

# The Frequent Flyer Meeker Elementary

Puyallup, Washington

2014 National PTA School of Excellence  
2014 Washington State PTA Outstanding Local  
Unit

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November 2014

## iPlan

### November

- 6th: "PTA & the Law" Training @ Foothills Elem. in Buckley
- 7th: Early release
- 10th: Cherrydale catalog order pick-up: 3-6pm in the Meeker Gym
- 11th: No School: Veteran's Day
- 13th: SBAC-palooza 6:30-7:30pm
- 14th: Crazy Hat/Hair Day: Spirit Assembly @ 9:30am
- 18th: Movie Night in the Meeker Gym @ 6pm, sponsored by Meeker PTA
- 18th: Meeker PTA General Membership Meeting @ 6:30pm & Board Meeting immediately following
- 20th: Puyallup PTA Council Meeting @ Puyallup School District Office @ 6:30pm
- 21st: Early release
- 26th: Early release
- 27th-28th: No School: Thanksgiving Break

### December

- 6th: Santa's Workshop in the Meeker Gym, sponsored by the Meeker PTA
- 8th: Puyallup PTA Council Reflections Family Viewing @ Puyallup Public Library
- 9th: Meeker PTA Board Meeting: Meeker Library @ 7pm
- 16th: Cherrydale Limo to Lunch Ride
- 22nd-1/2nd: No School: Christmas & New Years Break

For more information, check our website @ meekerpta.com and



## iContribute!

You have completed two successful fundraisers and a book fair in the first two months of school!

Thank you to everyone who volunteered to park cars, wave pompoms or supported Meeker PTA by parking your vehicle at the school while you attended the fair. You raised \$6,352; that money will be spent in continuing PTA-sponsored programs and events like those highlighted in this newsletter. Awesome job!



The second fundraiser was the Cherrydale catalog order. Although the final figures are not in yet, we have a total of 26 students that met the required sales goal of 20 items and will be treated to a limo ride and lunch!



The Scholastic Book Fair also ran the last week of October. The book fair was set up in the library and was very busy all week. Thank you to all the volunteers that made this a successful event. Even though this is not a fundraiser for the PTA, the school benefits by earning free books and materials for the library and classrooms. The next Scholastic Book Fair will be in May.

## iChair

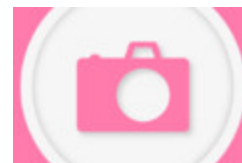
Do you remember the excitement in receiving your yearbook at the end of the year? Flipping through the pages to find pictures of your best friend, funny assembly pictures, gathering signatures from classmates and reading about what the 6th graders aspire to be when they grow up?

These memories may not be documented this year in a yearbook if a chairperson does not step forward. It would be devastating to say the least but this program is in danger of being dropped for the year. If you or a group of you (it is much more fun to work in a group) have a desire to preserve this year's memories in a yearbook for the kids at Meeker Elementary, we need you!

**A yearbook chairperson needs to be in place by**

**November 26th**

**or this year's yearbook will be cancelled!**



## iCoach: Watch DOGS



Watch DOGS are back for another year of watching over our hallways! We have two new Top Dogs this

year and they are Todd Wivell and Josh Schaapveld. They are excited to start off the year with a kickoff party soon! If you would like to sign up this year, please go to the school office and ask Elizabeth for the Puyallup School District Volunteer form to be filled out and our Watch DOGS application form. Stay tuned for a flyer to come home with more details about our kickoff...WOOF! For questions please email Todd and Josh at [ptameeker@yahoo.com](mailto:ptameeker@yahoo.com).

## iCreate: Reflections Projects

The National PTA Reflections program is one of the oldest and largest arts education programs in the country. It encourages students in kindergarten through 12th grade to create a piece of art in any of six categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts.

Each year's program is centered around a theme. This year's National PTA Reflections theme, **"The World Would Be a Better Place If..."** was created by Meeker third grader Mercedes Messer. Themes are selected from thousands of ideas submitted by students to National PTA's Reflections Theme Search.

First and second place winners from every category for each age group will move up the council level for judging.

12/8

Council finalists project viewing @ the Puyallup Public Library



1/20

Awards event for Projects moving to state judging @ Emerald Ridge High School

## iJoin & iScream

Any living person can join Meeker PTA. Why does it matter? It matters because the more members Meeker PTA has, the more votes it gets at the state level. We want Meeker PTA to be the elephant in the room! Meeker PTA wants to advocate for the issues that are important to our families, and the most effective way to do that is to represent a large and vocal membership. Join today!

