



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WOW!! Not only was that the Reflections theme for last year, but it's how I feel this year after realizing how well our community came together for an amazing Walkathon and Fall Festival! Because of the generosity and dedication of our families, students, staff, sponsors, and volunteers, we beat our goal, and that means that we can proudly say that we have completed our only active fundraiser for the 2009-2010 school year!! You will find more exciting details about the Walkathon in this Howler, but I wanted to send my congratulations and thanks to everyone who participated in this event in any way!

With the financial success of the Walkathon, we can now expect to implement all the planned funding for educational, cultural, and community needs and activities. Although we, as a PTSA, continue to communicate our ongoing activities to ensure everyone understands all that we do and fund for Cascade Ridge, we often hear people mention that they don't really know what the PTSA does or that they are surprised to hear all the many important programs that we support, both financially and expressively. Here is yet another list of just some of those items and their approximate budget for this school year:

- Staff Grants: \$16K
- Drama Program: \$11K
- Art & Science Enrichment Fund: \$9K
- Reading Support: \$5K
- Fifth Grade Enhancement program: \$1.5K
- Other Educational support programs including: Art & Science Docent, Eager Reader, Destination Imagination, Reflections, Science Fair, Assemblies, Field Day: \$5K
- Community Events & Programs including: Caring-thru-Sharing, K-Kids, Dad's Day, Birthday celebrations for the students, Festival of Cultures, Winterfest, Fifth Grade end-of-year celebrations and activities, Gift-a-book: \$4K

In addition, we support our broader school community through supporting the *Issaquah Schools Foundation* and the *Volunteers for Issaquah Schools* through donations of more than \$6K in this important school levy year. We recognize that we are part of a larger community that must continue to support funding for our children's education experience and we know that without these organizations, much of the exceptional quality that we have come to expect for our children will ultimately not exist, particularly if the levies do not pass and our state budgets continue to decline.

Now that November is here and we have worked so hard to meet our financial goals and before the holidays hit us full force, we can prepare for some more great activities ahead!! Be sure to check out all the information in this Howler related to the upcoming events and programs, including Festival of Cultures, Winterfest, and our Book Fair. Be sure to get involved if you can in Dad's Day, Caring-thru-Sharing, and the upcoming K-Kids community drives, and be proud of all this great community has accomplished!

Enjoy rolling into the holidays and Happy Thanksgiving!

Tina Yerges, PTSA President

November 2009

Calendar of Events

November:

- 3:** Election Day
3-4: Conferences-No School
6: Dad's Day-Playground Spirit Day-Coyote Wear
11: Veteran's Day-No School
26-27: Thanksgiving Break

December:

- 4:** Dad's Day—Playground
9-11: Scholastic Book Fair
11: Winterfest
21: Winter Break Starts

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WALKATHON & FALL FESTIVAL \$46,000 RAISED!



We did it! We surpassed our Goal! Over \$46,000 in donations from Cascade Ridge families, friends and the community! Proceeds from this event go directly to our kids! Thank you for your generosity. Now, more than ever, our donations help make up the difference where the district leaves off.

Friday, October 16th, on a soggy, wet afternoon, Cascade Ridge's 560 students took to the pavement in their Black and Orange Walk-A-Thon tee shirts. They ran, walked, skipped and even danced their way through the raindrops.

The fun began with our own teacher band, Tom Cady and the Heart Breakers, kickin' things off cool teacher style. The kids began circling the building, stopping in to get their picture taken at the Barn photo booth, playing carnival games and yes, lots of snacking. There were homemade goodies like caramel apples and cookies. Almost everyone took shelter in our café and enjoyed some homemade chili or a hot dog. And even as darkness fell there were still raffles to be won, carnival games to be tried, balloon animals to be had, dances to be danced, and a few die hard walkers still doing laps!

To Mrs. Shields, Principal: Thank you for your support and guidance throughout the entire process. You were there with us helping until the last light went off on Friday night. Thanks for being so hands on and showing us how much you care about our kids and Cascade Ridge.

Tom Cady & the Heartbreakers, aka "The Hee Haw Band" - Mr. Cady, Mr. Marckx, Mr. Bogopolsky, Mr. Richey and Mr. P: Thank you for coming out and Rockin' the House! This was the highlight of the event for many. We know this took time and preparation and we are so grateful to you for showing your support for the kids.

