



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this edition of the Howler hits the website, we are already starting Spring Break. Spring seems to have arrived early this year and we are fortunate to have had a relatively quiet winter. Time is certainly flying and, once we return, our kids will be starting the last third of their school year. I know from past experience that those last few months fly by, but the great news is that we still have a lot planned and our PTSA will continue to avidly support the school and our children's experiences for the remainder of the school year.

We have Family Bingo Night coming up on April 16th and we expect this to be as much fun as in previous years. This is a great opportunity for everyone to come and play Bingo (and the kids to win prizes) and enjoy an evening socializing with your neighbors. It is a fun night to volunteer and to spend with kids and adults alike, so we hope to have a great turnout for the evening!

We are also happy to bring the Science Technology program to Cascade Ridge and the PTSA is excited to welcome all new families joining the school through this program. It is a great opportunity for our school to host this program and we look forward to meeting everyone involved. We hope you will all take the chance to get involved with our community through PTSA involvement and I will be happy to answer any questions you have.

Speaking of Science, what an amazing Science Fair we had last week!! We are so fortunate to have Rajeev Goel as our Science Fair Chairperson extraordinaire! Rajeev put in many hours of planning and preparation for this event, and all his passion and hard work resulted in an extremely successful event. Everyone who had the enjoyment of creating a science experiment, volunteering, or simply attending the event to view and join in the excitement of the evening can certainly attest to the quality of the Fair. As usual, this event came together because of Rajeev's leadership and the dedication of many volunteers, so thank you to Rajeev and everyone involved!

Also this month, we will have the third of our four planned General Membership meetings. This is another important meeting to have a great turnout as we will be electing our Board members for the next school year. We will also be looking for feedback on what questions would be beneficial to include in the survey that we will send out to our membership. We are always interested in what is important to our community and we always welcome input as to how we can maximize the positive benefits of what we do.

Here's hoping for continued nice weather and a great spring for everyone!

Tina Yerges, PTSA President
tinayerges@msn.com

Calendar of Events

March:

29: Spring Break Starts

April:

5: School Resumes
Love & Logic Session #4
Bingo RSVPs sent home

9: Dad's Day-Playground
Reusable Bag Order due

12: Love & Logic Session #5

12-23: K-Kids Pet Food Drive

16: Family Bingo Night, 6-8p
Parent Input Forms Due

19: Love & Logic Session #6

22: PTSA Gen'l. Membership
Mtg. & Coffee, 9:15 am

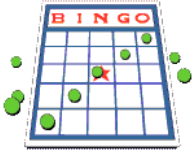
26: Love & Logic Session #7

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PROGRAMS/EVENTS



FAMILY BINGO NIGHT!

Spend a fun-filled Friday Night with the Family playing BINGO in the Coyote Café!

**Friday, April 16th
6:00 to 8:00 pm**

The Concessions Stand will be providing pizza, snacks and drinks for purchase. Bingo Cards are \$1 each. Prizes for every winner! Watch for the registration flyers that will be coming home with your kids April 5th.

To get involved or if you have any questions, contact Lora Wendl at 427-9184 or by e-mail at jlwendl@johnwendl.com. Come join the fun!

* **Gently used toy donations for use as prizes will be collected in the school lobby by the office beginning the week of April 5th.**

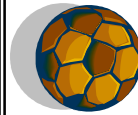


K-KIDS PET FOOD DRIVE



Cascade Ridge K-Kids are holding a pet food drive from **April 12th thru April 23rd**. The Humane Society is in desperate need of dry cat food along with canned dog/cat food. That's where you can help. All donations collected will be delivered to the Humane Society on April 28th. If you would like to make a cash donation, please contact Kirsten Luehmann, kirstenlueh@hotmail.com.

A box will be set up outside of the office. Your generosity and support is appreciated by the many pets in King County.



DAD'S DAY ON THE PLAYGROUND

Come join your child at recess!! The next Dad's Day on the Playground is **Friday, April 9th**.

