

CARNATION ELEMENTARY PTSA

SEPTEMBER 2026 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to the 2026-2027 school year! We hope everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready for a great year ahead.

This year's theme, "Adventure Awaits!", reminds us that each new school year brings opportunities to learn, grow, connect, and create lasting memories. As a PTSA, we're excited to support our students, staff, and families throughout the journey.

Thank you for being part of our school community. We look forward to an amazing year filled with connection, learning, and adventure!

Adventure awaits! - Sarah Soptich

JOIN THE PTSA

Being a member keeps you **informed**, gives you a **voice** in **school decisions**, and helps **fund programs** that directly benefit our students and staff! You must be a PTSA member to volunteer for PTSA events, but please note that being a member does not require you to volunteer.



Get your
membership today!



Executive board:

President: Sarah Soptich

Co-Vice Presidents:

Nya Schiffner and Kaitlyn Thompson

Secretary: Jennifer Tucker

Treasurer: Toni Fontang

Contact CEPTSA:

Website: <https://carnationptsa.org>

Email: ceptsa@outlook.com

Join our **Facebook Group:**

'Carnation Elementary PTSA'

EVENTS THIS MONTH

9/1 First Day of School - coffee on the playground @ 9:25

9/4 First day of school for kindergarten - coffee by the office @ 9:25 for kindergarten families

9/8 First Day of School for Preschool

9/16 Taproot Theatre Assembly

9/18 Popcorn Friday

9/24 Curriculum Night 5:30-7

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Our many amazing events throughout the year rely on volunteers to help make them happen. Become a PTSA member to receive emails about volunteer opportunities. All volunteers are required to complete the district volunteer application online at www.rsd407.org/volunteer. We are looking forward to a fantastic year of wonderful adventures made possible by you!



TIGER WALK: OCTOBER 22

Stay tuned for more information about the upcoming Tiger Walk fundraiser on October 22 - Funds raised will directly benefit our staff and students by supporting school events, assemblies, and other important programs.

Support Carnation Elementary All Year Long:

Did you know you can support CE throughout the year just by shopping with businesses that give back? We've partnered with organizations like Minted, Smith Brothers Farms, and Fred Meyer. A portion of your purchases goes directly to supporting our school.

Employer Volunteer Hour Matching:

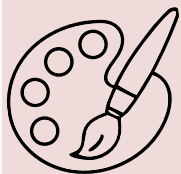
Many companies offer matching programs for employee volunteer hours or donations. If you've volunteered at Carnation Elementary, check with your employer to see if they provide matching donations for your time—it's an easy way to increase your impact!

Visit the PTSA website and check out the "Ways To Give" section for the full list of participating organizations and more ways to support our school community.

ART DOCENT PROGRAM

We are looking for volunteers to help bring art into the classrooms each month!

Email to ask questions: cepts@outlook.com or sign up below!



REFLECTIONS

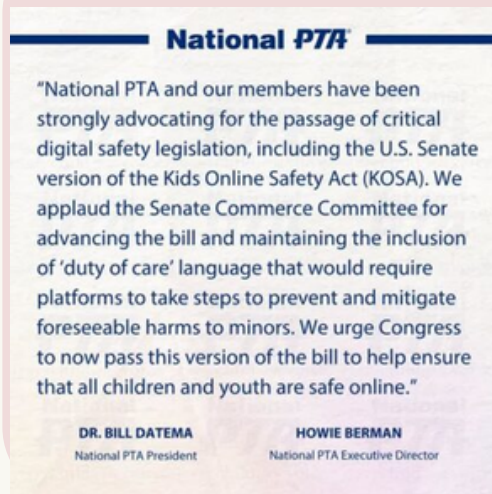
The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. Students create original works of art in response to a theme. The 2026-2027 Reflections theme is "What My Culture Means To Me." A student may submit an entry in any of six arts areas: Visual Arts Photography, Literature, Music Composition, Dance Choreography, and Film Production. Only original works of art are accepted. Entry forms will be sent home in backpack mail.



RAD READERS

Teachers encourage students to read for at least 20 minutes each day and literacy increases when families are engaged in a consistent reading routine. Don't know which books might interest your Tiger? Check out the Radiant Readers book lists for the 2026-2027 school year! The goal is to read, or listen to, 15 books from the curated lists of over 30 choices. Students will receive rewards along the way - a prize for having read 5 books and an Italian soda from Kelsey's Koffee for having read 10 books! Look for book lists in backpack mail and check out our website for more information. **Be RAD and READ!**

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