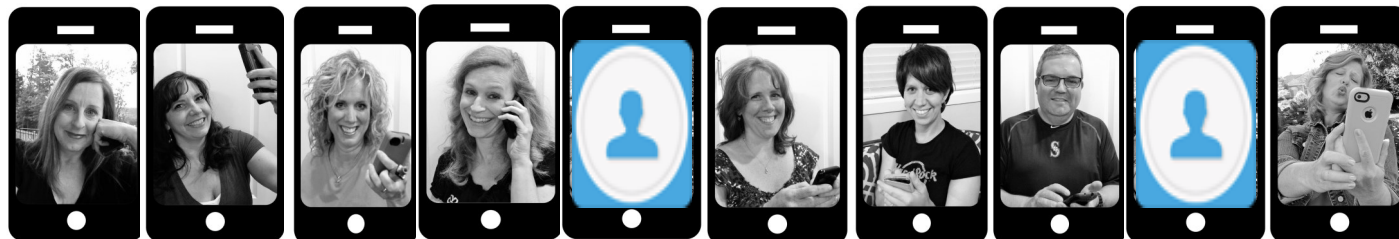


Each class that reaches 100% membership earns an iScream party. Mrs. Beck's 3/4 class was the first to earn this honor, will your class be next? Look for the membership board by the library to find out where your class stands in the race for iScream! Membership forms are found at [meekerpta.com](http://meekerpta.com) under the membership tab.

## iLead:

### 2014-2015 Meeker PTA Board of Directors

You can contact any board member through our website at [meekerpta.com](http://meekerpta.com), Meeker PTA facebook page or email @ [meekerpta@yahoo.com](mailto:meekerpta@yahoo.com).



Megan	Yvonne	Kelli	Sue	Corey	Carianne	Kelly	David	Rebekah	Sharon
President	Events	Membership	Programs	Programs	Secretary	Treasurer	Legislative	Fundraising	Volunteer Coordinator

## iPlay

We had a great turnout for our first Skate Night. Lots of prizes were given out at our Seahawks-themed evening and the kids had a blast! Thank you to Mrs. Loucks for stopping by and having fun with us. Also, thank you to Blanca Cereceres and Kim Buruss for chairing Skate Nights.



Pictured left to right: Laila Fuqua, Mary Ann Loucks & Madison Wivell

Our next Family Fun Event is Movie night, which is scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm.

## iVolunteer

Meeker Elementary PTA is volunteer-driven. Without the dedication of all of the volunteers who help out at our great school, your PTA couldn't accomplish anything. Each month, we recognize a volunteer (or several) as our "Volunteer(s) of the Month." Volunteers of the Month have gone above and beyond in their commitment to our school.

### Congrats to our September Volunteer of the Month.....

#### Janice Canion!



Janice and her husband, Brian, have two boys: 5th grader Ethan and 3rd grader Thomas. She volunteers in both of their classrooms and is a co-chair for the PTA-sponsored art docent program. Janice claims that "although I am an art docent, I am not an artist; I just enjoy being crafty. You can usually find me in the workroom prepping for art." She also loves to travel with her family.

## iHelp

Whether you have a couple of free hours or want to change the world, Meeker PTA has a volunteer gig for you! For all of these positions, NO EXPERIENCE IS NEEDED. If you can help or just have some questions, please email [ptameeker@yahoo.com](mailto:ptameeker@yahoo.com) or contact us through our Facebook page or Sharon Hedman through Meekerpta.com.

## iRaise Money

Questions? Email [ptameeker@yahoo.com](mailto:ptameeker@yahoo.com)

link your shopper card to Meeker PTA



clip & send to school with your child

Purchase cards from Meeker PTA



clip & send to school with your child

## iBelieve: Chairpersons Needed!

In order to create a sustainable association that is not dependent on one person or core group of volunteers to maintain its operations, the 2014-2015 Meeker PTA Board of Directors voted unanimously at its August 1, 2014 Board of Directors meeting to adopt a "sustainability initiative" for this school year.

The need for this initiative has grown out of an increasing amount of well-received and well-attended programs and events being organized and manned by a decreasing amount of volunteers. Because the board is passionate about leaving

Meeker and its PTA in a strong and sustainable position, we have agreed to this proactive, yet difficult, solution to ensure our

volunteer base and our programming are balanced.

The initiative reads:  
*Meeker PTA board members are allowed to chair no more than one event or program in addition to their board role. If, despite consistent and multiple recruitment efforts, a capable chairperson for a Meeker PTA program or event cannot be found, the program or event in question will be cancelled.*

Ultimately we need your help and if you would like more information or find where your talents can fill in please email us at [ptameeker@yahoo.com](mailto:ptameeker@yahoo.com)

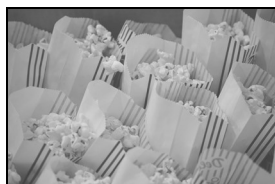


## iEat: Meeker Munchies

Meeker Munchies are back! Popcorn and snacks are available for grades K-6 to buy at recess each Friday and \$5.00 punch cards are available for students to purchase at Munchies on Fridays.