LUNCH / RECESS SCHEDULE

Recess K/1: 11:00-11:25

Recess 2/3: 11:30-11:55

Recess 4/5: 12:00-12:25

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

SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Do you still have nightmares about running to four different stores to fill your student's supply list? Did you envy all those families who showed up that first day this year, all relaxed, and picked up their snazzy colored boxes full of supplies?

Well, fear not for we are giving you plenty of advance notice this year to get your order in. This wonderful service is brought to you by your PTSA. We will find the best supplies at the best prices and have them boxed and ready for your child at the start of the 2010-2011 school year. We will have forms to order from in May, giving you plenty of time to get your order in.

So, relax, kick back, and let us do the shopping for you this year! Just look out for our announcements in upcoming Yelps and the May Howler! Please direct any questions to Cathia Geller at Cathia@cathiageller.com.



ATTENTION: 5TH GRADE PARENTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CAST-OFF PARTY

It's time to start creating a wonderful experience for our 5th graders to celebrate their last days at Cascade Ridge. The party will be during the last week of school (exact date is still TBD) but the planning starts now! We are looking for volunteers to help with decorations, games and activities, and food.

If you are interested in volunteering for this special event please contact Lisa von Burkleo by phone at 677-7652 or by email at lisa@vonburkleo.com. We will have our first committee meeting right after spring break, so be sure to let me know if you would like to participate!



WANTED: FIELD DAY VOLUNTEERS



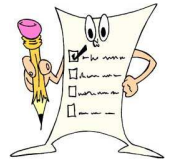
Field Day is coming!!! We are in need of a scheduling coordinator and a water balloon liaison as well as additional volunteers to make this the best Field Day ever. If you would like to help out, please contact Deanne King at ddaking@yahoo.com.

COYOTE WEAR DELIVERED



Coyote Wear was delivered to your child's classroom on March 26th. If you have any questions about your order, please contact Lynette Springborn at 425.765.7548 or lspringborn@gmail.com.

PARENT INPUT FORMS



The Parent Input Form for Classroom Environment for the 2010-2011 school year is now available on the Cascade Ridge PTSA website and attached to this Howler. This optional form must be filled out and turned into the office **NO LATER** than **Friday, April 16th**.



BAGS ARE BACK! NEW SPRING DESIGNS

Spring is almost here and it's a great time for a new bag! The Reusable bag order forms have been distributed to your child's teacher. The new spring colors are a lot of fun and there are 7 new sizes, as well as the 4 sizes from last time. These bags are great to have around the house, use for shopping, give as gifts and a great way to support our school. Orders will be collected until **Friday April 9th**. There are some sample bags available in the school lobby for you to check out.

Please make checks payable to CRE PTSA. The prices are listed on the order form. We are not able to do online orders at this time. Please be sure to put your child's name and teacher in the space provided on the order form. When the bags come in they will be distributed through the teachers.



PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & COFFEE

Please plan to attend our next PTSA General Membership meeting on **Thursday, April 22nd** at **9:15 am** in the **Coyote Café**. This is an important meeting for the community as we will be electing the 2010–2011 PTSA Executive Committee (SEE BELOW) and, as always, it is a perfect forum for gaining insight into the PTSA activities and for providing feedback. Please let Tina Yerges, our PTSA president, tinayerges@msn.com, know if you have any questions and we hope to see you there!

Join us for Coffee with Colleen following the meeting. Find out what's happening around Cascade Ridge and the relevant details at the district level as Colleen shares some insight. Fresh brewed Starbucks coffee will be waiting for you.



2010–2011 PTSA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NOMINEES

The 2010 Cascade Ridge Nominating Committee proudly submits the following slate of nominees to the general membership for election to the 2010-2011 PTSA Executive Committee:

President

Tina Yerges

Co-VPs Community Relations

Lora Wendl / Mary Jo Webb

Executive Vice President

Chrisann Penz

Co-VPs Fundraising

Jaycee Cooper / Bona Park

Treasurer

Molly Baker

Co-VPs Programs

Leslie Hickman-Boyd / Danna Wickham

Secretary

Nichole Wengert

VP Volunteers

Deanne King

VP Communications

Monica Futtty

Co-VPs 5th grade Committee

Kirsten Juenke / Bridget Salmick

Thanks to the PTSA nominating committee: Jaycee Cooper, Pam Gross, Deanne King, Diane Moore, Diana Pugh, Susan Sansing, and Stephanie Scott.

