



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and had the opportunity to rest and spend time with your families. If your household is anything like mine, you have already jumped back into the daily routine and the craziness that December can bring. At Cascade Ridge, the next few weeks before Winter Break will be busy in every classroom, and our kids have many activities, projects, and things to learn!

As we move into this season, I am reminded by how generous and giving this community is. We have many chances at Cascade Ridge to provide to those who are less fortunate, especially in December. PTSA sponsors the programs **Caring Through Sharing** and **K-Kids** that provide these opportunities. You should already be getting information from your classroom representatives for the **Caring Through Sharing** program, and hopefully you've seen information regarding the current drive that K-Kids is sponsoring to help the homeless. They are collecting donations for new/gently used blankets and sleeping bags to donate through the Operation Sack Lunch program - www.opsacklunch.org. I encourage you to take advantage of these opportunities to give from the heart. Look for more information in this Howler and in the Yelp that hits your email each week.

There are also a lot of fun activities happening through the PTSA in December. This year, we moved our Book Fair to December with the hopes that this change will provide the opportunity for families to do some holiday shopping. We have also scheduled this event to coincide on its final day with Winterfest which has become a festive event for families and kids to enjoy making holiday-themed crafts, enjoy some tasty treats, and catch up with friends. Please consider having your whole family participate; I am sure it will help you get into a cheerful holiday mood if you haven't already! More details are included in this newsletter – read on!

Once we get into the new year, we will be off and running with many more events. Most importantly, you'll be hearing a lot of information regarding the three levies that will be on the ballot in February. Please read all the information you see and become educated about these levies and you will understand the importance of voting on this ballot. Without passage of these levies, our schools will be impacted in more ways than most people understand and our children's educational experiences will be dramatically changed.

We will also have more fun family events including our annual Fine Arts Night on January 28th, and we hope to have that combined with a dining event. To make this happen, we still need organizational involvement from our community, so please consider joining our team in planning this exciting evening.

I hope your month will be filled with many joyful experiences and much time spent with family and friends.

Happy Holidays!
Tina Yerges, PTSA President

Calendar of Events

December:

- 4:** Dad's Day—Playground
- 7:** Winterfest RSVP deadline
- 9:** Book Fair, 11:30-5:30
Op. Sack Lunch (Sock & Blanket Donations Due)
- 10:** Book Fair, 3:45-6:00
Gift Wrap Orders Due
- 11:** Book Fair, 5:00-8:00
Winterfest, 6:00-8:00
- 15:** Last Day of Caring thru Sharing Gift Drive
- 21:** Winter Break Begins

January:

- 4:** School resumes
- 8:** Dad's Day—Playground
- 18:** MLK Day—NO SCHOOL
Olympia Focus Day

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Destination BOOK FAIR

Read Around the World!



Dear Parents,

The Cascade Ridge Book Fair is just around the corner. **Our goal this year is 1000 Books!** Please mark your calendars and plan to attend to help us reach our goal. Here's why:

1. **Great deals on age appropriate books for your child's family library.** A home filled with books is one of the best ways to support your child's growing ability to read and to succeed in school. Scholastic is a leading publisher and brings great prices to these events. For more information, log on to <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/cascaderidge>
2. **Help build your child's classroom library.** Not sure what to get? Check out the *Teachers' Wish List* display board. You can purchase and donate a book on the list that will get used this year by your child and classmates and by future Cascade Ridge students. Colorful bookplates with your child's name on it will show teachers who gave them a gift.
3. **Help children less fortunate get good books to read.** Scholastic will match your monetary donations raised with a donation of up to 1 million books to three nonprofit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include: *Kids in Distressed Situations*, *National Center for Family Literacy*, and *Toys for Tots*. Please donate just \$1 and sign the '**One-for-Books**' slips available at the Fair. During the Book Fair it can be placed inside our hot air balloon at the cashier table. All the money we collect goes directly towards purchasing more books for Cascade Ridge.
4. **Have fun!!** Check out the *coloring activity page* that came home with your Student. Encourage your child to participate and be eligible for the daily random draws for Book Fair coupons and other surprises starting Dec. 7th and continuing throughout the week. Plus, at the Fair, there will be visits from a couple favorite characters. It's also fun to browse all the fabulous books. Finally, if you come on the Friday, you can combine a visit to *Winterfest* with the Book Fair. **Mark your calendars today!**

Wed. Dec. 9

11:30-5:30 pm

Thu. Dec. 10

3:45-6:00 pm

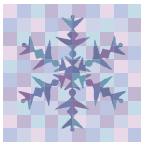
Fri. Dec. 11

5:00-8:00 pm

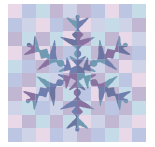
Questions?

Contact Laura Fortner laurafortner@gmail.com or Cathia Geller Cathia@cathiageller.com





You are invited to a PTSA-Sponsored Family Fun Event...
Siblings under school age are free to color and play carnival games!



