



# PTA Roar

## Parkwood Elementary PTA Newsletter

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### SAVE THE DATE:

- **PTA Reflections Artist Reception**, December 2, 3 pm, Parkwood library
- **International Family Potluck**, December 9, 6:30-8 pm
- **Holiday Sing Along**, December 17, 8:45-9:40 am, School cafeteria
- **PTA General Membership** meeting, January 25, 7 pm Parkwood library

## Reflections Contest ~ Thanks for Participating!

Congratulations to all of the participants in our annual PTA Reflections arts contest. All of the submissions were incredibly creative and individual!

We would like to honor **Rodas Wolde, Jaidlyne Wilson, Claudia Rojas-Guzman, Hannah Okamoto, Alex Basilonia, Tiffany Veeder, Campbell McKisson, Richard JeanPierre, Hannah Korn, Vanessa Latta and Julian Latta for their great artistry.** Their work will be on display in the glass cabinet in the lobby soon.

- **Isabella Brown** - Music Composition
- **Megan Peery and Tyler Prosch** - Literature
- **Kelly Quach and Ellie Smith** - Visual Arts

A big thank you to Parkwood parent **Todd Brown**, who coordinated the Reflections contest this year. It was a lot of work and we so appreciate your efforts! **Thank you also to Kim Barlow** - the chair emeritus, who offered great support and expertise.

The following students were chosen to represent Parkwood at the district level and their art will be on display from November 30 - January 12 in the lobby of the Shoreline Center:

**Please join us in celebrating all of our artists at a Reception on Thursday, December 2 at 3pm in the Parkwood library.**

## Family Heritage Night

### Join The Team!

Save the date for our annual Family Heritage Night on **Thursday, January 27, 2011, 6-7:30 pm.**

Want to join the planning team for this great Parkwood tradition? Please email **KaLyn Burmeister at [ccc3s@hotmail.com](mailto:ccc3s@hotmail.com).**

## International Family Potluck with Jugglers Extraordinaire John & Nate ~ Dec 9, 6:30-8 pm

Parkwood parents **Tatios Fikre, Lana Seikaly and Elena Harrington** (picture) have been International



Committee members for several years. Each has worked hard and made many contributions to Parkwood. Currently, they are working with other International Committee members to plan the

upcoming International Family potluck. **Please join us with your family on December 9 and bring a favorite hot**

**dish, salad or dessert to share with other families.**

For more information call **Mary Servais** at 206-393-1447.

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Thank you, **Mr. Hurlburt!**

## Shoreline PTA Holiday Food Drive

★ The Parkwood PTA will be participating in the Shoreline PTA annual holiday food drive and collecting all types of non-perishable food from December 6 - 17. Along with the general food donations each school is asked to target a special item and **this year Parkwood's item is stuffing. Our goal is to collect 250 boxes.** Watch for flyers with more information re-

garding the holiday food drive. Thank you for giving to this worthy cause.

**Call to action:** Volunteers are needed to help box food for the families receiving a holiday food basket on Saturday, December 18 at the Kellogg Middle School Cafeteria. Please arrive at 9 am. This is a fun project for the whole family!



## Call for kids' clothing donations

Do you have clothes your children have outgrown? The Shoreline PTA's clothing resource, The Works, would love your donations. The Works is located in the North City School Portables at 816 NE 190th St, Shoreline and is open on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 8 pm. To arrange a pick up or alternate drop off please call (206) 393-4616.

## PTA Presidents' Corner

Some parents ask what does the PTA do exactly? Well for starters, here are the goals that have been set for this school year.

### Parkwood PTA Goals for 2010/2011

We exist to support all Parkwood students' learning and enjoyment at school by building community at various events, sponsoring enrichment activities, and supporting classroom teachers in many ways.

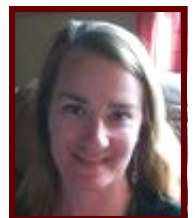
To that end:

- We vote to spend money on programs, classes, services, etc. that will benefit the most amount of kids at one time.
- We offer partial scholarships for all of our classes so that everyone has a chance to participate.
- We highly value the classroom and our teachers, so our biggest line item in the budget is a \$100 grant for every teacher to purchase supplies for his/her classroom.

- We sponsor many events to build community such as the Back to School BBQ, Harvest Festival, Family Heritage Night and the annual Talent Show.
- The safety of our children is a high priority, so we have funded an emergency kit for every student in the school.

The PTA is always interested in your opinions, your feedback and your participation. We welcome new ideas and ways we can meet these goals better. Come and be a part of parents working together to support our school.

Just contact co-presidents Jill Smith [jill-heineysmith@comcast.net](mailto:jill-heineysmith@comcast.net) or Natalie Williams [actionjackson14@juno.com](mailto:actionjackson14@juno.com) and we can talk.



### BOX TOPS!

Parkwood participates in the national Box Tops program. Please bring your box tops to the can at the PTA table in the office.

**Second CRESS Session at Parkwood begins in January 2011! Stay tuned for more information.**



**Not a PTA Member yet? Want to join in the fun?**

Membership envelopes are available at the office. Questions? Please contact Stephanie Korn at [slkorn@hotmail.com](mailto:slkorn@hotmail.com).

