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Feeling Grateful...

Dear Canyon Creek Families,

We are extremely fortunate at Canyon Creek to have so many dedicated and caring people — parents, volunteers, teachers, staff — helping to make our school a great place for our students. At our final PTA meeting of 2016-17, we were able to honor a few of these amazing individuals through our local awards program:



- · Outstanding Educators Rebecca Andrick and Deanna Watson
- · Outstanding Advocate Robert (Bob) Graff
- · Golden Acorn Jeana Schroeder

All of these individuals have worked tirelessly in classrooms and around the school to mentor, teach, and build a stronger school community in a variety of ways. Congratulations and many thanks to each of our award winners this year for all of their hard work, dedication, and thoughtful contributions to our school and community!

While we're on the topic of appreciation-- the month of May is also host to National Teacher Appreciation Week, May 8th-14th, and National Teacher Day on May 9th.

Our PTA plans to celebrate all of our wonderful Canyon Creek staff that week in a variety of ways, including recognition for our teachers on National Teacher Day on Tuesday, 5/9, then we're joining forces with Mr. Denton & Ms. Bradshaw to host an on-site coffee cart for staff on Wednesday, 5/10, followed by lunch for all staff on Thursday, 5/11.

Please feel free to appreciate the teachers and staff in your own creative ways! If you need some ideas, visit the Main Office and ask to look at the "Staff

Favorites" binder-- it contains information for many teachers regarding their likes and dislikes.

We are so grateful for all of our amazing Canyon Creek parents, volunteers and staff who work to make our school a strong learning community!

With gratitude,

Robin Zaback President Canyon Creek PTA

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Important Dates

May

5/6 (Sat) - **Spring Bazaar**, 10am-3pm, Gym/Cafeteria

5/6 (Sat) - Mariners Fundraiser, 6:10 pm, Safeco Field

5/8 (Mon) - Skyview 2018 Spring Break Trip Info Meeting, 6:30pm, Skyview Cafeteria

5/8-5/12 (M-F) - National Teacher Appreciation Week

5/9 (Tue) - National Teacher Day

5/12 (Fri) - Popcorn Friday, lunch recess

5/12 (Fri) - Art Gala, 6:00-8:00pm, Gym

5/18 (Thu) - PTA Board Meeting, 7-8pm, Library

5/29 (Mon) - Memorial Day, no school

5/31 (Wed) - Class of 2023 & 2024 Parent

Information Night, 6:30 p.m., Skyview

June

6/6 (Tue) - Current 5th & 6th Graders visit Skyview (during the school day)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR I

6/9 (Fri) - Popcorn Friday, lunch recess 6/14 (Wed) - Heritage Festival

6/22 (Thu) - Field Day

6/22 (Thu) - Fleid Day

6/26 (Mon) - Last Day of School

For a **complete calendar** of PTA events for the 2016-2017 school year, visit the PTA website (www.canyoncreekpta.org/Event/MonthCalendar).

FEATURE - Spring Bazaar

Join us for our first-ever Spring Bazaar on **Saturday, May 6th from 10** a.m. to **3** p.m. in the Canyon Creek cafeteria & gym.

Shop at over 30 different vendors, get a snack from Daddy's Donuts, enter our raffle for fun prizes, and benefit Canyon Creek PTA!

There will even be a kid's coloring table in each of the rooms to help entertain your little ones while you shop!!

Check out the exciting vendors we have lined up:

- Author Gowri Nat
- Brooder House Pottery
- Chloe+Isabel
- Daddy's Donuts
- Educational Home Stay Programs
- Gandy Design LLC
- Get Wet Organic Bath & Body Products
- H20 at Home
- Jamberry Nails

- Keep
- Kids & Mom Crafts
- Lilla Rose
- Lipsense
- LulaRoe
- North Creek Jr Jaguars Football & Cheer
- · Northwest Biscotti
- Origami Owl
- Pampered Chef
- Paparazzi

- Perfectly Posh
- Pixie Plates
- Rae 'n' Bows Boutique
- Rocks-in-Harmon-E
- Rodan + Fields...
- Scentsy
- Second Place Decor & String Art
- Simply Brandy Soaps

SPRING BAZAAD

CANYON CREEK

- · The Chic Mom
- Thirty-One
- Thrive Life
- Trouvaille tea&coffee
- Tupperware
- Usborne Books and More
- Young Living
- Younique

Want to help?

