

## **CEPTSA Newsletter**

#### **Message from the Presidents:**

As we come to the end of our term, our hearts are full. The biggest joy in serving for two years as co-presidents and on the board prior to that has been in working and deepening our relationships with friends and serving a school we love. It has genuinely been an honor, and we are so proud of our team's efforts and contributions to Carnation Elementary.

We want to acknowledge the tireless dedication and work of our board: Vice Presidents Lauren Colburn, Laura Ancich, and Emi Byrnes, Treasurer Kristina Batishchev, and Secretary Bethani Smeaton. Beyond the executive team, PTSA has event leads and art docents who volunteer countless hours behind the scenes to bring fun, creativity, and passion to life all year long. Thank you from all the families, teachers and students – you have made a meaningful and lasting impact! We are proud to have served with each and every person who has contributed to make Carnation such a positive place.

While our terms are up as co-presidents, we're excited to continue to see all of the Tiger families around town, on sports fields, and at school, where we will continue to advocate and support our Carnation community.

Thank you again for supporting PTSA.

Bailey and Kyla

Fantastic News! Based on the amazing support of our Carnation Tiger community, PTSA has been able to raise more than \$50k this year alone. We were able to fund free events, teacher grants, field trips, scholarships, etc. (see backside for details)!

AND THAT'S NOT ALL...

We will also be adding a new WhirlyQ to the playground this summer and replenishing all of the classroom libraries with more than \$4k in new books! Amazing work, Tigers!



#### From your 2025-26 Co-Presidents:

Hello Tigers! We are over the moon to serve as co-presidents for the 2025-2026 school year! We are both moms of three, a former Carnation Tiger, and a former Cherry Valley Cheetah. We have a deep-rooted love for our school and community. We are so excited to jump into this PTSA journey and work alongside all of you to support our amazing students, staff, and families. Together, we can make a positive impact and create a school environment filled with connection, encouragement, and joy! Sarah Soptich and Bethany Brittain

# PTSA in a Nutshell: 2024-2025 School Year

## **Fun Family Events**

Back-To-School Social Family Movie Nights Reflections Art Competition + Gala Kindergarten Playdate Organization + Snacks Holiday Bazaar + Holiday Crafts and Choir Concert Assemblies at School (Children's Author Ben Clanton; Children's Book Illustrator Olivia Sua; Reading Magician; Classical Music) Bingo Night Cupid's Clay Cafe Radiant Readers Celebration Popcorn Fridays Reading Spirit Week Dance Dude Spring Dance Donuts with Grownups Talent Show

### **Awesome Extras!**

Playground Swings!

Otter & Sasquatch KCLS Partnership

Welcome Back Lunch for Staff

Curriculum Night Dinner for Staff

Library, Music, PE and Science Enrichment

Art Docent Program and Art Supplies

High School Senior Scholarships

Monthly Staff Appreciation Goodies

5th Grade Recognition Treats and Decorations

Book Fair Scholarships

Book Fair Scholarships Volunteer Appreciation 5th Grade Camp T-shirts

Tiger T-shirts for Incoming Kindergartners

Staff Appreciation Week Yearbooks + Yearbook Club

School Piano Tuning

Before and After-School Enrichment
Play Equipment for Preschool/ISET Playground
Books Refresh for Every Classroom

#### **Teacher Grants**

5th Grade Field Trip to Nutcracker Kindergarten Scholastic Magazine Subscription Menstruation Packs Trifolds for Math Support for 3rd Graders Social Studies Magazine Subscription, Time for Kids, for 2nd Grade Math Support, Number Rock, for 2nd Grade T-Shirts for 4th and 5th Grade Choir Sensory Bins for 4th Grade PAT Noise-canceling Headphones for 3rd Graders Field Trip for 3rd Graders to Release Salmon Chicken Egg Hatching Science Project for Kindergarteners Books for 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Classroom Library Robots for 1st Graders to Learn Coding iPads for Year Book Club Wobble Stools for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Books for Resource Room Library Signage for the Garden Dry Erase Pens for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Flexible Seating for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Storage for Outdoor Play Equipment T-Shirts for 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp Noise-Canceling Headphones for Kindergarten

#### **Fundraisers**

Walkie-Talkie Radios for Staff

Tiger Walk
Dine Out Nights
Spirit Wear
Krispy Kreme Donut Sales
Grown Ups Gala (Miller's Night Out) + Art Auction
Silent Auction
Corporate Matching Funds
IGA/Fred Meyer/Minted

WhirlyQ New Playground Addition Coming this Summer!