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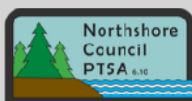
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Opportunity Knocks

Dear Canyon Creek families,

I've been working on planning for the next school year and it is really bringing home the realities of how much Canyon Creek is changing. Two classes moving on to middle school and shifting boundaries for next year mean new chapters are starting for many, including Canyon Creek PTA. We will be saying farewell to many amazing and dedicated volunteers, some of whom have been serving the Canyon Creek community for several years. But, as Alexander Graham Bell said, "When one door closes, another opens," and all of this change means that there are LOTS of opportunities for YOU to get more involved, and help shape the future of our Canyon Creek community!

We have SO MANY amazing leadership opportunities opening up in our PTA! And don't let that word "leadership" scare you off. Yes-- taking on a committee chair or board position is a step up from just coming in to help out at an event here or there. BUT, as with anything else, the job is what YOU make it. Seriously. We're all volunteers here. So don't be afraid to try something new. Make it work for you and help our school community-- all at the same time! Maybe grab a friend and do it together. Make a difference!

Check out the positions available for the 2017-18 school year, in the special volunteer section on page 5-6. Attend one of our upcoming PTA meetings to get to know us and how our organization works. Reach out and contact me at canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com if you have questions. And, if you are ready to join our leadership team-- let me know!

The door is open!

Sincerely,

Robin Zaback

President
Canyon Creek PTA



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Important Dates

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

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, Cafeteria
 3/16 (Thu) - Kindergarten Orientation (Spanish), 7pm,
 Woodmoor Elementary Library
 3/17 (Fri) - Bingo Night, 6:30-8:30pm, BHS Cafeteria
 3/21 (Tue) - Literacy Night, 6-8pm, Gym
 3/28 (Tue) - Hour of Code, 7-8pm, Library
 3/31 (Fri) - Father/Daughter Dance, 6-8pm, Bothell High

April

4/1 (Sat) - CANCELLED - Green Day Recycling Event
 4/4 (Tue) - Spring Skate Party
 4/4 (Tue) - Award Nominations Due - Local PTA Unit
 4/7 (Fri) - Dads & Donuts, 8-8:30am, Cafeteria
 4/10-4/14 (Mon-Fri) - Spring Break, no school
 4/18 (Tue) - Spring Science Night, 6-8pm, Gym
 4/20 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library
 4/24 (Mon) - Jumpin' J's After School Program starts
 4/28 (Fri) - Popcorn Friday, lunch recess
 4/28-4/30 (Fri-Sun) - WSPTA Convention

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

FEATURE - Bingo Night

Bingo Night is a super fun evening to hang out with other families from school! This jam packed event has BINGO games, pizza & snacks, and a raffle!

- **WHEN & WHERE:** **Friday, March 17th, 6:30-8:30pm** (doors open at 6pm), at the **Bothell High School Cafeteria**.
- **REGISTER:** This event ALWAYS sells out - so if you haven't turned in your registration / preorder form yet, make sure you do that by **Friday, March 3rd**.
- **CONCESSIONS:** Pizza is available for preorder or at the event itself. There will also be candy & Jamba Juice available for purchase at the event.
- **BINGO:** Bingo sheets & markers are available via preorder - or at the event. There are prizes to be won for every Bingo game!
- **GIFT BASKET DONATIONS:** The Class Gift Baskets will be used as Bingo Prizes! To help ensure we are able to build some great baskets, we have extended the donation deadline to **Friday, March 10th!** Be sure to get your class gift basket donation to your student's teacher on or before that date. If you are unsure of what your class's basket theme is please either ask your teacher, look at Canyon Creek PTA website, or email our Bingo chair, Brandi (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com).
- **DONATE FOOD:** For every two (2) items you bring for the *Maltby Food Bank collection*, you will get one (1) raffle ticket!
- **RAFFLE:** We have some GREAT raffle items this year - including the very hard to find Nintendo NES Classic Edition system. Raffle tickets will be available for purchase in addition to tickets for food donation.



Want to help make this event work?