We do need help to put on this awesome event - sign up here to help with setup, raffle, kids table, snack sales, etc:

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080F48A5A829A5FE3-canyon.

Questions? Please contact our Spring Bazaar Chair, Megan King (canyoncreekspringbazaar@gmail.com).

You can sign up via our website homepage - Volunteer Dashboard!

What's Happening at School

Student Council Book Drive



Canyon Creek's Student Council will be holding a book drive the week of **May 8th - May 12th** to benefit Mentor a Gambian (http://portal.mentoragambian.org/reading). Bring new or gently used children's books to the donation bins in the office foyer. Help support literacy in The Gambia!

Mentor a Gambian:

"Helping Establish Reading Programs in Small Communities, One Small Community at a Time."

Please contact Annie Hall (ahall@nsd.org) or Lauren Fabrizius (lfabrizius@nsd.org) for more information.

Teacher Appreciation Week

National Teacher Appreciation Week is **May 8th - 12th** and National Teacher Day is **Tuesday, May 9th!** Our staff appreciation committee coordinated with Mr. Denton and Ms. Bradshaw to come up with a plan for the week.



- Tuesday (5/9): Mason jars filled with flowers will be delivered to each teacher.
- Wednesday (5/10): Mr. Denton, Ms. Bradshaw and the PTA are hosting a coffee cart for the entire staff.
- Thursday (5/11): PTA is providing a lunch for the entire staff.

Feel free to appreciate your student's teachers in your own creative way.

Annual Art Gala



We are excited to announce that Canyon Creek PTA's Annual Art Gala will be held on **Friday, May 12th from 6-8 p.m.** in the gym.

Look for two individual art pieces from each student! In addition, our students' visual arts Reflections submissions will be on display.

Our fabulous Marimba Band will perform twice: from 5:50-6:20 p.m. and from 7-7:30 p.m.

If you have questions, please contact Jeana Schroeder (northwestjeana@hotmail.com).

Recess Running Club



Beautiful Friday morning? This is the <u>last month of running club for this school year!</u> Remind your child to participate in the Recess Running Club to earn more shoe tokens. Families are welcome!!

This is a voluntary before school recess activity (**Fridays**, **8:25-8:40 a.m.**) for students at Canyon Creek. Students run or walk around the perimeter of the dirt field (1/4 mile).

We do 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 a.m**.

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

Local PTA Award Winners

At last night's PTA meeting, our local PTA award winners were announced with lovely speeches summarizing their accomplishments and traits that earned them the awards. We are so honored to have these amazing people as part of our Canyon Creek Elementary Community!

Outstanding Educator - Rebecca Andrick



Outstanding Educator - Deanna Watson



Outstanding Advocate - Bob Graff



Golden Acorn - Jeana Schroeder



Looking Ahead

Coyote Fun Run - October 7th, 2017

It was so much fun, we're doing it again!

Save the Date



Please SAVE THE DATE! Our next annual Coyote Fun Run will be **Saturday, October 7th, 2017**!!!

We are planning ahead and hope you will too! Mark the date on your calendar and be ready for a smashing good time at our biggest fundraising event of the year! It will be held again at Skyview's track with plenty of room for running, walking and skipping. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us at this fun community event and support Canyon Creek PTA!

T-Shirt Design

Calling current K-4th Graders, you have the opportunity to have YOUR artwork on the front of our school t-shirts. Look for information on the T-Shirt Design content will be coming home in May.

Sponsorship

For any interested companies considering t-shirt sponsorship (which includes free event booth space), we will be offering an early bird discount if you commit by early June.

Volunteer

And for those parents who might like to help in the spring/summer planning stage, don't be a stranger...we would love to have help! Please contact any of the Coyote Fun Run Committee Co-Chairs.

