



Parkwood PTA ROAR

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The PTA Board's Message

What is PTA?

PTA stands for "Parent Teacher Association." Parkwood PTA is a local branch of the largest and most powerful volunteer association in America. Across the country, PTA works for the education, health and safety of all children.

What does Parkwood PTA do?

PTA produces programs, services and publications to help our children and their families at Parkwood. Some examples are safety kits, school directory and family events, like the Harvest Festival.

Our PTA Structure

General Membership

Parents and teachers who pay yearly dues are eligible to select officers and approve the Parkwood PTA Budget and Standing Rules.

Meeting attendance is not required, but members are always welcome at General Membership meetings and Board of Directors meetings (see next section). Members are free to decide their level of participation in PTA projects.

Board of Directors

A group of about 20 volunteer members who chair standing committees and approve policies and expenditures. Most of the PTA's planning and business occurs at these meetings and all general members are welcome and encouraged to attend and participate in discussions.

The Board meets this year on the second Monday of each month in the Parent Center at Parkwood.

Executive Committee

An eight-position volunteer group (positions are sometimes shared) of elected officers that guides the work of the Board of Directors.

Executive committee members are the President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice Presidents of Community & School Services, Student Enrichment, Health & Safety, Ways & Means and Communications.

PTA Board Meeting

Monday, November 5th
7pm in the Parent
Center

The 2007-2008 PTA Board of Directors
President@parkwoodpta.org

Parkwood News and Events

Calendar of Events

October 26 th , Friday	Harvest Festival	6 – 8pm in the gym
November 5 th , Monday	PTA Board Meeting	7pm in the Parent's Center
November 12 th , Monday	No School	Veterans' Day
November 13 th , Tuesday	No School	Teacher Work Day
November 21 st , Wednesday	Early Release	
November 22 nd & 23 rd	No School	Thanksgiving Break



CUT-N-CHAT

Cut-N-Chat is every Wednesday from 8:45 - 11:00 in the Parent Center. If you have younger children, we do have some toys they can play with while we do the projects that the teachers have given us. This is a great way to help the teachers. You don't have to stay the whole time just a short bit helps out. I look forward to seeing you there. If you have questions please call me, Jan Avotins at (206) 363-7370.

EMERGENCY KITS

Each child is requested to have an emergency kit at school. Kits can be ordered through the PTA and will be delivered directly to your child's classroom. Order forms have been sent home with you child. Call Ken Juell at 363-2117 if you have any questions.

PTA BOARD MEETING

The next PTA Board Meeting will be on Monday, November 5th, at 7pm in the Parent Center. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SPANISH CLASS

Spanish is starting at Parkwood! The PTA is sponsoring after school Spanish classes for beginning and continuing students. Students will be bringing notices home, so sign up if you are interested! There are still openings.

Coming Soon

STUDENT BANKING

Student banking will begin soon, every Wednesday morning from 8:15 - 8:35 in the school lobby. Be on the lookout, student banking kits to be coming home soon.

“I Can Make a Difference by...”

REFLECTIONS 2007–2008 THEME

PTA believes that all children deserve a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual **Reflections Program**. The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition.

Students can submit works of art in six arts areas: literature, dance choreography, film/video production, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which include, but are not limited to, art forms such as drawing, painting, printmaking, and collage).

If you would like to know more about the Parkwood Reflections Program, contact Natalie Lecher at #364-5562 or Natalie Williams at #363-3701, or visit www.pta.org.

More information will come home soon!

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Join PTA Today and Support Parkwood Kids and Families

Thank you to all of you who sent in your membership envelopes and who gave cash donations to the Parkwood PTA. If you didn't get a chance to send in your envelope (or if you lost your first one like I did), another envelope is attached to this newsletter. It is never too late to join. Remember, your membership needs to be renewed yearly. In case you are worried, joining does not oblige you to attend meetings or automatically volunteer for activities. PTA meetings are open to anyone who would like to attend, whether you are a member or not.