Winterfest

When & Where:

Friday, December 11th
6:00—8:00 pm
Coyote Café & Gym

What to do:

Make a holiday gift for family and friends
Play fun carnival games
Win fun prizes
Play the Treat Walk

What to eat and drink:



Lunchables (Cheese/crackers/turkey) - \$1.00 Coffee—\$.50
Clementine Oranges—\$.25 Plain Water—\$.50

Reserve your spot at Winterfest today!

Send in the RSVP & Event Card Form below with payment
by Friday, December 7th.

Questions? Contact Leslie Hickman-Boyd at 425-557-6536 or
Danna Wickham at 425-605-0998



Winterfest RSVP & Event Card Form

Each Event Card entitles the holder to participate in 5 crafts and 5 games.
Pick up your Event Card at Winterfest when you arrive!

Parent Name _____

Price Qty. Total

Phone _____

\$8.00 X _____ = \$ _____

(Checks payable to CRE PTSA)



MORE BOOK FAIR INFORMATION

In addition to building your own family library and checking those items off of your holiday gift list, here are some more opportunities you will have at this years' Scholastic Book Fair:

- We will be working on stocking the *new Cascade Ridge Book Room!* Please look for information on how you can be one of the first families to help us add this great literacy resource to our school!
- Our Librarian has put together a list of **Recommended Books** to help you in your search for the best books for your student's home library. Look for the specially marked books throughout the Book Fair.
- This year you will also have a chance to help our library improve its offerings to all students by donating a book in your child's name from the Library Wish List. Plan to participate in this **"Gift-a-Book"** program. Your child will be the first Student allowed to check out your donated book.
- There will be many **non-book items** for purchase, so plan to do your Christmas shopping for gifts at the Fair!
- Finally, we will be offering a free Cascade Ridge Elementary Book Bag for every \$30 purchase while supplies last!

Check out the Cascade Ridge PTSA Website for more information about the Book Fair and opportunities to volunteer.

Hope to see you there!!!!



FESTIVAL OF CULTURES UPDATE



Families and friends, the wonderful journey of cultural exploration has begun! We already have excited volunteers who have signed up to represent countries at the 2nd annual Festival of Cultures on **February 26, 2010**. For those who attended last year, you know that it is the most exciting, colorful, joyous, expressive global journey our school embarks on for the year. For those that are new, December 2009

we urge you to participate as a volunteer but better still, host a country – you will be provided with volunteers, some materials, many leads and a supportive team. Let's match or beat last year's numbers where 20 cultures were present. You will be part of a global voyage in a single night. Please contact Diana Verrue, 837-5313 or dver-rue@msn.com.

UPDATE: CARING THRU SHARING



Just a reminder that the Caring Through Sharing program will be running through December 15th. We are supporting three charities: Network Services, Issaquah Food Bank and Eastside Domestic Violence Program. To date, we have had great participation from our Cascade Ridge families. If you would like to contribute, we have plenty of opportunities for you. Please check with your classroom to see if there are any tags available. If not, please contact me and I will ensure a tag is delivered to you. For all who have already purchased a gift, please return this to the school at your earliest convenience, no later than December 15th. Thank you all for your continued generous support of this program. If you need any further info, please contact Erin Rooney at roon888@msn.com.

ORDER GIFT WRAP ONLINE BY 12/10!



Help Cascade Ridge by ordering Gift Wrap & more!

- Go to www.innisbrook.com & click on the "Out-of-Town" box which will direct you to where you can enter our school number—**117978**—and *Shop!*
- You will get your order delivered to your home while helping the school (up to 50% of your purchase).
- Innisbrook designer gift wrap is printed on recycled paper and 83% of the products are made in the United States.
- You can also get chocolates, magazines, and more from Innisbrook.

Thanks for supporting our School when you shop!



ISF HOLIDAY SHOPPING IDEAS

Give the Gift of Education

Celebrate your favorite staff member—or student—by making a gift to the Issaquah Schools Foundation in their honor. We'll send a card to notify your honoree of the gift, you'll receive credit for a tax-deductible contribution.

Go to www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org and click on **Donate** to make your gift today!

'Tis the Season for Online Shopping

If you're headed to Amazon.com for your holiday shopping, stop at the ISF website first. **When you log on to Amazon through the ISF website you'll earn up to 8% of your purchase price for the Foundation.** There is no cost to you—just shop as normal. The donation will automatically be calculated and forwarded to ISF upon checkout.

Go to www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org, click on the apple in the top left hand corner, and start shopping.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



PTSA BOARD NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Are you interested in having a say in who is on the PTSA Board next year? If so, now is your chance to become involved in the process!! It's hard to believe, but it is already time to find members for our nominating committee that will be responsible for recommending next year's Board officers. The real work won't start until February, but we need to develop our nominating committee in the coming weeks. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Tina Yerges at [ti-nayerges@msn.com](mailto:tinayerges@msn.com).