THANK YOU from the Coyote Fun Run Committee Co-Chairs — Becky Trepp (beckytrepp@hotmail.com), Robyn Mortensen (fitnessrlm@gmail.com) & Sarah Sloan (smsloanrn@gmail.com)

Are you interested in meeting other school community parents?

Do you think the programs the PTA provides are valuable?

Would you be open to taking on a program and making it your own - OR working with others on a committee?

Please consider helping out with our committees - programs will go away if we can't find people to help organize them!

Volunteer - PTA Positions (2017-2018)

Announcing Canyon Creek PTA's 2017-2018 Board of Directors!

At the general membership meeting on Tuesday, May 2nd, Canyon Creek PTA elected its Board of Directors for 2017-18:

- President Robin Zaback
- Co-Vice President, Facilities Karan Sidhu
- Secretary Angela Hacker
- Treasurer Jennifer Herrman

We're fortunate that most of our elected board from 2016-17 chose to stay on and serve one more year. Still open is the **Co-Vice President, Awards** position. We plan to continue searching for qualified candidates. If you know someone who may be interested or if you want to learn more about serving on the PTA board, please contact Robin Zaback (canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com).

Open PTA Committee Positions 2017-2018

Think about all the amazing programs PTA offers - can you help keep them going? If you have questions about any position listed below, or would like to indicate your interest in volunteering, please email Robin Zaback, canyoncreekptapresident@gmail.com.

Executive Board:

* **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.

Fundraising:

Coyote Fun Run - Assist with planning and organizing of the PTA's primary fundraiser of the year. (NOTE: We have two committee members already, looking for a few more to collaborate!)

Partnerships - Develop and promote PTA fundraising opportunities, including silent fundraising management, special events, and ongoing community partnerships.

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.

Enrichment:

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.

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.

*Board of Directors position; **New position for 2017-2018.

Communication:

Directory - Publish the annual student directory, including but not limited to, compiling and collating data, securing release information, and preparation of data for publication.

School Staff Support:

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.

** 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.

School Spirit / Community:

Back to School Ice Cream Social - Organize and plan the annual event, including securing food/supplies, volunteers, event management, and marketing.

****40th Anniversary** - Help coordinate and plan programs/ events to celebrate Canyon Creek's 40th anniversary!

Community Outreach - Help with community outreach projects, also work with Student Council to support their outreach initiatives.

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!

Parent Information

Attention 5th & 6th Grade Families - Skyview Info!!

New York & Washington D.C. Trip - Spring Break 2018

The Skyview PTSA is having a meeting for students/parents interested in participating in the New York and Washington D.C. Trip over Spring Break 2018.

The meeting is **Monday**, **May 8th from 6:30-7:30 p.m.** in the Skyview cafeteria. There will be a brief overview of the trip, an opportunity for questions, and registration forms for those interested.

For more information, contact us by joining our Remind list: https://www.remind.com/join/sjhn.



Parent Information Night & Campus Visit

The Skyview Counseling department has scheduled a "Class of 2023 & 2024 Parent Middle School Information Night" for **May 31st at 6:30 p.m.** in the Skyview gymnasium. Note that due to capacity and programming, this event is for parents only.

The incoming students will be visiting the campus on the morning of **Tuesday June 6th**, and this is being arranged through the schools.

Want to get involved with Skyview's PTSA?

See what volunteer positions are available for 2017-18! Check out their website for next year's open positions: http://skyviewjuniorhigh.ourschoolpages.com/Home.

Northshore SEPAC & Northshore Council PTSA - Reading Presentation

Help Your Kid Decode:

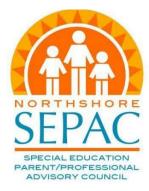
What struggling readers don't know and good readers don't know they know

This parent education class is geared toward families who want more tools to help their kids read confidently and with less guessing and tears, from beginning readers to those struggling with multisyllabic words. The English language has a reputation for being all about rules that don't work. We'll discover that even though English is complex, it follows a lot more rules than it gets credit for. In this class we'll:

- · study basic and advanced phonics,
- practice different ways to break words down into smaller chunks,
- discover how we go from counting out to sight words, and
- share tips for making reading easier for ALL learners.

