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Creekside PTSA Newsletter

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Reflections

Thank you to everyone who has entered Reflections this year! Entries have been collected and will be ready for judging next week. The artwork will be displayed on the main level by the library overview area during the judging period. Please stop by to check out all of the wonderful artwork. Look out for the invite to our Reflections Program Reception on Monday, November 14th. Please join us to celebrate your participation and achievement. The 12 Creekside finalists moving on to the district finals will be announced – good luck everyone!! Any questions? Contact Fiona O'Connor fnwalsh@live.com



SAVE THE DATE

Nov 14	Book Drive Begins
Nov 14	Reflections Program Reception
Nov 18	Book Drive Ends
Nov 23	Picture Retakes
Dec 5	Book Fair Begins



Picture Retakes

Student picture make ups and retakes will be on Wednesday, November 23rd. If your student is having retakes, please remember to send the entire order back to school on this day. If you student will be having pictures taken for the first time this year, you may order portraits online [at www.oconnorphotographystudios.com](http://www.oconnorphotographystudios.com) or pick up an order packet in the school office. Pictures for volunteer badges will be taken between 9:30 am and 11 am in the O.T. Room. If your student will be absent, there will be another opportunity for pictures in the spring.

Holiday Gift Barn Donation Drive

Welcome to the Holiday Gift Barn Program! The Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank is proud to be a part of bringing joy and happiness to families during this holiday season. The goal of this program is to help all families with holiday cheer through the giving and sharing of gifts for children birth-18 years old.

The Food and Clothing Bank are looking for new clothes, toys, and other presents including diapers, toys, books, dolls, clothing, coats, bikes, and other items a child aged infant to eighteen would enjoy or need. We are also looking for wrapping paper.

All objects must be dropped off in the boxes outside the office between Monday, November 21st and Monday, December 5th at 4:00. (Although we can take gifts up to 3:00 pm on Tuesday the 9th.)



SEND IN THE BOOKS

In November, we are asking families to donate gently used books to help build our teachers' libraries. Any unclaimed books will be donated to James Sales Elementary in Tacoma (Parkland). We are excited to help add to their class libraries as well.

- There will be bins in the open space (near the entrance of the school) marked with K-1, 2-3, 4-5 where the students can drop off books.

- We will leave the bins there for the week of **November 14-18**.

- On **November 21**, we will have the teachers choose books throughout the day in the OT room, and then any leftover books will be boxed up to share with James Sales Elementary.

A Sign Up Genius has been created and distributed in the classrooms for volunteers to help with this event.

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/30E0B45ADAB2AA57-fornovember

Let's get the word out to collect books for our teachers and community, and then make room on the book shelves for the Creekside book fair coming in December!

Thank you!

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PTSA Financials & News

Here you can see monthly updates of the PTSA financials, the approved budget, and download our reimbursement form.

See how the PTSA is using your generous dollars to do good!

[Approved Budget by Membership 9/20/16](#)

[October Financial Report](#)

If you have any questions or want to learn more about the PTSA finance we invite you to come to our general meetings where our treasurer will do a monthly overview, and you can ask questions and be heard.

Please contact our Treasurer [Parul Agarwal](#) with any questions or concerns.

Did you miss our September General Meeting? If so, find out what happened by reading the minutes [HERE](#). We hope to see you at the next meeting **November 17th at 7pm** at the Creekside Library.



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