We need your help. It takes a village to make this evening run smoothly. Please consider volunteering a small amount of your time. Visit the volunteer site at <http://signup.com/go/xyKUVt>. This is also a great opportunity for Middle and High School students to get those much needed volunteer hours for Honor Society.

Do you have questions?

Please contact our Bingo Chairperson, Brandi LaCombe (brandi_lacombe@hotmail.com), with any questions.

What's Happening at School

Recess Running Club



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

We 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).

Canyon Creek PTA General Meeting

We invite you to join us at our next PTA general meeting on **Tuesday, March 14th at 6:30 pm** in the cafeteria. The Canyon Creek Chorus will be performing and we'll be joined by KCLS Librarian, Linda Mauer, who will speak to us about KCLS online student accounts, homework help, databases and online safety. It is sure to be a fun and informative meeting. Please join us!

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



FOR THE ♥ OF BOOKS: Literacy Night - RESCHEDULED

Literacy Night has been rescheduled!! All the fun, just a different date - **Tuesday, March 21st, 6-8pm**.

Please join us in the school gym 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 like to 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 sign up (www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C48ACAA2DA3FC1-literacy) or contact Robyn Martin (robynmartin700@hotmail.com) or Rane Axtell (raneeaxtell@yahoo.com).

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!

Green Day Recycling Event - CANCELLED

As we have been unable to find someone to take over as chair of the event, the Green Day Recycling Event scheduled for April 1, 2017 has been cancelled.

Spring Skate Night

All Canyon Creek Students & Families Are Invited to our Spring Skate Night on **Tuesday, April 4th, 6:30-8:30 pm!!** Join us at Everett Skate Deck – 9700 19th AVE SE Everett, WA 98208.

The cost is \$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.



Dads & Donuts



Calling all Dads, Uncles, Grandpas & Guardians! Join us in the Canyon Creek cafeteria to enjoy a donut and coffee with your student on **Friday, April 7th, 8:00-8:30am**.

RSVP flyers will be sent home in March - please return them before Friday, March 31st.

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

Spring Science Night

Save the Date! Spring Science night is **Tuesday, April 18th from 6-8pm** in the Canyon Creek gym. We will have 8-10 interactive stations all focused on STEM-related activities, including build your own circuit, engineer a marshmallow tower, learn all about mason bees and create your own foamy fountain.



We are in need of parent (or middle school / high school student) volunteers. Please contact the Science Night Chair, Heather Douangpanya (heather.douangpanya@frontier.com) to volunteer!!

Jumpin' J's After School Jump Rope Program

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

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

Sign up one of two ways:

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

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



Volunteer Opportunities - PTA Positions (2017-2018)

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 Board & Chairperson Opportunities, 2017-2018:

We are excited to announce the opportunities available on our PTA leadership team for next year! Below is a list of committee chair positions with brief descriptions. If you have questions about any of the positions listed below, or would like to indicate your interest in volunteering, email Robin Zaback, canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com.

Ongoing / Year-Long Program Positions:

- *** Membership** - Serve on the PTA Board of Directors and manage all things membership, including but not limited to, marketing, developing and implementing campaigns, data entry, budget tracking, and ongoing communication of goals and membership initiatives.
- **After School Programs** - Plan and keep track of after school programs, act as a point-of-contact for the organization, and help request/plan space/time needs.
- **Art Docent/Art Gala** - Coordinate and manage the art docent program, including but not limited to supply ordering, art docent recruitment, training and support, and planning and organizing the annual Art Gala event.
- **Book Room** - Work with Canyon Creek staff to manage and maintain the Book Room, including working closely with Canyon Creek teachers and staff on organization, preparation and maintenance of materials, and coordinating volunteer support.
- **Community Outreach** - Help with community outreach projects, also work with Student Council to support their outreach initiatives.
- **Fundraising: Partnerships** - Develop and promote PTA fundraising opportunities, including silent fundraising management, special events, and ongoing community partnerships.