Come join this FREE reading presentation on **Wednesday, May 10th** at the NSD Administrative Center (3330 Monte Villa Pkwy, Bothell). The final SEPAC meeting of the school year will be held first (6:45-7:00 p.m.), followed by the reading presentation (7:00-8:00 p.m.).

* Bring a thumb drive for a quick material download you can use right away!





NSD Mobile App Now Available!

Northshore School District recently announced that they have a new mobile app for Android and iOS devices! This new tool allows families to follow their students' schools, track lunch balances, see checked out library books, access grades and attendance, and much more! You will need your ID and password to ParentVUE in order to access personalized student information and notification options. If your ParentVUE account has not been activated, contact the Canyon Creek Office and they can provide you with your personalized login information.



Download the free app via AppStore or GooglePlay, then click on this link for an easy-to-follow step-by-step guide:

http://www.nsd.org/mobileapp

Our Children Magazine - Spring 2017



The Spring 2017 edition of National PTA's Our Children Magazine is now available! The theme of the magazine is the exciting world of science, technology, engineering and math, or STEM.

Access it here: http://fliphtml5.com/dtoi/krbq.

Northshore Schools Foundation Ambassador

Northshore Schools Foundation is a non-profit organization that raises funds and works to build partnerships to support the school district's priorities of academic success and excellence for all Northshore students.



Their Foundation Ambassadors program is designed to help maintain collaborative and mutually beneficial relationships with individual schools and PTAs. They are currently seeking an individual to be their **Ambassador for Canyon Creek**

Elementary. Anyone who loves public education, wants to serve our students, and is affiliated with Canyon Creek can serve as an Ambassador. Regular access to email is required. The time commitment is about 1-2 hours a month.

If you are interested or would like more information about the program, contact coordinator Richard Kobylka (<u>markobylka@comcast.net</u>).

May Community Resource Day



Connect to organizations providing resources and services such as housing, food, healthcare, and education on **Friday, May 26, 2017** at Cascadia College, Mobius Hall, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Howler Hoorays

 We wanted to add this month a special belated thank you to all the volunteers who helped with Bingo Night in March! It took MANY to make the event happen and we wanted make sure the thank all those who helped make it such a success - in addition to our awesome Bingo Chair - Brandi LaCombe!!



Our fabulous bingo callers: Mr. Denton, Mr. Mayberry, Ms. Bradshaw, Ms. Miller, and Mr. Gray.

<u>Parent volunteers</u>: Jodie McClure, Sarah Sloan, Gretchen Slywka, Tracy Tun, Shannon Daniel, and Mary White.

<u>Student volunteers</u>: Braeden L, Makenna R, Ajay S, Elke H, Connor H, Hermine B, Conner R, Lian T, Jenna S, Sakskruti B, Sherin R, Anna P, and Julie P.

Our generous raffle donors: Daddys Doughnuts, Nintendo, Jenna's Muscle Manipulation, Advantage Gymnastics, North Creek High School, Hand and Stone Massage, North Bothell Little League, LuLa Roe (Megan King), Todd Hill (Husky Tickets), and Tatiana Skye Photography.

And we can't forget all our school families who donated items for the Bingo Prize Baskets!!

