



Parkwood Elementary

**Happy Summer!**

**Field Day**

June 19

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**Summer Break**

June 23-Sept 2

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**Kindergarten  
Playdates**

Aug 2, 10 am/ Aug 14, 6 pm

Aug 23, 2 pm

Sep 2, 5:30 pm / Sep 6, 2 pm

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**Summer Grounds  
Clean Up & Potlucks**

Jul 25, 5-7 pm

Aug 22, 5-7 pm

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**Back to School BBQ**

August 28

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**First Day School**

September 3

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**United Way  
Day Of Caring**

September 19

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**Curriculum Night**

September 23

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**Parkwood Community  
Garage Sale**

September 27

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**WatchD.O.G.S.  
Pizza Night**

September 30

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Tentative 2014/2015 School Calendar  
Visit: <http://www.shorelineschools.org/calendar/14-15calendar.pdf>

# PTA Roar

## Parkwood Elementary PTA Newsletter

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### Thank you, Parkwood School Community!

It is hard to believe that another school year is almost over. What a busy year. It was great to see the Parkwood Community come together at all the different PTA sponsored events like the Back to School BBQ, Family Dance, WATCHDog Pizza Night, Grounds Clean up, Cut & Chat, Heritage Night, and finally the Silent Auction and Talent Show. Thank you to everyone who helped make these events a great success.

I am also proud to report that the PTA was able to contribute close to \$10,000 to the teachers and classrooms and over \$5,000 to Parkwood events and programs, and to student scholarships for enrichment programs. This was all made possible by you, the Parkwood community! Thank you for all the support throughout the year.

Please remember that your involvement in your child's education, no matter how big or small, makes a difference. Whether you volunteer in the classroom, participate in a fundraiser, help out at Cut & Chat, assist with an event, join the PTA, be a WATCH Dog, chaperone a field trip, help at grounds clean up or attend a school event, it all makes a difference!

So think about ways you can or want to be involved at any level next year. If you don't know how, please feel free to contact

me or your teacher. We will help you find a way that works for you!

Thank you again to everyone for making Parkwood such a great community.

And a fond farewell to:

- Our 6th grade students and families. Have a wonderful graduation and good luck with your next school adventures! Please come back and visit us.
- All other families who are leaving Parkwood this year. We will miss you.
- Mrs. McGoun, who is retiring. Thank you for your many years of service to our school and best wishes for your retirement.
- Superintendent Sue Walker, who also is retiring! Thank you, Mrs. Walker, for your tireless work on behalf of all the kids in our district! It is much appreciated.

Have a wonderful and relaxing summer!

*Mea Fischelis, PTA Board President*

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Congrats to Parkwood's 2014 6th graders! Best wishes for your next steps and life adventures!  
Hope you come back every once in a while.

## Dads Make Big Impact

In its 2nd year, the 2013-2014 WatchD.O.G.S. (Dads Of Great Students) program was a huge success.

Over 60 dads & their kids showed up to our kick off Pizza Night in October. We filled 98 of a total of 147 possible volunteers days that night alone! And by the end of the year we will have filled at least 108 days on the calendar school year.

2 dads alone signed up for 5 days this year; 6 dads for 3 days and 4 dads for 2 days; 2 grandpas committed to coming to the school once a month!

Dads took over the grill at the "Back To School BBQ" in September;

organized the annual "Moms & Muffins" event in May to honor our wonderful Parkwood moms; and are crucial in helping out with Field Day in June.

In all, the program has been a huge success at Parkwood and the staff continues to appreciate the involvement of Dads in our school.

**Want to get involved?** Volunteer at Field Day on June 19. Contact Jeff Lovelace at parkwoodtop-dog@gmail.com to sign up.

**Save The Date and learn more at our next Pizza Night on Tuesday, September 30.**

~ Jeff Lovelace, WatchD.O.G.S.