Joining the PTA helps our students directly, with extra curricular and in-school activities. In addition, PTA operates on a state and national level, supporting students and communities across the country. If you haven't joined before, please consider becoming a member today!



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Friday, October 26, 2007
6:00 - 8:00pm in the Gym

There will be face painting, a cake walk and lots of other fun activities. Kids are encouraged to come in costume. The cost is \$3.00 per family and proceeds from this fun annual event will go to various student body projects. Refreshments will also be for sale for \$.50 - \$.75 as well.

To volunteer to help with this fun event
please contact Sarah Morgan at 425-673-6202

See you all there!!!!!!!!!!

Volunteer News

MANY THANKS to those who attended the Volunteer Orientation/Refresher on October 3rd. It was great to be able to have a casual time to brush up on procedures, review volunteer guidelines, to relate stories and to ask questions. It was also fun to drink coffee and eat snacks!

SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

Kathleen Wong for her presentation on the topic of volunteering to lead small math groups. Kathleen, thank you for your inspiration, organization, and commitment!

Laura Auerbach, for her appeal to parents to become volunteers in our school library. Thank you, Laura, for your interest and your enthusiasm!

Kristi Drake, for relating her experiences as a “recorder coach” in 4th grade music. Kristi, thank you for your humor and your continuing dedication!

Kristy Nguyen, for taking expert photos at the Volunteer Orientation, and at most major events that involve volunteers. Thank you over and over again, Kristy!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION PAMPHLETS will be going home to those of you who have registered to volunteer, but were not able to come to the Orientation/Refresher. If you do not receive a packet within the next two weeks, please contact me or stop by my office.

PARENTS, you have been doing an outstanding job of submitting your required Washington State Patrol background check forms, along with a picture I.D. We have to do this EVERY YEAR, and every year gets better. Thank you for such great cooperation.

CHECK OUT my bulletin board across the hall from the front office – if you were at the barbeque in August, you may be on it!

Questions? Concerns? E-mail me at patty.lyden@shorelineschools.org.



Patty Lyden
Volunteer Coordinator



PARKWOOD'S INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE

Parkwood is the only Shoreline school that has an International Committee of Parkwood bilingual parents to help provide support to families from other countries and cultures. Did you know that we have 25 languages spoken in the homes of Parkwood families? If you speak, read and write English as well as another language and are willing to help other families, please contact Gidget Terpstra, Family Advocate, or Mary Servais, ELL Teacher at 368-4150 or come to the Parent Center. We are especially in need of parents who speak and write Cantonese or Tagalog but welcome other languages as well. The International Committee meets a few times during the school year.

Shoreline Library

Here are some FREE events happening at the Shoreline Library

Reading Magic! - Thursday, Oct. 11, 7 pm

Ages 5 and up; Families welcome

Presented by Jeff Evans

In this inspiring show, you'll learn why books are magic! Curious George will appear to perform the "World Famous Banana Trick." Jaws will drop when the audience sees how reading helps to solve the puzzling Rubik's Cube. And a volunteer will be transported to Hogwarts for a hilarious Harry Potter scene! Best of all, kids will be encouraged to enjoy reading for a lifetime.

Space is limited; first come, first seated.

Sponsored by the City of Shoreline and the Shoreline Parks and Recreation Department

American Sign Language for Babies and Toddlers - Thursday, Oct. 18, 7-9 pm

Presented by: Nancy Hanauer, Proprietor of Hop to Signaroo (www.hoptosignaroo.com)

For adults who work with children ages birth – age 3.

Workshop length 2 hours, provides 2 STARS credits in Communication

Participants will learn how to use American Sign Language with hearing babies and toddlers to aid early communication, reduce frustration and give their little ones a jump start on language and early literacy. We will cover topics including the "How's and Why's" of signing in a daycare setting, the best signs to start with for all age groups, the best and most popular signing materials on the market, and how to incorporate signing into your typical curriculum. The use of signs with bilingual and special needs children will also be addressed. Participants will have the chance to actively participate and practice signs in this workshop through songs and stories and will leave with a packet of helpful hints and extensive sign language resources, plus many useful and fun ideas for implementing signs into their typical daily routine.