HOLIDAY COOKIES



The Staff Appreciation committee is looking for parents to join us in baking holiday cookies for the teachers and staff of Cascade Ridge. We will be putting together trays of cookies on 12/15.

If you can help bake, please contact Kellie Nadell at momtobobby@yahoo.com.



FOCUS (ON KIDS) DAY OLYMPIA, JANUARY 18TH



There's a big change to our annual advocacy event in Olympia this year: we'll be bringing our KIDS! Monday, January 18, 2010 is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day. There won't be any school, so bring your kids to the Capitol in Olympia where they can learn firsthand how government works and how advocacy can make a difference. Aside from the usual issue updates and legislator visits, free Capitol Tours and special activities are being planned just for kids, so be sure to bring them along.

We'll March around the Campus and Rally on the Capitol steps. We'll hear speeches from the Governor, a few other elected officials, parents and KIDS. We'll raise our own voices alongside our advocacy partners in support of children's issues and education funding.

Mark your calendars for Monday, Jan. 18, 2010. The day kicks off at 8:00 a.m.-- March and Rally at 9:45. Register online today to secure your spot and stay in the loop: <http://www.wastatepta.org/legislation.htm>. We'll see you in Olympia!

PARENT EDUCATION

READING TIP

Analogies promote thinking

Analogies describe what things have in common. They're often used in pairs. For example, a toe is part of a foot. Similarly, a finger is part of a hand. So, toe is to foot as finger is to hand.

Can your child figure out other analogy pairs?

Goal is to soccer as touchdown is to _____.

Swimming is to summer as skiing is to _____.

Make up your own analogies for a fun family game.

Happy reading!



PARENT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY



DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS	CONTACT
1/13	7-8:30 pm	Cascade Ridge Coyote Café	Understanding Teenage Stress	Alison Cathro, 442.2704 buddleia69@yahoo.com



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.



REFLECTIONS RESULTS



Congratulations to all our students who participated in the PTSA Art Reflection contest, we had over 70 beautiful entries from the following students:

Sierra Martinsen, Lauren Lee, Quennie Nguyen, Holly Streamer, Katelyn Vandemolegraaf, Lizzie Welch, Noelle Hsia, Jack Humble, Katie Mangold, Drew Church, Erica Gaviglio, Lila Geller, Aiden Grady, Michael Guo, Caeley Hunter, Annalise Jones, Ava Jones, Malia Kuhl, Ostara Maharaj, Melanie McKune, Alexa Mikus, Cassandra Minicucci, Anshita Saini, Jack Salmick, Zach Schaffer, Austin Skoglund, Sarah Gloyer, Bryce Harnick, James Huang, Madeline King, Annika Kumar, Kaitlin Olsen, Courtney Rodman, Allison Schnebele, Taylor Stanely, Katie Welch, Anna Clicquennoi, Sara DiMeco, Katie Ebeling, Haylie Hunt, Clare Jones, Cassie Kim, Jacqui Verrue, Aimee Walsh, Helen Yin, Haley Dardis, Taylor Juenke, Emily Klosterman, Colton Pfaff, Cayden Sowards, Ashley Davis, Rebecca Andrei, Caitlin Arruda, Natalie King,

Devyn Pong, Jill Streamer, Megan Titus, Emerson Boll, Brandon Choi, Ryan DiMeco, Philip Huang, Olivia Hunt, Scott Streamer, Emily Tsao.

We are so proud of each entry, you will all be honored during a reception at our Fine Arts Night on January 29th and receive your work back at that time.

We are also excited to announce the following 12 entries which were selected to go on to the District Reflections Art competition and will be honor at a District reception January 6th at Pacific Cascade Campus, congratulations to:

Sierra Martinsen – Literature; Lauren Lee – Literature; Quennie Nguyen – Photography; Noelle Hsia – Photography; Katie Mangold – Photography; Michael Guo – Visual Arts; Ostara Maharaj – Visual Arts; Annika Kumar – Visual Arts; Clare Jones – Visual Arts; Emily Klosterman – Visual Arts; Rebecca Andrei – Visual Arts; Philip Huang – Visual Arts.



Thanks to everyone who ordered Coyote Wear! All orders have been filled. If you have any questions, please contact Lynette Springborn, lspringborn@gmail.com or 765-7548.



The PTSA thanks the following volunteers:

- Lani Magee and Tamra Kaufman for helping Yuen Lui with picture retakes.
- Krystl McCandlish for doing the Cascade Ridge PTSA Directories.
- Stephanie Scott for her work on getting the PTSA membership information together.
- Kellie Nadell for organizing the Staff Soup and Bread Luncheon—the perfect menu for this weather.
- Lynette Springborn for organizing another successful Dad's Play Day.