## Preview: After School Programs

Thanks to everyone who took the time to answer the after school enrichment survey! We received a 45% response rate. One of the results showed that most students and families want more sports classes after school, followed by more art classes. With that in mind, here are some possibilities we are looking at for next year:

- Soccer K-2 and 3-6
- Basketball K-2 and 3-6
- Comedy 3-6 / Drama K-6
- Dance K-6 / Ceramics K-6
- Computer art 3-6
- Clay animation K-6
- Glass art 3-6 / Cooking 2-6
- Lego and Mad Science K-6
- Chinese K-6 / Spanish K-6
- Math/Engineering Club 1-6

With 10-12 classes a trimester, we should have 2-3 options each day after school. We will try to keep the classes on consistent days throughout the year (for example, Soccer K

-2 always on Mondays each trimester, or Drama, Comedy and Dance may rotate from trimester to trimester but always be on the same day during the week, etc).

Some of these options may be teacher taught and not cost the student any money. Outside vendors always charge a fee and one of our challenges as a PTA is to raise enough money for all of our students to be able to do these classes. If you have ideas for fundraising, or if you have comments on the list of classes, or if you would like to be on the enrichment committee, email Debbie Olhoeft at debbie@ducharme.cc.

Look for registration forms to come home in backpacks during the first week of school. Also, if you know you are going to want a scholarship, you can email Family Advocate Kristina Weidert now or early in September.

~ Debbie Olhoeft, PTA Enrichment



The Back to School event provides school supplies, haircuts, and clothing assistance for families who are living with a low income and/or experiencing circumstances in their life that make it challenging to prepare their children for going back to school.

**August 23, 2014**  
12:30-4pm  
North City Elementary

Many Ways to Register! Starting May 19th

- Online at [www.btsconsortium.org](http://www.btsconsortium.org)
- Mail in Registration Form
- Call 206-393-4916 BTS Info Line  
Leave a message and someone will return your call to register you
- Contact the school Nurse or Family Advocate

Deadline for Registration is August 15th.

Members of the Back to School Consortium: Center for Human Services; City of Shoreline; Dale Turner Family YMCA; Hopelink; Penny's Place; Ronald United Methodist Church; Shoreline Community Care; Shoreline School District; Turning Point; The Works of Shoreline PTA Council

## WANTED: PTA Treasurer!

Do you have skills in the financial area? Can you balance your check book? We need someone to track the money that comes in and out of the PTA.

Please contact Mea Fischelis, PTA Board Chair, if you can volunteer: meaf@comcast.net.

**Stay connected throughout the summer...**

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- ◆ Join the FAN club on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ParkwoodFan>
- ◆ Follow us on Twitter: <http://www.twitter.com/parkwoodpta>
- ◆ Visit our Parkwood PTA website: <http://www.parkwoodpta.org>



# Annual Awards Go To Three Outstanding Parkwood School Community Members

## Golden Acorn Award: Jeff Lovelace



scenes. In addition to planning and leading a well-attended WatchDOG information night in the fall, Jeff personally coordinates, contacts and orients each volunteer. You can see Jeff greeting new DOGs almost every morning as he orients them to campus and gives them a personalized tour before heading off to work himself. He makes each volunteer feel special and important. Jeff is devoted to Parkwood and well deserves our Golden Acorn Award.

them in many different ways. Monica is a member of Parkwood's International Committee and as such has helped plan Heritage Night and the classes to go with it. She also often volunteers at school during the day, as well as at other after school events. Monica has a big heart for PW students and families. She has consistently shown her willingness to support us in any way she can! Thank you Monica for being our Outstanding Community Advocate.

Go WatchDOGS! Jeff exudes energy and excitement as anyone who comes across him knows. He single-handedly has coordinated and initiated a vital and exciting program for the men of our Parkwood school community. Through the help of the PTA, Jeff launched the WatchDOG program and has brought in 100 volunteers. Fathers, grandfathers, uncles,... come to spend a day at Parkwood and leave feeling exhilarated and exhausted! WatchDOGS served a key role in our Back-to-School BBQ, assisted with the United Way Day of Caring, and provided security/campus monitoring during our Family Dance this fall. WatchDOGS have become ingrained into the daily fabric of Parkwood.