The Wolf's Tale - Saturday, Nov. 3, 11 am

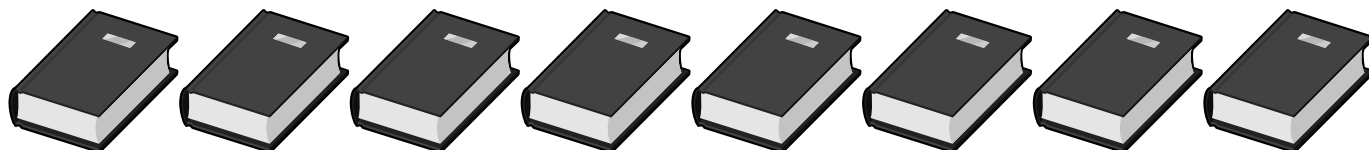
Presented by Last Leaf Story Theater

The Wolf's Tale is a re-telling of the Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood from the Wolf's side of the story! With songs and help from the kids, the Wolf finally gets to tell his tale! Appropriate for children pre-school through elementary age and families.

Wacky Winter Adventure - Thursday, Nov. 15, 7 pm

Presented by Elizabeth Luce

A madcap puppet show featuring Pepe the dog and Freezey the Snow girl as they embark upon a journey to the North Pole in a magical car. Appropriate for children of all ages.



Would you like to advertise your business in the Parkwood PTA Roar?
Please contact Lori Iwasaki at liwasaki@hotmail.com for more information

Easy Ways to Help Parkwood



Box Tops for Education

Clip out Box Tops and bring them to Parkwood's Collection Box near the Parent Center. For more information, please visit their website:

www.boxtops4education.com



Campbell's Soup

Bring in the **UPC codes** of most Campbell's products.

For more information, check:

www.labelsforeducation.com



Register your Safeway and other store club cards, and/or Visa, Macy's, OfficeMax and other credit cards at eScrip.com, and a percentage of your sales will be donated to Parkwood. Parkwood's Group ID is 8565628. For more information or to enroll to help Parkwood, go to www.escrip.com.



Office Depot

Buy school supplies at Office Depot and Parkwood will receive a 5% credit. This money can be used by the school to purchase school supplies. Please reference Parkwood's number, 70107423. For more information, go to www.officedepot.com.



Wamoola for Schools

For families with Washington Mutual Visa Check/Debit cards, enroll in the Wamoola for Schools program at your branch or online. Choose Parkwood as your school to support. Every time you make a purchase, you earn points which converts to dollars at the end of the year. Those dollars are donated to the school by WaMu. For more information or to enroll for Parkwood, call 1-800-WAMOOOLA or go to www.wamoolaforschools.com.



Target Take Charge of Education Program

Target will donate an amount up to 1% of Target Visa and Target Card purchases. Just go online to www.target.com and click on "Take Charge of Education" program at the bottom of the web page or go to a Target cashier to designate Parkwood as your school of choice. Our number is **10652**.



Albertson's Community Partners Program

Link your Albertson's Preferred Card online or at the cashier with Parkwood's community partner number **49001004932**. Every time you use your Preferred Card, Parkwood PTA will receive a rebate up to 2% of your grocery dollars. Schools can earn up to 10K a year. Tell your friends and family so they can support Parkwood as well. To link online go to www.albertsons.com and click on "In the community" at the bottom of the web page.

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THE PARKWOOD PTA ROAR is the monthly newsletter of the Parkwood Elementary PTA. If you would like to submit announcements, events and other information that is applicable to our children at Parkwood, please email me at liwasaki@hotmail.com or drop off the information in the PTA Newsletter box in the Parkwood office. All submissions should be in by the last day of the month for inclusion in the following month's edition. Thank you. Lori Iwasaki