- **Library Brigade** - Support classroom library visits by coordinating, scheduling and organizing library volunteers, communicating with library staff, supporting library programs and assisting with the annual Book Fair.
- **Literacy** - Work to promote literacy in the Canyon Creek community through programs and/or events.
- **Playground** - Work to identify and communicate playground/outside needs and help advocate for and implement any changes.
- **Popcorn Friday** - Prepare and manage popcorn Fridays, including ordering, maintaining supplies/equipment, and preparing and serving popcorn to students and staff.
- **Reader Board** - Maintain the reader board outside the school on a regular basis.
- **** Running Club** – Work in collaboration with Canyon Creek staff to organize and manage recess running club, including scheduling volunteers and maintaining relevant records.
- **Staff Appreciation** - Develop and organize PTA-sponsored projects/events to show appreciation for Canyon Creek staff.
- **** Summer Fun** - Coordinate efforts to build community during the summer through summer events, such as summer play dates, as well as support school-sponsored summer events, such as First Grade Open House.
- **Volunteer Coordinator** - Act as the point-of-contact person for people interested in volunteering, maintain lists of people who indicate they want to volunteer, contact them when the need arises (e.g., event support, special projects, etc.), and also work to find ways to recognize and appreciate our amazing volunteers!
- **** Watch D.O.G.S. Coordinator** - Act as PTA liaison to the staff Watch D.O.G.S. coordinator and assist in organizing the program as well as recruiting, training and scheduling volunteers.
- **Website** - Maintain and develop content for the PTA website and coordinate with PTA leadership to ensure timely and accurate presentation of information. Experience and knowledge of web site development and/or HTML is very helpful, but not required.

Event Positions:

- **Back to School Ice Cream Social** - Organize and plan the annual event, including securing food/supplies, volunteers, event management, and marketing.
- **Bingo** - Organize and manage the annual event, including but not limited to marketing, raffle procurement, organizing prize basket donation drive, coordinating volunteer support, and event management.
- **Dads and Donuts** - Organize and plan the annual event, including securing food/supplies, coordinating volunteers, event management, and marketing.
- **Directory** - Publish the annual student directory, including but not limited to, compiling and collating data, securing release information, and preparation of data for publication.
- **Family Fun Night** - Work to build community in the Canyon Creek community by planning and organizing a fun and free family event(s).
- **Fundraising: Coyote Fun Run** - Assist with planning and organizing of the PTA's primary fundraiser of the year.
- **Fundraising: Box Tops** - Organize and manage Box Tops collection/submissions, including collection contests and marketing.
- **Green Day** - Plan and organize our Spring recycling fundraiser event.
- **Moms & Muffins** - Organize and manage the annual event, including securing food/supplies, coordinating volunteers, event management, and marketing.
- **Skating Party** - Organize and plan Skate Night (traditionally in fall and spring), including securing venue, marketing, and door prizes.
- **Spiritwear** - Plan and manage fall spiritwear sales, including but not limited to, ordering, inventory management, marketing, event sales, and product delivery.
- ****40th Anniversary** - Help coordinate and plan programs/events to celebrate Canyon Creek's 40th anniversary!

NOTES: *Board of Directors position; **New position for 2017-2018

Volunteer Opportunities - Events & Ongoing

*** Event Volunteer Opportunities ***

- **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.
- **Literacy Night** - Tue 3/21, 6-8pm
Sign up: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090C48ACAA2DA3FC1-literacy OR contact Robyn Martin (robynmartin700@hotmail.com) or Rane Axtell (raneeaxtell@yahoo.com).
- **Hour of Code** - Tue 3/28, 7-8pm
Sign up: Contact Heather Douangpanya (heather.douangpanya@frontier.com), more details above.
- **Dads & Donuts** - Fri, 4/7, 8-8:30am
Sign up: Contact Rane Axtell (raneeaxtell@yahoo.com).

*** 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).

PTA Membership

Membership Goal Status



Our 2016-2017 school year membership goal is 465 PTA members. We currently have 420 members (90% 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).