Volunteers are needed so contact Chairperson Angie Beardsley at 253.229.6793 or email [beardsleysinblighty@yahoo.com](mailto:beardsleysinblighty@yahoo.com).

The menu has changed due to new federal USDA nutritional standards for snacks sold in schools. For more information, visit the USDA website.



## iAttend: Meetings

Meeker PTA holds two types of meetings: board meetings and general membership meetings. Anyone is welcome at either type of meeting, which are held in the Meeker library, include snacks, a door prize, and an opportunity to learn more about how the organization functions.

At monthly board meetings, the ten-member Meeker PTA Board of Directors meets to plan programs and vote on board measures. At quarterly General Membership meetings, Meeker PTA members have an opportunity to speak to the organization about new business and participate in important votes, such as approving the PTA's budget, changing its standing rules, and electing its officers.

Make yourself a goal to attend at least one of each type of meeting this year!

### 2014-2015 PTA Board Meetings

- Tuesday, November 18th @ 7:30 pm
- Tuesday, December 9th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, January 13th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, February 10th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, March 14th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, April 14th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, May 12th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, June 9th @ 7 pm

### 2014-2015 PTA General Membership Meetings

- Tuesday, November 18th @ 6:30 pm
- Tuesday, March 10th @ 7 pm
- Tuesday, June 9th @ 7 pm



Principal Dr. Andrea Drake waving in cars onto Meeker field for the Fair Parking Fundraiser

## iRecognize Meeker Volunteers!

A special thank you to the following volunteers for their time and dedication over the past several months:

### JUNE

The families of **Sue Foster, Megan Klein, and Yvonne Shindle**, for allowing these three volunteer leaders to travel to Austin, Texas to represent Meeker PTA at the National PTA Convention this past June

### AUGUST

**David Berg, Sue Foster, Kelli Hanis, Carianne Kehm-Goins, Megan Klein, Corey Liebl, Yvonne Shindle, Kelly Wivell, and Sharon Yanasak** for giving up a Friday night in August to attend the Meeker PTA board retreat

**Yvonne Shindle** for putting together more than 50 gifts and information folders for Meeker staff members as they returned to school in August

**Stephanie Hampton** for volunteering to serve as Meeker PTA's Birthday Chairperson!

**Kelli Hanis** for singlehandedly assembling more than 50 kindergarten parent survival bags and 400 VIP discount cards in August

**Kelli Hanis and Yvonne Shindle** for representing Meeker PTA at the Region 5 Leadership Conference in August

**Corey Liebl** for helping serve lunch to Meeker staff members on their first day back in the building

**David Berg and Carol Hopkins** for all of their work on the meekerpta.com website. Over the summer, they seamlessly changed website hosting services and domain name providers. In addition, Carol worked tirelessly to overhaul the website to create a more user-friendly interface.

**Sharon Hedman** for agreeing to serve as Meeker PTA's Volunteer Coordinator! In this position, Sharon has been busy recruiting volunteers and placing them with programs and events. Thank you for making real traction with our volunteer base already, Sharon!

## iParked: Thank You Fair Parking Volunteers!

Thank you to all of the Meeker parents, students, teachers, staff (and even former parents and teachers!) who came out to help with our fair parking this month under the expert direction of our fabulous Parking Queen, Kelli Hanis. Without everyone's help, this fundraiser would not happen. Thank you for your support! *(Please note: If you should be listed here and are not, please let us know! Send an email to ptameek-*

Erin & Wes Neeley, Sharon Yanasak, Allison Muniz, Gail Miller, Sue Field, Kristy Power & family, Kelly & Todd Wivell, Tanya & Lily Marcoe, Jill Hieb, Cindy Jones, Sue Kindle, Jen Lane, Kathi Coulter & family, Kerry L., Angie, Zack & Kate Beardsley, Jodi Franks, Yvonne Shindle, Lisa Hall, Jeff & Robyn Halford, Chris & Elliott Beck, Lauren Jackson, Trish Siltala, Dean & Loretta Savage, Lynn D Laurance, Janice Canion, Mary Ellen Picka, James Njewga, Amy, Casey & Shelby Schweim, Carianne & Kyra Kehm-Goins, Jennifer Ethier, Rochelle White, Leo Coleman, Michele McCoy & Pat Keen.

**Smile.** We support the Puyallup school district PTA!

Book your dental treatment, and we'll give 5% of your dental treatment fee\* back to the PTA! Make an appointment today!

\*This will be processed on your next visit. General dentistry only. Excludes emergency services. Excludes restorative procedures (crowns and bridges). All procedures will be billed to your insurance. Please contact our office for more information. Offer may not be applied to certain services or at the discretion of the office.