- GREAT GRATITUDE to Ranee Axtell and all of the volunteers who made April's Dads & Donuts event such a
 success! Thanks Nancy Tangen, Melissa Kline, Barby Taheri, Robyn Martin, and Robin Zaback. And
 THANKS to all of the dads, uncles, guardians, and grandparents who attended our Dads & Donuts event. We
 had over five hundred students and their special guests attend and share this special time together.
- MANY THANKS to each of the families who contributed dishes to April's Around the World Potluck Staff
 Appreciation Gayatri Agarkar, Shyla Agrawal, Karen Cohen, Younghee Lee, Megan Madsen, Ewa Swiatek,
 Nancy Tangen, Nicole Trimble, Suzanna Yarbrough, and Robin Zaback! And as always, CHEERS for Dawn
 Draheim for organizing the event.
- YIPPEES to Heather Douangpanya and the Science Night committee Jennie Bevan, Josh Klocke, Savani Tatake and Sam Tran who designed all of the interactive stations and made this event possible. It was an awesome Family Science Night. The activities were diverse and highly engaging! And THANK YOU to everyone who attended Spring Science night. Approximately 100 kids attended and fun was had by all. A HUGE HOWLER HOORAY to all our amazing volunteers: Dave Bevan, Neil Owen, Johnny Wirth, Shea Johnson, Tess Davis, Carl Zaremba, Christine Hansen, Jeana Schroeder, Ajeya Tatake and Tong, and our student volunteers: Conner H, Connor R, Ismail M, Juliette P, Annabelle P, Gwen J, Boon D, Aadit T and Ella S. We couldn't have done it without you.
- WOOHOOs to Tonia Wong and Karoline Simmons and their Popcorn Friday crew for serving up hundreds of bags of popcorn during recess the last Friday of April!
- HUGE KUDOS to Shannon Daniel for always braving the elements and ensuring Recess Running Club happens every Friday morning for all of our active Coyotes, rain or shine!
- MANY THANKS to Melissa Kline, Rachel Thompson, and Stacey Arnold for serving on this year's Nominating Committee.
- MUCH APPRECIATION to our Awards Committee: Barby Taheri, Christine Baumgartner, Jodi Ehlers, Melissa Kline, Sandy Kope, and Nancy Tangen, for all of their efforts gathering nominations, for their thoughtful decision-making, as well as for recognizing our local award winners for 2016-17!
- AROOOO!!!! A great round of applause to the 6th Grade Marimba Group and Mr. Gray for an awesome performance at our last PTA meeting of 2016-17!
- HOWLER GRATITUDE to Stacey Arnold for arranging the upcoming Mariner's fundraiser on Saturday May 6th! Also, HOORAYS also go to all those who purchased tickets to the game - resulting in a whopping \$245 for the PTA. Hope the weather cooperates and it's a great game!!



<u>Advocacy</u>

Legislative Update

This year's regular Legislative Session ended without passing a final two-year budget. In response, Governor Inslee approved a special session which started on Monday, April 24th and can last up to 30 days.

There was a lot of movement this session on bills directly related to WSPTA's Platform and priorities. You can view the 2017-2019 Bill Status Report here:

https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/05/WSPTA-Week-15-Bill-Tracker.pdf.

Community Conversations With The Board

Northshore families and community members are invited to attend Community Conversations with the Board on **Tuesday**, **May 16th from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Leota Junior High**. It will be in the library. This will be the last one for this school year.

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.

Make Your Vote Count



This is a friendly reminder to register to vote. You can register, verify and update your voter's information online by visiting <u>vote.gov</u>. It only take a few minutes.

Upcoming Key Advocacy Dates



May 9th NSD Board Meeting at 4pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341)

May 16th Community Conversations w/Board 7 PM - Leota Junior High Library

May 23rd NSD Board Meeting at 7pm (http://www.nsd.org/Page/341)

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

Useful Links

- PTA Website: www.canyoncreekpta.org
- PTA Meeting minutes: www.canyoncreekpta.org/Page/Meeting%20Minutes/Meeting%20Minutes
- ▶ 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 (nictrimble@gmail.com).

Fundraising Partnership Program

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

Shopping 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.



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.

Box Tops for Education:

Each box top is worth \$0.10 for our school. Each school year this program brings in approximately \$1,500!! So keep clipping!!



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.

Keep clipping Box Tops for NEXT school year fall collection! Also, Skyview does collect BoxTops as well, so keep clipping even if your child is moving on to middle school.

Box Tops can be found on (but are not limited to) the following packages:

- General Mills Cereal
- Betty Crocker (baking products and Hamburger Helper)
- Ziplock Products
- Green Giant Products
- Pillsbury Products

- Kleenex and Scott Products
- Hefty Products
- Old El Paso Products
- Snacks such as Bugles, Chex Mix, Gardetto's
- Larabar and Fiber One Bars

- Nature Valley Products
- Annie's Products
- Mott's Applesauce
- Yoplait Products

Ask family and neighbors to help by clipping too. You must include the label date when you clip your label from the package. Keep an eye out for Bonus Box Tops as well as Box Tops promotions from local supermarkets over the summer.

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