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# OTTER TALES



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## Creekside's 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cultural Fair 2014

LOVE AROUND THE WORLD  
YOU ARE INVITED

Friday February 7<sup>th</sup> 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Food – Dance - Arts – Music – Traditions – History – Crafts – Student Performances



Egypt – Algeria - South Africa – Mexico – Cuba – Venezuela – Chile – India – Taiwan – Korea – Japan – Vietnam – China – Israel – Iran – Thailand – Germany – Croatia – Canada – Poland – Australia – New Zealand – Sweden– Italy – Finland – Hungary – Minnesota - Scotland



### Monthly Facts About Your Creekside PTSA

#### Why You Need To Be Involved

##### Fact #5

##### You Will Make A Difference

By volunteering with the PTA, you'll be able to use your skills for a noble cause. Parent groups work to establish a supportive and encouraging community for the entire school. The goal is to create the most educational environment possible for our children.

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# MONSTERS UNIVERSITY



## Movie Night Highlights



Everyone gets comfy with sleeping bags



5<sup>th</sup> graders waiting for movie to start



Ready for the movie with popcorn



Great Turnout !



Cozy PJ's, stuffed animal and sleeping bag !



Kindergarten girls excited !



Otters enjoying the popcorn and waiting for the movie



Pizza station busy all night long !



# See you all next time



# SAVE THE DATE !



## Box Tops Collection Drive is NOW through February 14 - Help us collect 5,000 Box Tops for School Programs

The Creekside Box Tops Collection Drive is Here! Now is the time to turn in all the box tops you've been collecting! And if you haven't been saving Box Tops, it's not too late! Check the packaging on everyday items in your household, like General Mills Cereal, Progresso Soup labels, Kleenex tissue and Ziplock bags, clip them and turn them in to the front office or your child's classroom. We can meet our goal if every student turns in just 20 box tops. The money raised will help the PTSA raise money to fund school programs. For questions or to volunteer to help with Box Tops, please contact Deanna Trencher ([trenchertime@comcast.net](mailto:trenchertime@comcast.net))

## DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Destination Imagination teams will be competing at the Seattle-Metro Regional Tournament on **Saturday, March 1st** at Mercer Island High School. Five Creekside teams have been meeting once a week since November using what they know about science, technology, engineering, mathematics, the arts, and service learning, to prepare solutions for this year's tournament.

Please save the date and come out to support our hardworking and dedicated teams of Kindergarten through 5th grade students.

## Upcoming Events

February 7	Creekside Cultural Fair
February 3-14	Box Tops Collection Drive
March 1	Destination Imagination Tournament
May 8	ISF Nourish Every Mind Luncheon - Save the Date!
May 14	ISF Nourish Every Mind Breakfast - Save the Date!

## HELP WANTED

### Open Chair Position

#### Talent Show

Scheduled after school on May 2nd

To Volunteer Please contact  
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[thechafins@hotmail.com](mailto:thechafins@hotmail.com) or  
[chrisandmarquelle@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisandmarquelle@hotmail.com)

# UPDATES

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraising



## 5th Grade Camp Mixed Bags Fundraiser a HUGE Success!

Thank you so much to all who supported our 5th graders in their fundraising efforts! We raised just over \$4500 from this fundraiser which exceeds our goal and allows us to call this our last fundraiser for camp. Yippee! Money raised will be applied to camp scholarships and to reducing the overall cost of camp for our 5th grade families. A special thanks to Dolores and Andrea in the office who are always incredibly helpful to the PTSA and to Amy Lowrance our PTSA Treasurer for helping me cross check order forms and payments. Product will arrive in 4-6 weeks. More information on product pickup will come in the next few weeks. Questions? Contact Jennifer Edson at [jennifer.edson.cpa@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.edson.cpa@gmail.com).

## Eager Reader

Eager Reader continues onto the 4<sup>th</sup> week...**call for volunteers**

Dear families & students:

Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful reading program sponsored by Creekside PTSA. As of today, we have more than 300 eager readers! Please continue reading and logging minutes read!

For Students to log minutes: <https://creeksideptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Read/EagerReader>

For Parents to approve minutes: <https://creeksideptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Read/EagerReader/Parent>

**Reminder:** Monday 2/10 is our second prize day. Please remember to log and approve minutes by 10pm on Sunday 2/9 for minutes to be counted. If you miss the deadline, you will have to wait for two more weeks for next prize day, which falls on Monday 2/24.