❧❧ READING TIP ❧❧

TIPS FOR SPRING BREAK

When planning a family vacation remember to include your children. Provide your child with maps, books and pictures of your vacation destination. When you get there look for points of interest. Read the signs. Look for new things to read such as brochures, menus and hotel information folders. Keep a journal of what you see. Books make great souvenirs!

Happy travels!
Pat Corra



ISF UPDATES

"Nourish Every Mind" Update:

Over 97 PTSA members, sponsors, donors and community members have signed up to be Table Captains for the Foundation's May 13, 2010 **Nourish Every Mind** Benefit Luncheon. If you are planning to host a table, but have not yet contacted the Foundation, please do so today. Space is limited to 100 tables. Call or email Michelle Weldon, mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org, 425.416.2045.

Surprise!

This year, winners of ISF Academic Enrichment Grant awards were notified not by email or phone call, but with banners. On the mornings of March 18 and 24, winning teachers arrived at their schools to find congratulatory banners hung on their school buildings and in their classrooms. The Foundation thanks the principals—who helped pull off the surprise – and Krista Mui (IMS and PCFC, PTSA's) for co-

ordinating the banner campaign. You can find the complete list of 2010 Academic Enrichment Grant winners at the ISF Website.

Why Pay a Tutor?

Remind your student to use the Foundation's **FREE After-School Homework Clubs and Labs** at middle and high schools. Both offer teacher assisted tutoring. Contact your school for its After-School Homework Club/Lab schedule.

Can You Spare an Hour a Week to Change a Life?

Then the VOICE Mentor Program needs you. VOICE, a mentoring/tutoring program funded by the Foundation and the District, matches students in need with caring adults or high school students who can provide one-to-one academic and social support. Please contact Susie Gierke, VOICE Director at 837.7139 or voice@issaquah.wednet.edu to apply.



WAY TO GO 5TH GRADERS!

Each year, the 5th grade class has an opportunity to participate in an In-Service Project. This year, the 5th grade students raised over \$1,500 through their "Share the Love" service project. Through "Share the Love", we worked with Ready Relief to purchase and package dry-good food packets that will be delivered by Children of the Nations to hungry children in Sierra Leone. The project was a huge success! The students were specifically asked to earn at least \$5.00 each through chores at home or by foregoing things that they would have otherwise spent their money towards.

On March 5, the 5th grade students got to actually package the meals that would be sent overseas. Through the students' generosity, we were able to package over 6,000 meals for hungry people in Africa. Hats off to the 5th graders for their efforts and to the 5th grade teaching team and parent volunteers who were willing to don hair nets and heft 50 pound bags of rice and lentils for our packaging session.



CONGRATULATIONS GOLDEN ACORN WINNERS!

Congratulations Golden Acorn Winners! We appreciate your commitment to Cascade Ridge and our community! The following winners were honored at a reception held at Skyline High School on March 14th:

Jaycee Cooper
Lynette Springborn
Tina Yerges

Thanks to the Golden Acorn nominating committee: Rachel Schnebele, Christy McCarthy, Marni Kurtz, and Deanne King.



DestinationImagINation

CONGRATULATIONS DI TEAMS!



DestinationImagINation

The Destination Imagination (DI) Seattle-Metro Regional Tournament for King County schools was held on Saturday, February 27th PCFC. Cascade Ridge was represented by several teams of students. Congratulations to the following students who put in months of hard work and dedication.

"Smarty Pants" fielded by Nic Chambers, John Michener, Jack Myers, Nishu Chakrapani, Sarah DiMeco and coached by Rob Chambers competed in the challenge You're Gonna Flip.