**Join us for our next General Membership Meeting on January 25, 2011, 7 pm, in the Parkwood library.**

## Shoreline PTA Council's Healthy Lifestyles committee

The Shoreline PTA Council has set up a Healthy Lifestyles committee, which had a meeting on November 10. Kathy Walker, the district food services manager and a new consultant, Lia Robinson, were present to provide information about the upcoming move to a single central kitchen and the operations of the district food services. The district has hired Lia to assess new menu options and plan for the central kitchen among other things.

Food services currently serves about 4500 meals across the district each day including breakfast and lunch. The meal costs are

predominately labor for 60 staff, with the food costs at about \$1 per meal served. The move to a central kitchen is expected to reduce some costs and provide more options for providing quality meals.

Foods must meet US Department of Agriculture guidelines and in order to do so, many of the standard menu items are different from their commercially available counterparts. For example, the school served corn dogs have a whole wheat breading with turkey meat. Providing sufficient calories (1/3 of the daily recommended value) to meet the guide-

lines is currently one of the major challenges of meal planning. The nutrient content of the meals will be available on the district website in the near future.

The Healthy Lifestyles committee will be working with the district to help coordinate parent input on menu options. In particular, several new menu options are in the works and we will be seeking your input when they are tried out in the lunchroom.

~ Todd Wagner, Parkwood parent

**"Children have an inborn sense of right and wrong that is remarkably similar around the world. Children are happiest if their parents are demanding and warm." ~ Dr. John Medina**

## Childfind Screening Program

Are you concerned about your child's development in the areas of speech & language; vision & hearing; motor skills; cognitive abilities; and social-emotional development?

Then you might be interested in learning about Shoreline School District's Childfind Screening Program.

Childfind provides an opportunity for children 3 to 5 years old, who reside in the Shoreline School District, to be screened, in order to rule out or identify school related developmental concerns. If areas of weakness are identified, parent feedback will provide information about possible next steps or opportunities. Note: This

screening does NOT indicate readiness for kindergarten.

This service is FREE of charge and screenings are available once a month through May 2011 at Meridian Park School.

Reservations are required. For more information and to book a screening call 203-393-4250.

## Parents Support Parents!

Did you know that there is a high percentage of children being removed from their homes in the 98133 zip code area?

**Here is what you can do to help:**

★ Open your home to a child in need and find out about the **Family Friend, Suitable Family, and Foster Care opportu-**

**nities.** Tamara Piwen, a Center for Human Services Family Support Specialist with office hours at Parkwood school is available to answer any questions and provide more information: (206) 361-9436 or [tpiwen@chs-nw.org](mailto:tpiwen@chs-nw.org).

★ **Parent Friend Program.** Be a friend to another parent. This is an opportunity to reach out

to another Parkwood parent who maybe a single parent, feeling solated or who would benefit from having the support of friend.

Go for coffee. Go for a walk. Give them a ride to the grocery store. Training provided. Flexible times. Call Parkwood Family Advocate Mary Servais at 206-393-1447.

## Parkwood Volunteer Opportunities

**Library Helper-** Help with shelving and processing new books with a great staff! Flexible times. Call Mary Servais at 206-393-1447.

**Lunch Buddies-** Mentor a young child at lunchtime (lunchtimes run 11:15-1). You may buy a school lunch or bring your own. You eat in a quiet area and afterwards you can play a board game, read a book or create a craft. The student returns to class at the end of recess. Call Mary Servais at 206-393-1447.

**Cut and Chat-** meets on Wednesdays, 8:30-10:30 in the Parent Center. Come help the teachers and get to know other parents. You will help with projects for our classroom teachers. Contact: Rebecca Brittle at 206-779-8997.

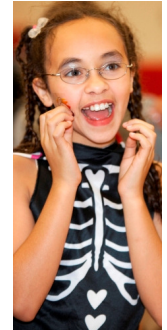
### Parkwood 'Green Team'

Skip your Saturday morning workout and join us for an hour or two to help make the Parkwood grounds weed free! Bring your own utensils and tools & help us weed, cut, sweep, ... Next dates: **Saturdays, December 4 and January 7, 10 am.** Contact Marion Mohrlak at 206-706-5746.



**Parkwood Harvest Festival on October 29 was great fun.**

**Thank you to everyone who came, to all volunteers who made it happen and to the Burmeister Family for planning this fun event.**  
(Photos courtesy of Kim Barlow)



**"I love Parkwood because we are an exceptional community. I love the diversity of backgrounds and life experiences and I love that we come together at family events to support our kids. Our teachers believe that every child deserves the best, and they work tirelessly to meet the learning needs of every student, for which I am so grateful!"**

*~ Jill Smith, PTA Co-President*

## Do you Know our School?

Tell us where this picture is located in our school and you might be



one of **three lucky winners to win a \$10 credit toward your child's cafeteria account.**

Drawing will be happening at the Family Heritage Night on January 27, 2011.

## How to win?

- Take your child and go on a scavenger hunt through the school if you don't know where it is already.
- Just cut out this part of the newsletter & submit by January 15 to the PTA box in the office.

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

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