To Cathia Geller, Chair: Thank you for jumping in when it looked like the Walk-a-thon wouldn't happen this year. We are grateful for your passion, resourcefulness and commitment.

To our Walk-A-Thon Planning Committee: **Monica Futty**—Concessions; **Lisa Von Berkleo**—Decorations; **Jaycee Cooper**—Entertainment & Communications; **Tina Yerges**—Course & Volunteer Coordination; **Rachel Schnebele**—Pledge Management; **Julie Anderson & Rajeev Goel**—Website/On-Line Donating. Your dedication and time spent during the planning, preparation and execution of this event paid off! The success of the Walk-a-

Thon can be directly attributed to your hard work and the special talents each one of you brought to the committee. We truly appreciate your amazing commitment. Thank You!

To Our Volunteers:

This was truly a community event and not possible to execute without the generous gift of your time and effort. We had over 200 volunteers! Amazing! Many of you donated items from home to be used during the event and still more bought or made items to be given away or sold. The day of the event, many of you worked on Set Up, Clean Up, First Aid, Cheer/Goodie Stations, Lap Stampers, Kitchen, Concessions, Photographers, Carnival Game Workers, Student Volunteers, Class Room Reps and Special Requests. **Wow! I think we can all be really proud to be a part of a school that has this kind of family involvement! Thank you!**

To Our Community Supporters:

Microsoft ~ Swedish Hospital ~ KPMG ~ Hawkins Orthodontics ~ Eastside Pediatric Dentistry ~ Issaquah Fred Meyer ~ Issaquah QFC ~ Dance Premiere ~ Little Gym ~ Universal Energy Martial Arts ~ Gotta Dance ~ Cathy Santiago, Windermere ~ Krispy Kreme ~ Fitness Together ~ In the Zone Promotions ~ Family Fun Center ~ Cottrell Chiropractic ~ Washington Shotokan Association ~ Issaquah Trader Joe's ~ Countryside Floral & Garden ~ Mike Nakamura Photography ~ Fall City Farms ~ Hwang's Taekwondo School ~ Issaquah Home Depot ~ Jubilee Farm ~ Klahanie Village Starbucks ~ Issaquah Lowe's ~ Lakeside Family Physicians. Additional Contributions provided by: Jamba Juice, Fatburger, Costco, Target, Barnes & Noble, Baskin Robins (Gilman), Display & Costume, McDonalds, Cucina Cucina

Thank you for supporting Cascade Ridge!

Kudos to Ms. Gilstrap's and Ms. Lanman/Mrs. Sehlin's Classes for 100% Participation in the Walkathon!

Congratulations to our Pumpkin Carving and Scarecrow Contest Winners!

Your feedback is welcome and encouraged. We know most of you were there, so give us your thoughts, send to: cathia@cathiaGeller.com.

All unpurchased Food was taken directly to a local charity and distributed to the homeless that night.



YEARBOOK REMINDER

If you did not fill out a PTSA order form with a yearbook order for your child please go to the PTSA website under PTSA Membership at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/>. Fill out the PTSA membership order form and return the form and a check to the black PTSA lock box in the front entry way of the school. We will not have many extras at the end of the year so please order them now if you wish to have one.

If you have any questions, please contact Christy McCarthy at christy.mccarthy@comcast.net or Rachel Schnebele at rachelschnebele@comcast.net.



ATTENTION PARENTS: SHEETS WANTED!

The Art Docent program is looking for donations of sheets to use for covering tables in the classroom.

If anyone has any, please contact Angela Gale at 427-1267 or brucega2@comcast.net.

All new Coyote Wear orders are due on **Friday, October 30th**. Items should arrive in mid-November.

Questions? Please contact Lynette Springborn lspringborn@gmail.com.

COYOTE WEAR ITEMS AVAILABLE!



Great news! We have a few Coyote Wear items left! If you are interested in buying any of the following items, please contact Lynette Springborn at 765.7548 or lspringborn@gmail.com as soon as possible.

- Sweatshirt: Black w/white logo: Youth Large (2)
- Sweatshirt: Grey w/black logo: Youth Large (1)
- Sweatshirt: Black w/pink logo: Adult Small (1)
- Pink Tee: Ladies Medium (1)
- Pink Tee: Ladies Large (1)
- Grey Pigment Dyed Tee: Youth Small (1) Youth Medium (1)
- Baseball Caps: Black w/pink footprint: Youth (2)
- Pink & Black Pajama Pants: Youth Medium (2)



CASCADE RIDGE SPIRIT DAY IS NOVEMBER 6TH!!



**SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT & WEAR
YOUR COYOTE WEAR OR BLACK AND
GOLD!**

PROGRAMS



BOOK FAIR “WILD ABOUT BOOKS”

**The Cascade Ridge
Book Fair is coming...**

Just in time for the holidays!

Wednesday, December 9

Thursday, December 10

Friday, December 11

(times to be announced soon)

Come by the Book Fair to browse all the terrific Scholastic books that you find in the monthly book orders plus many more! The Book Fair will offer specially priced books and educational products, including new releases, award-winning titles, children's classics, interactive software, adult books and current best sellers from more than 150 publishers. It's always a fun event and a marvelous way to get books for all ages at great prices while Cascade Ridge benefits from the proceeds. Hope to see you there!

Volunteers are needed to make our Book Fair a success. Please contact Ali McKerlich at amckerlich@yahoo.com.

CARING THRU SHARING



Reaching out in a time of need!

We are pleased to announce that Cascade Ridge PTSA will sponsor the Caring Through Sharing Program for 2009. This program supports local families with gifts and groceries during the holiday season. This year we are coordinating with three local charities to provide the ability to assist two families per classroom. This year it is more important than ever with demand and need reaching peak levels. In November, your child will have the opportunity to select a gift tag for purchase. We will collect gifts after Thanksgiving and delivery to the families in early December. If your family would like to brighten the holidays for a needy family, please talk to your child about selecting a gift tag in early November. We will send reminder notices home as soon as the families are assigned. As in the past, you are able to support additional families on your own.

To be assigned a family, or if you have any questions, please contact Erin Rooney at roon888@msn.com. On behalf of the Caring Through Sharing committee, thank you, in advance, for your kindness and generosity in making this program a success.



100% PTSA MEMBERSHIP!



One of our annual PTSA goals is to continue Cascade Ridge PTSA's record of having at least one PTSA member for every student in the school. This is called "100% Membership" and I am pleased to announce that we have reached (and surpassed!) this goal already this year. This is quite an accomplishment and it sends the message that the Cascade Ridge community recognizes the collective voice that PTSA provides on behalf of our students; we are serious about representing every student in our school to ensure that each student is given every opportunity available to be successful in their academic careers. Thank you to every PTSA member!

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Winterfest

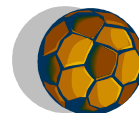
Is Back!

Save the Date!

December 11th

*Look for more details in
next month's Howler!*

DAD'S PLAY DAY



Thank you to all of the dads, moms, grandparents and other special people who joined us for our first Dads' Play Day on the Playground. Come join us for the next Dads' Play Day on **Friday, November 6th**.

PLEASE NOTE NEW RECESS SCHEDULE FOR THE 2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Recess K/1: 11:00—11:25

Recess 2/3: 11:30—11:55

Recess 4/5: 12:00—12:25

Mark your calendars for upcoming Dads' Play Days on the Playground: Dec. 4th / Jan. 8th / Feb. 5th / Mar. 4th / April 8th / May 6th / June TBD

Questions? Contact Lynette Springborn at 765-7548 or lspringborn@gmail.com



2ND ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF CULTURES

WE NEED YOU!!!

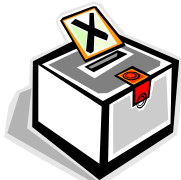


It's time to pull out those kimonos, roll out the African drums, make Chinese noodles, dance the hula, learn some Bollywood moves and celebrate our many cultures in this wonderfully flavored community we live in. Please join us on **February 26, 2010** to celebrate one of our school's most popular events, The Festival of Cultures. This is a family event from 6 to 8 pm and will be a wonderful experience for everyone and an incredible learning opportunity for the children. Come and experience new cultures and explore international places. There will be food to sample from exotic places, games and crafts to play and do, artifacts and props to see, costumes and clothes to try on, music to listen to, dancing to learn, exploration with books, currency, flags and much more.