Lucy Salmick, Rohan Vaidya, Marjorie Shaw, Tealia Abrahamson, Alexander Lalk and coached by Shirish Vaidya competed in the challenge You're Gonna Flip.

Cory Anderson, Kelsey Barrett, Sam Firnhaber, Tyler Montgomery, and Jack Sansing and coached by Rhonda Kaetzel competed in the challenge DI-Bot.

Mallory Hunt, Jody Sicuro, Chloe Strandwold and coached by Kimberly Hunt and Barbara Sicuro

competed in the challenge Breaking DI News.

Drew Kistner and Jack McCarthy (along with several other students from Endeavor Elementary) are part of the "Coyote Jags" who made it to the DI State Competition which takes place on Saturday, March 27th in Wenatchee, WA. They will be participating in the Do or DI challenge.

The "Smarty Pants" team was awarded the prestigious DaVinci award, which reads:

The paths we follow on our journeys were once uncharted and unknown - until someone took a bold step in a new direction and paved a way for us to follow. In honor of one of humanity's greatest creative thinkers, the DaVinci Award recognizes those who clearly demonstrate that spirit of adventurous risk to reach truly new and unique destinations.

Great job and congratulations to all the Cascade Ridge DI participants!



Science Fair a HUGE SuccessSSSSSSSS

On Thursday, March 18, more than 250 kids and their families attended the biggest science fair in Cascade Ridge history. They watched a robot in action, flew a blimp, and lifted a 60 lb. brick with one hand. But the most exciting exhibits were the snakes brought in by members of the Pacific Northwest Herpetology Society. Visitors got the chance to pet, touch, and hold these beautiful reptiles. The students' projects were also more impressive than ever this year. Many adults commented on how much they learned just by walking around the gym. Congratulations to all participants!

An event of this scale would not be possible without the contributions of a huge team of judges and volunteers. Thank you to everyone who helped out, including **Alan Cooper, Andrea Tjom, Bar-**

bara Sicuro, Bona Park, Bridget Salmick, Bruce Eder, Carmen Pong, Carol Jendrezak, Cassie Baker, Diana Verrue, Erick Pong, Erin Rooney, Esteban Lora, Fern Wilson, Julene Barrett, Julie Grubb, Kirsten Luehmann, Linda Yee, Megan Tedesco, Molly Baker, Nga Selbig, Nisha Maharaj, Peggy Rodman, Peter Wengert, Randy Maharaj, Rhonda Kaetzel, Roberta Renton, Shilpa Goel, Srinivas Nallapareddy, Susan Sansing, Sushma Kiran, Tamara Strandwold, Tina Yerges, Toni Osotio, and Valerie Klose.

A special thank you to Klahanie QFC for donating donuts, juice, and coffee for the judges, and a special thank you to Mr. Richey and the P.E. team for allowing science to take over your gym for two days.

The PTSA thanks the following volunteers:

- **Alison Cathro** for her great work in keeping parents current on parental events and providing knowledge and opportunities for parents to be better educated on a regular basis.
- **Rajeev Goel** and all the science fair volunteers for making the science fair a big hit again this year. In addition to the wonderful and creative exhibits, students were treated to a visit with live reptiles and of course, the infamous rock candy. It was a packed house
- **Jaycee Cooper** and **Laurie Bunnell** for hosting our first "Coyote Newcomers Coffee" and for welcoming everyone to our community!
- **Susan Sansing** and all the parent volunteers who helped with the 5th Grade Service Project. The 5th graders raised over \$ 1 500 and were able to package over 6000 food packages to be distributed to the hungry in Sierra Leone.
- **Kellie Nadell** for organizing a delicious and wonderful staff appreciation lunch.

May Coyote Howler

The next issue of the Howler will be delivered **electronically** via Cascade Ridge E-News and posted to the PTSA website on **Friday, 4/30**. Email submissions must be made to howler@cascaderidgeptsa.org no later than **Wednesday, 4/28** at 5 p.m. Questions? Contact Julie Anderson at larsjulie@comcast.net.