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The Meeker PTA newsletter is published seasonally September—June to keep members up-to-date with what is happening at Meeker Elementary. For more information, visit our website at meekerpta.com or visit our Facebook account. Newsletter was edited by Carianne Kehm-Goins.

## iRecognize Meeker Volunteers! (Continued)

### SEPTEMBER

**Yvonne Shindle** for coordinating a fabulous Back-to-School BBQ.

**Sue Foster** and **Caroline Jennings** for picking up, collating, stapling, and distributing the first round of Puyallup PTA Council partnership packets

**Dr. Tim Yeomans**, Puyallup School District Superintendent, for fixing the field entrance on a Friday night to allow fair parking the following morning.

**Angie & Matt Beardsley** for quickly building a plywood ramp to allow cars to park on the field for our fair parking

**Janice Canion**, **Kirsten Holmquist**, and **Mardi Kerzie** for volunteering to oversee our incredible art docent program

**Erin Neeley** for affixing 300 labels to the intermediate planners Meeker PTA purchased for the school

**Sharon Yanasak** for her tireless enthusiasm, warmth & kindness

**Sue Foster**, **Yvonne Shindle**, and **Kelly and Todd Wivell** for representing Meeker at the September Puyallup PTA Council General Membership Meeting

**Rebekah Fuqua** for volunteering to serve as the Meeker PTA Fundraising Chairperson. In the short time she has held this role, Rebekah has made a huge impact on our fundraising efforts, including successfully managing our fall catalog fundraiser, creating an ice cream wall to track classrooms' participation in the Box Tops program, collaborating with the Just Between Friends consignment sale to raise funds for Meeker through customer purchases, and investigating new options for future fundraising income. In addition, Rebekah and her husband, **Matt Fuqua**, set up a craft table in their family room and spent a month assembling awesome reusable Box Tops collection envelopes that were recently distributed to all Meeker students.

**Dr. Andrea Drake**, **David Berg**, **Carianne Kehm-Goins**, **Megan Klein**, and **Corey L.** for representing Meeker at the Puyallup PTA Council Leadership Networking Breakfast in September

### OCTOBER

**Camila Anderson**, **Robyn Halford**, **Jennifer Lane**, **Andrea Lopez**, and **Allison Muniz** for assisting the school nurse with the health screening (pictured)

**Josh Schaapveld** and **Todd Wivell** for volunteering to serve as this year's Top Dogs for Meeker's Watch DOGS program

**Kelly Wivell** for representing Meeker at the October Puyallup PTA Council General Membership Meeting

**Becky Dickerson** and **Leslie Yake** for stepping up to co-chair (and save) Meeker's Reflections program this year. In addition, special thanks to former Meeker parent and Reflections chair **Kristina Allums** for providing priceless information and guidance in their new roles.

**Kristina & Alyssa Allums**, **Corey L.**, **Andrea & Olivia Lopez** and **Kelly Osborn** for serving as judges for this year's Reflections program.

**Sue Foster**, **Megan Klein**, **Yvonne Shindle**, and **Kelly Wivell** for serving as voting delegates at the Washington State PTA Legislative Assembly in Vancouver, Washington in October

**Wendy Wadnizak** for stepping up to serve as Meeker PTA's Movie Night Chairperson!

**Kim Koch**, **Jessica Lopez**, and **Kelly Wivell** for helping with Meeker's Individual Picture Day. These ladies rocked it and all classes were done with pictures before noon!

**Kim Burruss** and **Heather Wright** for volunteering to serve as co-chairs of Meeker PTA Swim Nights!



If you know someone who should be recognized for their time and assistance at Meeker, please send an email to [ptameeker@yahoo.com](mailto:ptameeker@yahoo.com) and we will feature them in a future issue. Thank you!

## iAdvocate!

The Washington State Parent Teacher Association held its' 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Legislative Assembly in Vancouver, Washington. There, delegates met to set a new platform of legislative priorities for the 2015 -2016 legislative session in support of the organizational vision of "Making every child's potential a reality".

### WSPTA's priorities for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions

1. Funding McCleary
2. Create Positive School Climates Through Social Emotional Learning
3. Increasing Capital Funding
4. Increased Access to Higher Education
5. Breakfast After the Bell

For more info, visit [wastatepta.org](http://wastatepta.org).



The Washington Poison Center is sponsoring a Poison Prevention Poster Contest, which is open to 6 to 12-year olds. The grand prize is \$500, and a trip to the Washington State Capitol with Mr. Yuk. WAPC will accept poster entries postmarked between September 26, 2014 and January 9, 2015. The winner and runners-up will be announced in late February. For more info visit [www.wapc.org](http://www.wapc.org).