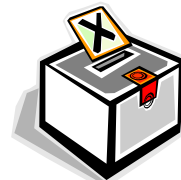
We need many volunteers to make this event as successful as it was in its inception year. PLEASE join us. We would love to see returning families hosting booths and new ones join our team. If you have a cultural heritage from any land near or far, have lived in another country and experienced a different culture, or would just like to research a country/culture, please join us by hosting a booth. We will get you all the help you need!

Please contact Diana Verrue, dverrue@msn.com, 837-5313 or Erin Rooney, eroon888@msn.com, 557-8347. We would love to hear from you AND we cannot do this WITHOUT YOU!

ELECTIONS



NOVEMBER 3RD IS ELECTION DAY



Vote on I-1033... if you can find it! The Washington State PTA reports receiving calls concerning the placement of the I-1033 initiative on the ballot. This much-debated initiative will probably result in a very close final vote. It's important every registered voter understands the initiative, mark and mail their ballots.

The mail-in ballots in King County have the I-1033 ballot question tucked beneath the instructions in the first of three columns instead of with the other ballot questions in the second and third columns.

To place the initiative on the ballot, 315,444 signatures were gathered on petitions. More information about supporting the initiative can be found at the official sponsor's web site:

<http://www.permanent-offense.org/>

To see a list of the organizations recommending a No on I-1033 vote, including Washington State PTA, Microsoft, AARP Washington, Issaquah High School PTSA, and the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce, visit the opposition's web site:

<http://no1033.com/>.

More information can be found on the internet.

Video Voter Guide

<http://www.tvw.org/elections/2009videovotersguide.cfm?bhcp=1>

League of Women Voters Video

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7RUqwfVaYPQ>

Tim Eyman defends I-1033 in debate

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jhw4g82Q5WM>

Candidates for Issaquah School Board

Two candidates are running for the open Issaquah School Board position. Learn more about them by visiting their web sites.

Marnie Maraldo

<http://votemarniemaraldo.wordpress.com/>

Wright Noel

<http://voteforwright.com/index.html>

Vote! Mail in your ballot by November 3.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL LEVIES

The Issaquah School District has three levies on the February 9th ballot: An M&O levy for basic classroom and operational needs; a capital levy for technology and critical repairs; and a transportation levy for new, safe, clean, efficient school buses. These are considered renewal levies and will renew existing and expiring levies.

If all three levies pass, the amount of money an average homeowner contributes toward local school taxes will remain steady or even decrease over the 4-year lifetime of these levies.

Because 65-percent of Issaquah School District residents DO NOT have K-12 kids and only 50 percent of parents in the District are registered to vote, please help spread word about the school levies far and wide so everyone who casts a ballot is informed. Go to www.metrokc.gov/elections for information about how to register to vote. The ballots will be sent to your home address, so it will be easier than ever to vote!

More facts about what each levy provides is at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/levy/Default.aspx



READING TIP



Make reading a fun everyday activity. Kids who read regularly at home do better in school. Motivate your child to read.

You can—

- Set bedtime a little earlier and allow your child to keep the light on as long as they are reading.
- Make reading a family affair. Take the whole family to a book store or the library to browse for seasonal books or poetry. Share the stories as a family when you get home.
- Plan a regular family reading time. Kids are never too old for reading aloud. So turn off the TV and read a favorite book together.
- Share books that were your favorites when you were in school. Be sure to discuss the events in the story.

Happy reading!



REMINDER !

LOST & FOUND ITEMS ARE DONATED AT THE END OF EACH MONTH.

IF ITEMS HAVE A NAME IN THEM, WE WILL KEEP THESE ON HAND FOR AWHILE.



Congratulations to our 5th grade pumpkin carving contest winners!



TRADITIONAL PUMPKIN

- 1st - Kelly Lee
- 2nd - Lisette Jones
- 3rd - Jayne Beck

WHIMSICAL PUMPKIN

- 1st - Kaylin Withers
- 2nd - Abigail King
- 3rd - Tori Anderson

PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE PUMPKIN

- 1st - Lucy Lincicome
- 2nd - Alex Diegel
- 3rd - Peter Anderson

The PTSA thanks the following volunteers:

- Lynette Springborn for organizing the first Dad's Play Day of the year.
- Kellie Nadell for setting up a beautiful brunch for the staff.
- Diane Moore and Laure Runyan for the online set up of Gift-a-Book/
Birthday Club.