Please mark your calendar for the following prize days:

- Mondays 2/10, 2/24, 3/10 9:30 – 11:00am
- Tuesday 3/11 10:00 am – 1:15 pm Book Prize Day

Hope you could help us on those days to prepare prizes for our eager readers. Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Min-Hua Burton [linminhua@hotmail.com](mailto:linminhua@hotmail.com)

Adrian Bradley [adriancbradley@hotmail.com](mailto:adriancbradley@hotmail.com)

# UPDATES

## PTSA Art Docent Program Art made by Creekside Students



Kindergarten Watercolor with Texture



1<sup>st</sup> Grade Shapes Collage art



1<sup>st</sup> Grade Perspective Snowmen



2nd grade Collage Snowman



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Snowflakes



4<sup>th</sup> Grade Watercolor Birch Trees  
inspired by Kesler Woodward



5<sup>th</sup> Grade Color Value Silhouettes



## It's February and the Issaquah Schools Foundation is all about the love. Who's on our Valentine list?

**You ... our parents, volunteers and donors** who partner with us to improve education for all Issaquah School District students. You are the reason the Foundation receive letters like Rachel's.

*"Thank you purchasing this set of books for our classroom. They have helped me learn about conflict, irony, and theme. Although I only read two of these books, I saw that they were rich and full of description. If our class had never gotten these books, I never would have learned so much about reading. After all, reading is thinking!"*

*Jason, Endeavour Elementary*

**... our teachers** who go above and beyond to find innovative ways to our engage our students. **Thirty-three of these dedicated educators submitted proposals for 2014 Academic Enrichment Awards.** The Foundation's Grants Committee is carefully reviewing the proposals and will announce the winners of **Classroom Enrichment Grants (\$100-\$1,000) on February 28.** **Kateri Brow Grant (\$1,000-\$10,000) finalists** will be announced in March.

**... and our students** who inspire us to work harder and dream bigger every year. The Foundation is honored to connect your contributions to our students' needs. Seeing your children discover, develop and achieve their academic potential brings us infinite joy.

## Breakfast Time

**Add the Issaquah Schools Foundation's 1st Annual Nourish Every Mind Breakfast to your social calendar.** Our new **Nourish Every Mind** Breakfast, on **Wednesday, May 14 at Eastridge Church**, will feature all of our event hallmarks ... touching stories, memorable moments, socializing and lots of fun. The difference, a slightly abbreviated program and more built in networking time. If you're a die-hard Luncheon fan, we've got you covered. The **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Nourish Every Mind Luncheon** is back at the Issaquah Community Center on **Thursday, May 8.** [Click Here to Learn More about both events.](#) To become a Table Captain or Corporate Sponsor, contact **Nourish Every Mind** Chair, [Cathia Geller](#).

## Have You Been Carded?

**Fred Meyer's new Community Rewards Program begins on February 6<sup>th</sup>.** Now, every time you shop and scan your Fred Meyer's Reward Card, you can earn money for the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Once your card is registered, there's nothing extra to do. Just shop and scan your card. Learn more and register your card at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards). Search for us by name or number—we're NPO 91119.

## Tell Us What You Love

Share stories of you or your child's experience with an Issaquah Schools Foundation-funded program. We'll share it with our PTSA partners and Foundation family via our Facebook page and e-newsletter. Submit your stories to Lynn Juniel, [ljuniel@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:ljuniel@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org). Thank you!



# **Issaquah Schools Foundation's Annual Nourish Every Mind Benefit Breakfast and Luncheon**

**Luncheon: Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 11 am – 1 pm at the  
Issaquah Community Center**

**Breakfast: Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30am at  
Eastridge Church**

## **Save the Date!**

The Issaquah School Foundation is once again hosting a fundraising **Luncheon** on **May 8th from 11:30-1:00pm at its traditional place, at the Issaquah Community Center**. It's a terrific way to support our schools, network with parents, community and business leaders and hear inspirational stories from ISF grant recipients and program participants. You'll also learn why private support of our public schools has become the only way to ensure student success. There's no fee for the lunch, but a suggested donation of \$150 during the event will go a long way towards reaching the Nourish Every Mind goal. Last year, you helped Nourish Every Mind 2013 raise a record \$691,500--nearly half of the Foundation's budgeted revenue. This year, our goal is \$744,000. We can't achieve it without you!

This year, our event is bigger than ever with the addition of a Nourish Every Mind Breakfast. The **Breakfast** will take place on **Wednesday, May 14 from 7:00 am - 8:30 am at Eastridge Church**. **Theresa Nguyen**, Creekside PTSA ISF Rep, and our very own PTSA President, **Kavitha Kumar**, will be Table Co-Captains this year. Please contact Theresa Nguyen at [thn12@uw.edu](mailto:thn12@uw.edu) or Kavitha Kumar at [kavitha.k.kumar@gmail.com](mailto:kavitha.k.kumar@gmail.com) if you would like to attend. This is a very big event in our school community and well-attended each year. Don't miss it!

