



Parkwood PTA ROAR

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2007 - 2008 PTA Officers

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The PTA Board's Message

Dear Parkwood Families,

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a fun and restful summer. It was great to see so many new faces at the Back to School BBQ. We hope to see you at PTA board and general membership meetings. You are all welcome and encouraged to attend.

This year's PTA officers are:

- President: OPEN
- Secretary: Heather Peterson
- Treasurer: Gordon McPherson
- VPs of Health & Safety: Ken Juell and OPEN
- VPs of Ways & Means: Vicki Jensen and Renee Iverson
- VPs of Communications: Lori Iwasaki and OPEN
- VPs of Community & School Services: Natalie Williams and OPEN
- VPs of Student Enrichment: Natalie Lecher and OPEN
- Teacher Representative: OPEN

As you can see, we are still in need of volunteers to help fill our PTA Board. Please contact any of the PTA Board if you are interested and would like more information. If you would like to help the PTA, but do not wish to be on the Executive Committee, we are also in need of several Committee Chairs. These positions are for specific functions and require a smaller time commitment. Below is a list of positions that are still open.

- Golden Acorn
- Hospitality
- ID Bracelets
- Parkfest
- Reader Board
- Reflections
- Spring Clean-up
- Staff Recognition
- Talent Show

Thank you in advance for your help and participation. We know this will be another great year!

The 2007-2008 PTA Board of Directors

PTA General
Membership Meeting

Friday, October 5th
6:30pm in the Library

Parkwood News and Events

Calendar of Events

October 3 rd , Wednesday	Volunteer Orientation	3:15–4:15pm in the library
October 5 th , Friday	Parkwood Movie Night	6:30 – 8:00pm
	PTA General Membership Meeting	6:30pm in the library
October 8 th , Monday	PTA Board Meeting	7pm in the Parent Center
October 12 th , Friday	No School	Teacher Work Day
October 15 th , Monday	No School	Teacher Work Day
October 26 th , Friday	Harvest Festival	6 – 8pm



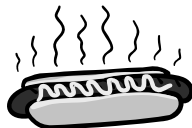
CUT-N-CHAT

Cut and Chat will be starting Wednesday September 19th from 8:30-11:00 in the Parent Center. This is a great chance to help out. 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, as they are teaching our children. You don't have to stay the whole time just a short bit helps out. I look forward to seeing you there. We always have fun. 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 will be coming home soon. Call Ken Juell at 363-2117 if you have any questions.



BACK TO SCHOOL BBQ

A special thank you to Eddie Pate and Bob Hollenbeck for coordinating our Back to School BBQ. It was a great way to begin the school year. Also thank you to all the others who helped make this event a success and thanks to everyone who brought some food to share.



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you like to be involved in some of the great activities Parkwood is doing this year? Come and volunteer at any of our PTA events. Just fill out the blue "Volunteer Interest Form" found in your back-to-school packet and return it with your child to school. You will be contacted with dates and times to see if the event fits in your schedule. Extra interest forms can be found in the office. Or simply call Natalie Williams at #363-3701 and find out ways you can help out.



FALL FUNDRAISER

It is that time of year again. This year's fall fundraiser will start on October 5th. There will be an assembly at school and packets will be sent home that day. Please help us raise some money for our great Parkwood programs. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Parkwood News and Events

PTA Membership

Our students need your support -- join Parkwood PTA today!

You are all warmly invited to join Parkwood PTA. Why join? Study after study has shown that parent involvement is key to student success in education.

By joining Parkwood PTA, you are helping support lots of great programs including field trips, fall harvest festival, library grants, classroom grants, back-to-school BBQ, talent show, student phone directory, and emergency kits. Your support and involvement is needed to make it all happen. Being a member doesn't require going to meetings or volunteering for events, being a member means you support what PTA does. And PTA annual membership dues are tax deductible. You can join by returning the membership envelope attached to this newsletter.

Thank You!!!

If you have questions please contact Lisa Hayes, Membership Chair 368-0695 or llkrhayes@yahoo.com

PTA Board Meeting

The PTA Board Meeting is scheduled for 7pm on October 8th in the Parent Center. Everyone is welcome to attend, not just board members.



Parkwood Family Movie Night and PTA General Membership Meeting Friday, October 5th at 6:30 – 8pm

You are invited to the first PTA General Membership Meeting of the school year at 6:30pm on October 5th in the Library. Guest Speaker, Principal Laura Ploudre, will be sharing information about our School Improvement Plan and other current events. Everyone is encouraged and welcome to attend, not just members.