While many Parkwood stakeholders may see our many WatchDOGS out and about on campus, few are aware of the incredible time commitment that Jeff invests behind the

## Outstanding Community Advocate: Monica Rivera



Monica has been a huge support in building up our diverse Parkwood community. She helped start our new Cafecitos Parent Outreach program. This program is meant to help Spanish speaking families feel welcome and invite them in to communicate more with teachers as well as other parents and community members. Monica offers her support by calling parents and inviting them to these meetings and supports

## Outstanding Educator: Mr. Parker



Mr. Parker was honored for his years of service at Parkwood as the PE teacher. He has the chance to work with all the children at the school and you can see him chatting with kids in the hall, at the entrance to school or just in passing. Everyone knows Mr. Parker and for many kids, when their parents ask them what they did today at school, students comment about how much fun they had in Mr. Parker's class. Thank you Mr. Parker for being our Outstanding Educator.



**Parkwood Talent Show a Huge Success. Thank you to ALL involved for making this amazing annual event happen!**

## KUDOS

Neighborhoods USA named Parkwood Neighborhood Association (PNA) in Shoreline as 2014 Neighborhood of the Year Second Place Winner at its luncheon held May 23 at the 39th annual NUSA conference in Eugene, Oregon.



PNA won the award in the Social Revitalization category for creating a neighborhood "dream team" Board over the last year. The group, made up primarily of young professionals who are moving their families into Parkwood, has a unique combination of skills that make it a nimble, productive team.

In one short year the group hosted three large neighborhood social events; surveyed neighborhood residents about their interests; established bylaws, goals and a work plan; invited speakers to address neighborhood issues of crime prevention, surface water and local park management; helped establish a citizen's group for light rail station area planning; sent a newsletter to all residents; and established a website, Facebook page, and email list for communication to the neighborhood.

Congrats, PNA! We are glad to be part of a vital community.

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## SAVE THESE DATES

### Summer Grounds Clean up & Family Potlucks

Just because it's summer break, the weeds don't stop growing. Join us for our summer grounds clean up work parties on **Friday, July 25 and August 22, 5-7 pm.**

As always, we'll pick the projects that need some work right then and there. At the end, we'll do a potluck BBQ.

Bring your family, a dish to share and something to put on the grill.

In addition, please bring your own tools, wheel barrel, bucket, gloves, weed wacker...

Besides getting some work done, it will be fun to stay connected throughout the summer.

**Questions?** Please contact Marion Mohrlök at [mmohrlök@hotmail.com](mailto:mmohrlök@hotmail.com) or 206-706-5746.

### Summer Kindergarten Playdates

Incoming Parkwood Kindergarten Family? Welcome to our school community! We look forward to having you be part of our wonderful school. In order to meet other kindergarteners and their families we organize Kindergarten Playdates at the school playground throughout the summer. We

hope you can join us!

- Sat, August 2 - 10 am
- Thurs, August 14 - 6 pm
- Sat, August 23 - 2 pm
- Tue, September 2 - 5:30 pm
- Sat, September 6 at 2 pm

#### Questions?

Please contact Heather Cimuchowski at [heathercim@gmail.com](mailto:heathercim@gmail.com) or Michelle Morgan at [mrsMichelle.morgan@gmail.com](mailto:mrsMichelle.morgan@gmail.com).

### Parkwood Community Garage Sale

~ Sponsored by the Parkwood Elementary PTA

Have treasures in your garage but no time to organize your own garage sale? Are you an artist or crafty person and want to sell your art/crafts?

Then this event is for you!

Mark your calendar for our **inaugural Parkwood Community Garage Sale on Saturday, September 27, 2014, 10 am – 2 pm, at place tbd in Parkwood neighborhood** (rain or shine!) and gather your treasures over the summer.



- \$15 registration fee per 8' table space for Parkwood school families.
- \$25 registration fee per 8' table space for community members at large.

### The per table registration fee supports 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp at Parkwood Elementary.

All proceeds from your sales at your table are yours to keep. You may choose to donate a portion or all of your sales to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade camp fund at Parkwood or another school

initiative of your choice.

Please note: Registration fee is nonrefundable.

Pre-registration is required! Stay tuned for our registration form to be sent to you via email

during the summer and via backpack mail in September.

### Questions or interested in becoming involved?

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