# Shopping Just Got Better

## **FredMeyer**<sup>®</sup>

Fred Meyer is putting control of community donations in your hands. With their new Community Reward Program, you can help earn money for our students and schools each time you shop. All you have to do is go online to connect your **Fred Meyer Reward Card** to the **Issaquah Schools Foundation**. How easy is that?! The program begins on February 3<sup>rd</sup>; but you have to register now. Follow the directions below to get started. Thank you!

- Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to the Issaquah Schools Foundation at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).
- Search for us by our name or by our non-profit number--**91119**
- Now you're ready to shop and support our students and schools.
- Rest assured ... you will still earn your Rewards Points, Fuel Points, and Rebates.
- If you do not have a Rewards Card, they are available at the Customer Service desk of any Fred Meyer store.
- For more information, please visit [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards).



# Congratulations

Grant Recipients this Year!  
Funded By Creekside PTSA

#	Applicant Name	Project for which grant applied	Amount
1	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Team (Carrie Alexander applying for team)	5th Grade Revolutionary War Reader's Workshop	\$1303.80
2	Kris Coleman	Taking Student Learning Beyond The Classroom Walls Through Geocaching	\$1142.25
3	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Team (Cherie Dodd, applying for team)	World Studies Stations	\$943.68
4	Shannon Karr (3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade teacher)	3rd Grade Reading	\$416.90
5	Judy Bowlby	Book-it Group	\$250
6	Student Counselor(April Stevens)	Career Day Event	\$250
7	SAGE(Kasie Pranghofer)	Highly Capable Math for All	\$240.87
8	BEL Reading( Jennifer Johnson )	Wild About Reading!	\$200

# PTSA

## Brown Bear Car Wash

After a busy summer of road trips and camping we know your car is probably in need of a little TLC! Get your Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets and help Creekside PTSA at the same time!

### STOCK UP NOW!

1 for \$6

5 for \$25

10 for \$40



To purchase these tickets, please contact Lisa Bourdeau at [lisabourdeau22@gmail.com](mailto:lisabourdeau22@gmail.com) or Kim Meade at [meadek@comcast.net](mailto:meadek@comcast.net).

## Creekside PTSA - New Website! Check it out!

Our Webmaster has worked tirelessly to give our PTSA a new, fresh look! Check out our new website at:

<http://creeksideptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

You'll be able to find information about all our programs, PTSA meeting minutes, financial reports and other helpful information.

For the upcoming General PTSA meeting, you can see copies of financial reports by going to our Creekside PTSA website, under "Important Information" then "Finances" or by clicking [here](#).



## Passive Fundraising for Creekside PTSA

Creekside PTSA is participating in the following passive fundraisers.

Please read below to find out how you can support Creekside.



**SAFEWAY eScrip & Safeway** is a proven, passive fundraiser that contributes a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards from participating business partners, credit card and debit/ATM card purchases to our PTSA. Getting signed up is easy! If you would like to sign up or get more information, please click [here](#) or contact Theresa Nguyen at [thn12@uw.edu](mailto:thn12@uw.edu) for more information.

## MATCHING : Time and money

Thank you Volunteers for your time and effort in helping at Creekside.

Some of the companies match the time their employees put in for a school program and donate money to the PTSA. So please do avail of this facility if your company supports it.

Also, if you have friends and family( who had company matching funds options via their employer) who supported your fundraiser during the fall, please remind them to put in their matching amounts in the company matching requests, if they haven't already done so.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jing Zhang <[z\\_jean2000@yahoo.com](mailto:z_jean2000@yahoo.com)> or Solaria Ducati <[solariaducati@gmail.com](mailto:solariaducati@gmail.com)>

# Creekside

Gift – A – Book

BIRTHDAY  
CLUB



The following students have recently had their birthdays recognized with book donations to the Creekside Library. Thank you very much for your wonderful contributions !

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

**December and January**



**Angus C**

**Cassie M**

**Jade G**

**Philip L**

**Shane E**

**Sydney S**





# Appreciate The volunteers

**Please help us appreciate and honor the Volunteers here at Creekside.**

**Put in the name(s) of any volunteers that you appreciate for their service to the school and kids. We will draw names the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month and honor them.**

**Everyone is welcome to recommend names.**

**Thank you,  
Creekside PTSA**

**January Volunteer of the  
Month  
Julie Heise**

Julie has two sons, one who is currently in 3rd grade and another who recently moved on to Pine Lake Middle School this year after having been at Creekside for 3 years. Julie has been actively volunteering in her sons' classrooms since Creekside opened, as well as volunteering in the library and as an Art Docent.

Please join us in thanking Julie for her continued service to our school and kids!