Fundraising Results

Box Tops & Labels for Education

The final Box Tops and Labels for Education collection drive, sponsored by the Canyon Creek PTA, was held from February 6th - 10th. Students submitted \$340 worth of Box Tops (3400 Box Tops at 10 cents each) and 550 points were collected from Labels for Education.

The top 3 classes were:

- First Place – Mrs. Clarkson with 570
- Second Place – Mrs. Miller with 273
- Third Place – Mrs. Watson with 232



Mrs. Clarkson's class will be rewarded for their first place finish.

The Labels for Education program is coming to a close. **HOWEVER, the Box Tops program will continue next year.** If you forgot to send in Box Tops in February, please make sure to submit them in the fall - many will expire November 1, 2017. Over 200 Box Tops had to be thrown away during the February drive because they had expired.

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

2016-17 Member Benefits & Discounts

Did you know that your PTA membership also includes benefits?

Check out the great array of special discounts available to Washington State PTA members at:

http://www.wastatepta.org/member/value_benefit/value_benefit.html

Parent Information

Calendar Update!

Northshore School District has posted an updated calendar that accounts for the snow days in February and shows the new last day of school (Monday, June 26). Access the revised calendar:

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



Kindergarten Orientations

Do you have a child who will be attending Kindergarten in 2017-18? If so, be sure to attend one of the school district Kindergarten Orientations scheduled in March. At these sessions, curriculum specialists and kindergarten teachers present parents with information about the Northshore School District's kindergarten program. The orientations are intended for parents only and do not require registration to attend.

This year, there are three orientation opportunities for parents:

- **Thursday, March 9, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at Northshore Performing Arts Ctr. (9130 NE 180th St., Bothell, WA 98011)
- **Friday, March 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at Northshore Performing Arts Ctr. (9130 NE 180th St., Bothell, WA 98011)
- Multilingual - **Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at Woodmoor Elementary - Library (12225 NE 160th St., Bothell, WA 98011)

For more information about registering for Kindergarten, visit: <http://www.nsd.org/kindergarten>.

Northshore Council News



Northshore Council PTSA Nominating Committee is seeking recommendations for nomination of all officer positions (as all PTAs are every year) President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Legislative VP, Bothell Area VP, Inglemoor Area VP, North Creek Area VP, and Woodinville Area VP.

Please send recommended PTA leaders (or recommend yourself) to northshorecouncilptsa@outlook.com.

Community Event - Bothell High School Daddy-Daughter Dance

Bothell High School ASB is hosting a special Daddy Daughter Dance: A Hawaiian Paradise!

The dance will be held on **Friday, March 31st from 6pm-8pm** in the Bothell High School Commons, and will be an evening of dancing, fun and activities!

Recommended for elementary-aged girls (K-6) and their families (father, grandfather, uncle, older brother, guardian or other special male adult figure).

Cost is \$5 per person at the door. Check out the e-flier online at:

http://www.nsd.org/cms/lib08/WA01918953/Centricity/domain/195/e-flier%20program/district%20school%20school%20support%20orgs/BHS_DDDance.pdf.



March Community Resource Day



Connect to organizations providing resources and services such as housing, food, healthcare, and education - **Friday, March 31, 2017** at Cascadia College, Mobius Hall, from 2:00-4:00 pm.

More information can be found at: <https://communityresourceday.com/>.

Advocacy

Status of Top Five Legislative Priorities - UPDATE

1. Social and Emotional Learning
 - The bill (HB 1518) that would embed SEL throughout the calendar year received testimony at a public hearing on Monday, February 13.
2. Ample Funding Basic Education
 - The House Appropriations Committee passed SHB 1843.
3. Closing the Opportunity Gap
 - No new bills introduced
4. Standards for Para-educators
 - SHB 1115 was voted out of House Education as a substitute, replacing requirements for certification and endorsements with training and standards for all para-educators, and standards for para-educators who are in classrooms with students with special needs and ELL students.
5. Breakfast after the Bell
 - SB 5696 is the Senate version of the Breakfast after the Bell bill. It held a public hearing on Thursday, February 16 in the Senate education committee.



