



November 2017

# Fernwood Elementary PTSA

# Panther Tales

## PTSA President's Message

It's hard to believe the holidays are right around the corner. I am grateful for my Fernwood community and the many people who come together to share their talents and put together the many events for our families. This feels like a great opportunity to offer thanks to Stacey Hutchison and Hanisha Bakshani for the fun Bollywood dance last month; to Ms. Luckenbach, Ms. Ericksen and Mr. Ciucci for the scary, pirate-themed Harvest Festival; to Kevin Moran and Dr. Khedam for the WatchDOGS pizza party; to Melisa Charlton for the Art Docent training; and to Donna Fischer for, among many other things, the monthly popcorn Fridays! I also want to acknowledge the hard-working board of directors who work consistently behind the scenes to support our students and committee chairpersons: Karrie Palis, Bobbie Moe, Serena Xu, Amy Holstad, Pauline Wray, Tamara Brust, Stacey Hutchison & Cheri Hardin. I am proud to be part of this talented team!

Our next PTSA meeting is **Tuesday, November 14th at 7pm** in the Fernwood library where we will have a guest speaker from NSD. There is important information about this meeting below (under NSD Bond & Levies). Free childcare is provided by the YMCA.

The single biggest impact you can have is signing up to become a PTSA member so please turn in a membership form with payment to the office as soon as possible. Forms can be found here: [Fernwood.ourschoolpages.com](http://Fernwood.ourschoolpages.com).

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## Pie Day is Coming!



The PTSA needs YOUR help! Thank your teacher by donating a pie!

**WHAT:** We will be providing pies to all of the Fernwood teachers and staff the day before Thanksgiving.

**WHERE:** Please sign up to donate a pie on our potluck website: [www.perfectpotluck.com](http://www.perfectpotluck.com).  
Coordinator last name: ptsa  
Password: pie

**WHEN:** Pie drop off will be on Wednesday, November 22nd in the Fernwood office between 8:30am-9:30am.

More details can be found on our website at [www.fernwood.ourschoolpages.com](http://www.fernwood.ourschoolpages.com).

The PTSA thanks you in advance for your support and your pie donation!

## NSD Bond & Levies

Northshore School District will have several important issues on the ballot on February 13, 2018, including a **Capital Projects Bond** which will add much needed capacity, easing overcrowding district wide; provide for safety and security updates at all schools; fund a new K-5 school at a district-owned site near Maltby; fund a new 30-classroom flexible use building on the Skyview Middle/Canyon Creek Elementary campus and other projects. We will have a Northshore School District representative at our PTSA meeting on November 14th to discuss details of the bond and levies that will be on the ballot. **Please join us for this important meeting! Fernwood will be greatly impacted by the results of the vote in February.**

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 9<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day Assembly

NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day Observed  
NO SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 14<sup>th</sup>

PTSA Meeting

NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

Reflections Art  
Submissions Due

NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>

Popcorn Friday

NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>

Thankful for Staff Day

NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

Thanksgiving Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

## Reflections



There is still time to submit your art to the Reflections Competition! The categories are Dance Choreography, Film Production, Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts 2D & 3D and Special Artist. **Submissions are due November 15th.** Please drop off submissions to the office between November 13th and 15th. Copies of the rules and entry forms are now available for pick up in the office. Did you know the student artist's statement is 50% of the points for judging? The art medium itself is 50% and statement of how the art reflects the theme of "Within Reach" is also 50%. A good/solid artist's statement will have personal meaning and reflection of how the piece ties to them. For pieces to move on to the state level they need to have a good artist statement! If you have questions, check <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/> or contact Emily Darbyson at [emilydarbyson@gmail.com](mailto:emilydarbyson@gmail.com).

## Box Tops



Thank you to everyone who participated in the Fall Box Top Collection Drive! We collected 8311 box tops. That is \$831.11 for our school. Congratulations to Ms. Federspiel's class which came in first place by collecting the most box tops and to Mrs. Lund's class which came in second place. Their class prizes will be coming soon! Keep collecting box tops! Our next collection drive will be in February.

## WatchD.O.G.S.



Thank you to everyone who came to the kick-off party and signed up to participate in WatchDOGS this year. If you have questions or would like to sign up for a date this year, please contact our new TopD.O.G.S. Kevin Moran at [kmoran598@comcast.net](mailto:kmoran598@comcast.net) or Dr. Srinivas Khedam at [skhedam@nsd.org](mailto:skhedam@nsd.org).

## Book Fair



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! You are invited to join your child and help him/her find the books he/she will enjoy reading. Students will have the opportunity to shop the book fair during their scheduled library time on December 1st-7th. We will also have open shopping hours on Monday, December 4th from 8:30am-9:00am and 3:30pm-4:00pm. Our Family Night will be Thursday, December 7th from 3:30pm-8:00pm. A booklist flyer will be coming home soon so you can see a sample of the great titles that will be available. We look forward to seeing you all at the Book Fair.

## Family Dance Night



The Cultural Night Committee, Stacey Hutchison and Hanisha Bakshani, would like to thank everyone who came and danced and learned some Bollywood dance moves at Fernwood's Family Dance Night! It was a fun event! A special thank you to the following Fernwood parents who helped teach the dance moves: Minakshi Singh, Manisha Dattkaya, Yasodha Bothra, Sonal Gadhiya, Deepika Gupta, Mina Tarsarya, and Archana Jayaraman. **Be sure to save the date for Cultural Night on Friday, May 4th 2018!**

## Spirit Wear



If you ordered spirit wear, please note that orders should arrive by mid-November.

## Lost & Found



Fernwood's Student Council has put together a short video which shows all of the lost and found items at Fernwood. Please take a look and see if any of the items might belong to you. We are looking forward to seeing these lost items reunited with their owners! The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/XuNJPXf8nUo>.

## Volunteer Opportunity



Would you like to volunteer but can't come to school? Here is an at-home volunteer opportunity! We are seeking an editor for our monthly Panther Tales Newsletter. Are you familiar with Word or Publisher? Use your knowledge and creativity to produce a useful and informative newsletter for our families. Contact Amy Holstad at [kubstad@msn.com](mailto:kubstad@msn.com) for more information.



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