas. They offer counseling, substance use treatment, and parenting support services.

Northshore Youth & Family Services are excited to be hosting a Grand Re-opening Open House on **Wednesday, March 8th**, from 11 am - 3 am at their new location, next to the Northshore YMCA and across the street from Seattle Times campus:

19201 120th Ave. NE, Suite 108
Bothell, WA 98011

The open house will feature food, door prizes, and live music, and will give community members an opportunity to learn more about how Northshore Youth & Family Services supports our community.

Visit their website at: <http://www.northshoreyouthandfamilyservices.org>.



Calendar Update!

Northshore School District has posted an updated calendar that accounts for the snow day in December and shows the new last day of school (June 22). Access the revised calendar:

<http://docs.nsd.org/hr/publicdocs/SchoolCalendar/SchoolCalendar.pdf>



Advocacy

WSPTA Focus Day 2017 - What Happened?

On January 16, 2017, over 5,500 advocates including our PTA President, Robin Zaback, joined together to rally for education on the capitol steps. Focus Day serves as a focal point for WSPTA's legislative advocacy.

The intent of Focus Day is not to serve as an end unto itself; rather it is a day to bring WSPTA members to Olympia to sharpen the picture of how our advocacy efforts need to proceed. It's a day of training, education, meetings with legislators, and other activities that help members engage directly in the legislative process. You can visit http://wastatepta.org/meetings/focus_day/index.html to view the speech given by WSPTA Board President, Barbara Martin, and to view a photo gallery of the day's events.



Want to be a build a better future for our children? Below are some ways you can advocate for children and education:

Grassroots Connection Blog

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

School Board Meetings and Agendas

Stay informed on what is happening in our school district. The Northshore School District recently implemented an electronic school board system. School board policies and procedures, meeting agenda materials, and minutes from past meetings are available at Northshore School District Electronic School Board. <http://esbpublic.nsd.org/>

Your Legislators Want to Hear From You

Write, call, and/or visit your legislators. They want to hear from their constituents on issues that matter to you. If you go to the Washington State Legislature District Finder tool at <http://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/> you can easily find the names of your Congressional and Legislative Representatives along with their contact information. From there you can also read which bills they have sponsored and email them your comments.

Bothell City Council - Run for Office

There will be four open positions in the Bothell City Council. The next election is August 2017. If you or someone you know is interested, the filing deadline is in May 2017. For more information, please visit the King County Elections online. <http://www.kingcounty.gov/depts/elections/for-candidates/online-candidate-filing.aspx>.

Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates



February 14th	NSD Board Meeting at 4pm (http://www.nsd.org/page/341)
February 18th	NSD Board Meeting at 7pm (http://www.nsd.org/page/341)
April 28th - 30th	104th 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

- **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 final Box Tops & Labels Drive of the year is just around the corner....February 6th - 10th, so keep clipping and prepare to turn them in!! Classrooms are also competing to get the most Box Tops & Labels.

- **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.bboxtops4education.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 **Mr. Gray and the 5th Grade Marimba Ensemble** for performing at our January 10th PTA meeting. They did an amazing job!
- A HUGE HOORAY to **Miwako Farr** for all of her efforts putting together this year's Student Directory, as well as to **Chitkala Seshasankaran and Melissa Kline** for their assistance in putting it online.
- THANK YOU to Reflections Chair, **Colette Puoci**, for all of her work promoting and organizing the Reflections program at Canyon Creek this year.
- MANY THANKS to **Karoline Simmons** for giving our PTA bulletin board in the main hallway an awesome new look!
- GREAT GRATITUDE to **Barby Taheri and Nancy Tangen** for volunteering to serve on our 2017 Awards Committee.
- MUCH APPRECIATION to our Family Fun Night Chairperson - **Amber McAfee** - for coordinating an amazing Family Fun Night (Glow Dance) last Friday night! The turn out was amazing and the kids had a great time.
- YIPPEES to all those who helped make the Family Fun Night Glow Dance fun and safe - **Julie Archer, Rebecca Boss, Cathie Carmichael, Chadsrkie Curci, DJ Super Dave** for the music and getting kids dancing, **Brandy Grant** and her mother at the photo booth, **Melissa Klein, Patricia McCormick, Jaime**, the janitor for all extra time and work!, **Jill Mozley, Karoline Simmons and family** for the popcorn, **Sarah Sloan, Barby Taheri, Nicole Trimble, Mindie Wirth and Robin Zaback**.
- HOORAYS to **Melissa Kline, Dawn Draheim, Faye Heng, and Jennifer Herrman** for conducting our mid-year financial review! Their willingness to take the time to check the books and help us stay on top of our accounting and record-keeping is greatly appreciated.

Thank You!

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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