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

Visit <http://wastatepta.org/advocacy/index.html> for more information about the WSPTA's 2016-2018 Legislative Platform (Top Five).

Education Funding Forum: A Conversation with Legislators

Please join us for a conversation with our legislators on **Saturday, March 11th, 9:30-11:30am**. This event is open to all educators, school leaders, school board members, students, and parents. We will speak with our legislators about the need for full funding, and we'll share your Keep the McCleary Promise postcards with them.

Choose from one of the following locations:

- **Shoreline Conference Center—Shoreline Room** (18561 1st Ave. NE, Shoreline 98155)
Legislators from the 21st and 32nd Legislative Districts
Sponsored by Edmonds Education Association and Shoreline Education Association
- **North Creek High School Commons** (3613 191st Pl SE, Bothell 98012)
Legislators from the 1st and 45th Legislative Districts
Sponsored by the Northshore Education Association and Lake Washington Education Association

The State Legislature will be shaping compensation and education funding for decades to come. In October, the State Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to finally fully fund our schools, including compensation, during the current session, with full funding to start September 1, 2018. The state budget the legislature passes this session will be the "McCleary Budget," the framework for future education budgets for the foreseeable future. Don't miss this chance to share your thoughts and concerns directly with our legislators!

For information and to register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/education-funding-forum-a-conversation-with-legislators-registration-31685801084>

Save the Date: Coffee with the Superintendent

Join the Northshore School District Superintendent on **Tuesday, March 14, 8-9am** at Starbucks, Kenmore Square. Ask questions, voice opinions. Parents and other community members are welcome.



Please Join Conversations With The Board

Northshore families and community members are invited to attend the third session of Community Conversations with the Board from **7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 21st** at Canyon Park Junior High. This night will be for Spanish-speaking families. 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.

Additional session of Conversations with the Board is scheduled for:

* May 16, 2017 at Leota Junior High library

See you there!

Por Favor Acompáñenos Para Conversaciones Con La Mesa Directiva

Familias y miembros de la comunidad de Northshore están invitados a asistir a la tercero sesión de Conversaciones Comunitarias con la Mesa Directiva desde las **7 a las 8:30 p.m. el martes, 21 de marzo, 2017** en Canyon Park Junior High (para familias de habla hispana).

Miembros de la Mesa Directiva de Northshore presentarán sus trabajos, y luego se reúnen en grupos pequeños con la comunidad para discutir las áreas de enfoque principales para el año. Un intérprete de español estará disponible. Aquellos que necesiten interpretación en idiomas adicionales deben ponerse en contacto con la oficina de Comunicaciones en 425-408-7670.

Conversaciones adicionales con la Mesa Directiva están programadas para

* 16 de mayo, 2017 en la biblioteca de Leota Junior High

¡Nos vemos allí!

Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates



March 11th	Education Funding Forum: A Conversation with Legislators, 9:30-11:30am
March 14th	Coffee with Superintendent at 8 AM Starbucks at Kenmore Square
March 14th	NSD Board Meeting at 4pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341)
March 21st	Community Conversations w/Board 7 PM Canyon Park JH (Spanish Speaking Families)
March 28th	NSD Board Meeting at 7pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341)
April 28th - 30th	Apr. 28 – 30 104th WSPTA Annual Convention in Seattle (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.