We will also be having our first movie night of the year. Bring your blankets, sleeping bags, and pillows, and enjoy a family classic! We will be enjoying the songs (Rainbow Connection, Moving Right Along, and more!), characters, and laughs from The Muppet Movie. Suggested donation for this event is \$1 per person. Fresh popcorn will be available for 50 cents, as well!

For more information or if you would like to help with this event, please contact Sarah Morgan at 425-673-6202

Volunteer News

Dear Parents,

One of the many strengths I see in the culture here at Parkwood is that families are tremendously invested in classroom volunteering! Last year parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles gave 2700 hours of volunteer time. In our classrooms and in our hallways of learning, hardly a day has gone by without seeing caring adults spending time with students one-to-one or in small groups. Students come to expect it, and teachers welcome it. Our parent volunteering is a rich tradition to be treasured.

If you are a returning parent, or a parent new to Parkwood, a warm welcome! I am delighted to assist you with any questions you may have about volunteering in the classroom, the library, or in the music room.

To make inquiries or simply to talk about how things are going, please drop by my office, room 23, any morning Monday through Thursday; call me at 206-368-4150, or e-mail me at patty.lyden@shorelineschools.org.

Noteworthy items:

- **All** volunteers must be screened through the WA State Patrol Database. To do this you must fill out a **WA State Patrol Background Check** form. The school secretary will take a photo of your driver's license, which is attached to the form, and sent to the District Offices. This must be repeated every year. WA State Patrol Background Check forms are in the front office near the sign-in sheet
- **Volunteer Orientation** is Wednesday, October 3, at 3:00 in the school library. Come to hear about volunteer procedures, confidentiality, and what is available in volunteering. If you're not sure about volunteering, come just to find out what it's all about. No commitments necessary -- bring your questions!
- **Math enthusiast** and Parkwood parent **Kathleen Wong** is starting a program to build grade school level math skills in fun and interactive ways. Her goals are to stimulate enthusiasm for math, to teach problem-solving strategies, to foster mathematical creativity, and to strengthen basic math skills. We will "pull out" students from the classrooms during the school day to form small study groups. **Please volunteer** to help our third graders in math! Kathleen is looking for parents to help one or two days a week for one hour, beginning in October. She is also taking names of parents who want to help with math in second, fourth, fifth, and sixth grade. Call Kathleen at 206-367-4818, or e-mail her at kathleen@sikat.com.

Again, welcome to a terrific new school year!

Patty Lyden
Volunteer Coordinator



Shoreline – Lake Forest Park Arts Counsel Events

Gallery at the Shoreline Center

Gallery at the Shoreline Center
Expressions in Abstract
September 10 – October 31, 2007
Open House September 13th, 5-7pm

Abstract art is now generally understood to mean art that does not depict objects in the natural world, but instead uses color and form in a non-representational way. What that definition doesn't explain is the energy and dynamism that abstract art brings to the world around it. The Gallery at the Shoreline Center proudly presents our Expressions in Abstract exhibit running September 10 – October 31, 2007. Join us as we feature paintings by **Stan Chraminski, Ray Gerring and Joan Keith** and recycled art by **Luci Lytle**. Please help us celebrate at an Open House on Thursday, September 13th 5-7. The Gallery at the Shoreline Center is located in the South End of the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline and is open Monday-Friday, 12-5. For more information, please call (206) 417-4645.

Readers' Theater

The Readers' Theater has served as a fantastic resource to bring together actors, readers and playwrights in an entertaining and educational environment for the last three years. With a focus on presenting new works, this program allows writers to learn about their own work by seeing and hearing it aloud, and provides a wonderful setting in which all participants experience opportunities to develop his or her craft.

Admission to the Readers' Theater is free and the playwright will be available for discussion following the reading. **All Readers' Theater events take place at 7:00 pm in the classroom wing at the south end of the Shoreline Center, 18560 1st Ave NE, Shoreline.**

First in the Series!

Monday, October 22nd, 7pm, Cromwell Room
Play to be announced

Hip Hop Live 2007!

Saturday, October 13th
4:30 & 7:30pm

Shorecrest Performing Arts Center, 15343 25th Ave NE, Shoreline

Get your groove on with Hip Hop Live! with Breaking Point Dance Company, Saturday, October 13 at 4:30pm & 7:30 pm at the Shorecrest Performing Arts Center. The Breaking Point Dance Company blends the founding elements of Hip Hop culture with the contemporary art of choreographed Hip Hop dance. This successful innovation earned them the opportunity of representing the US in the World Hip Hop Championships in July of 2006 and a slot on "Showtime at The Apollo. Tickets are \$12 and will be available [online](#) in September or at the door.

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



eScrip

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-WAMOOLA 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