Howler Hoorays

- SPECIAL THANKS to **Savani Tatake and her family, Ajeya & Aadit Tatake**, for running the January Hour of Code event. We would also like to thank our **parent volunteers** who made sure the kids had help if they needed it. And of course the chairperson, **Heather Douangpanya** for coordinating the fun event!
- MANY THANKS to **Dawn Draheim and Jessica Malm** for organizing our February Staff Appreciation event and for delivering a homemade Valentine's Day card along with a Hersey bar, to each of our Canyon Creek staff!!
- MUCH APPRECIATION to our Staff Appreciation Valentine's Day card making volunteers - **Ad Dahal, Dawn Draheim, Miwako Farr, Megan King, Jessica Malm, Mizuki Mierau, Elesha Ostrander, Colette Puoci, Kris Purrier, Joel Purrier, Kay Robinson, Laurie Rollins, Barby Taheri, Becky Trepp, Nicole Trimble and Robin Zaback** for the taking the time to make special cards for each staff member. It wouldn't have been possible without you!
- MUCH GRATITUDE to **Karen Cohen** for all of her work organizing and promoting our February Box Tops / Labels for Education collection! And SINCERE THANKS to **everyone who donated to the Box Tops / Labels for Education drive** this year. For the February collection, we earned \$340! That makes the total for this year - \$1340!! Keep clipping those Box Tops and save for next year's collection.
- A BIG HOORAY to **Girl Scout Troop #43795!** During Random Acts of Kindness week, they hand-delivered Valentines made by Canyon Creek students to a local retirement home.
- THANK YOU to **Bothell Gymnastics Club** and **Stacey Arnold** for organizing a fun afternoon fundraiser during mid-winter break. The kids had a blast and we made \$140 for Canyon Creek PTA!



Award Nominations - Local PTA Unit

It's time to nominate individuals for our Local PTA Unit awards!! Review the award categories below and think about the people you know who might be great recipients.



What individual volunteer awards are given for the local PTA unit?

- **Golden Acorn Award:** Recognizes an individual volunteer who has given outstanding volunteer service to all children in the school community. This acknowledges service by an individual "above and beyond" a particular job description.
- **Outstanding Educator Award:** Recognizes an individual educator who goes beyond the normal expectations of their jobs to make the learning environment fun, beneficial, and challenging for students.
- **Outstanding Advocate Award:** Recognizes an individual for continued and dedicated service to all children and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth.
- **Lifetime Membership Award:** The purpose of the Honorary Lifetime Membership award is to recognize an individual who has contributed significantly to a PTA at the local unit, council, or state level. This award can be given by a PTA unit, council, or region.

How do I nominate someone for an award?

To nominate an individual, please complete the nomination form and submit to the PTA box in the main office ATTN: Barbara (Barby) Taheri. Forms can also be emailed to Barbara Taheri (parents@taheri.email). All nominations will be reviewed by the Awards Committee and are confidential. **Deadline for nominations is April 4.**

Nomination forms can be found in the school office OR online (<http://canyoncreekpta.ourschoolpages.com/Doc/2016-2017/Awards-2017-Form-Final.pdf>).

Who determines the award winners?

Our Awards Committee Members are Barbara Taheri (chair), Melissa Kline, Sandy Kope, Jodi Ehlers, Chrissy Baumgartner, and Nancy Tangen.

Questions? Contact the Awards Committee Chair, Barbara Taheri (parents@taheri.email).

Fundraising Partnership Program

Did you know there are lots of great ways to give back to our school through partnership programs?

Shop or Dine Rewards

- **Fred Meyer Community Awards:**

Want our school to earn money every time you use your Fred Meyer Rewards Card? Simply link your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Canyon Creek Elementary School PTA (by name or non-profit #81720) at www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards. Note, that you need to do this EVERY year for it to keep working!



- **AmazonSmile:**

Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible purchases when you shop on the Amazon Smile website. To use the website, you must enroll at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-1043788>.



- **Red Robin:**

Every time you eat at Red Robin, our school can earn 1% of your check when you through their Burgers for Better Schools program. Simply log in to your Red Robin Loyalty Card account at <https://royalty.redrobin.com> and select Canyon Creek Elementary.



If you have any questions or would like to help us get involved in other partnership programs, please contact our Fundraising Partnership Chair, Stacey Arnold at staceycsimon@hotmail.com.

Clip, Save & Bring to School

Bring all clipped labels to school during the Box Tops drive – or anytime! Just put them in a baggie and label with your student's teacher's name. Turn them in at the office or to the teacher.

Keep clipping for NEXT school year fall collection! (See results for the February drive on page 8.)

- **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>.



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

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
- ▶ Want to add something to the Howler? Contact Newsletter Editor, Nicole Trimble (nicttrimble@gmail.com).