



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Wow! We have less than two months of school left! It has certainly been a busy, fruitful, and challenging year at the school. Despite some of the challenges such as the state and district budget strains that have been difficult for us all, our school and community have persevered and our kids have continued to thrive and rise above it all during the entire year. Our children's success is a direct benefit of our amazing staff, our wonderfully supportive parents, and our entire community that values the social and educational benefits of a flourishing school. Of course, with 100% participation (one adult registered for every child in the school) of our community in the PTSA, we know that our PTSA has played an important part in another great year by providing financial support to our school and continuing to provide great program and community events. We are proud of the results of this year and we look forward to continuing to deliver excellence next year as well.

This is where we need everyone to provide us with feedback to help set budgets and priorities for next year. Please take 10 minutes of your time to click on <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S72SNFL> to provide us with your thoughts and your preferences as to where the PTSA should focus time, energy, and funding. This feedback, along with survey results from our staff, are critical for a solid budgeting and planning process and we appreciate your engagement in the process.

Many congratulations and thanks to our new and returning 2010-11 Executive Committee members who were voted in during our April General Membership meeting. It is a big commitment to serve as a Board member and even more so, it is crucial to our PTSA's continued success. I look forward to another great year!

Finally before we hit the crazy days of June, I want to highlight some of the May events coming at Cascade Ridge and in our community:

May 7: Dad's Day on the Playground

May 10-14: Staff Appreciation Week - You should be receiving communications regarding plans for this. Don't miss the opportunity to show our magnificent teachers and staff how much we appreciate everything they do for our kids!

May 13: ISF *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon: 11 am – 2 pm at the Issaquah Community Center. There are only two spots left at our table. Let me know ASAP if you would like to be one of the guests to join in the fun! See <http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/events/event-Luncheon.htm> or see the article later in this Howler for more details.

May 20: Cascade Ridge PTSA General Membership Meeting: 7:00 pm. More details in this issue of the Howler!

Enjoy the month!

Respectfully, Tina Yerges, PTSA President, tinayerges@msn.com

Calendar of Events

May:

- 7:** Dad's Day—Playground
Fall Volunteer Form Due
- 10-14:** Staff Appreciation Week
- 13:** ISF "Nourish Every Mind" Luncheon, 11-2p
- 20:** PTSA General Membership Mtg., 7 pm, Café
- 26:** Volunteer Luncheon w/ the teachers, Library

June:

- 11:** Field Day
- 15:** 5th Grade Cast-off
- 17:** Last Day of School

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MARK YOUR CALENDARS



STAFF APPRECIATION MAY 10-14



Cascade Ridge will be celebrating Staff Appreciation Week May 10-14. We will have daily opportunities to let the teachers and staff know how much we appreciate all they do.

MONDAY: Light breakfast for the teachers.

TUESDAY: Students bring in flowers and notes for their teachers and other staff they work with (PE, Music, Office, Educational Assistants...)

WEDNESDAY: The Staff Appreciation committee will be putting on an afternoon tea.

THURSDAY: Our 4th grade families will be putting on a Taco Bar for lunch.

FRIDAY: On this day, classes or individuals have the opportunity to do something special for their teacher. Watch for more information on this from your Classroom Coordinators.



DAD'S DAY ON THE PLAYGROUND



Thanks to all of the dads, moms, grandparents and other special guests who have joined us for Dad's Day on the Playground. The next Dad's Day on the Playground is **Friday, May 7th**.

LUNCH / RECESS SCHEDULE

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

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

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

Our June Play Day will be combined with Field Day on Friday, June 11th. Please come join the fun, and sign up to volunteer! For volunteer information, please contact Deanne King: ddaking@yahoo.com.



CONGRATS! 5TH GRADERS

**5TH GRADE CAST-OFF
JUNE 15TH
CEREMONY BEGINS
AT 9:30**

**WATCH FOR MORE
DETAILS SOON!!!!**



VOLUNTEER!!!



FALL VOLUNTEER FORMS

Check your child's backpack—Volunteer request forms for the 2010-2011 school year are coming home this week. This form allows us to gauge our volunteers for the upcoming school year and to schedule events and programs accordingly. We cannot provide these fabulous opportunities for your child without your help. Please consider volunteering where you can! Return forms to the PTSA mailbox by **Friday, May 7th**. Didn't receive a form? Check the PTSA website, www.cascaderidgeptsa.org. Questions? Contact Deanne King, ddaking@yahoo.com.



FIELD DAY

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, ddaking@yahoo.com.

WANTED: HOWLER PUBLISHER



Do you have a basic knowledge of Microsoft Publisher? Do you want to know what is going on at the school before everyone else does? Then, the Howler Chair Position is for you!!

I have enjoyed this job for five years but my youngest is moving on to middle school next year. Every Howler that has been published for the last five years is available to you on disk. The articles each year are very similar and you are free to duplicate the format or come up with your own unique style.

If you have any questions or are interested, please contact me, Julie Anderson, 837-8744 or lars-julie@comcast.net.



ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS!

We APPRECIATE you!

Please join your child's teacher(s)
as they honor you at their Volunteer Luncheon.



Please join the teachers May 26th during their lunchtime.

K/1st Grade 11:00 am – 11:45 pm
2nd/3rd Grades 11:30 am – 12:15 pm
4th/5th Grades 12:00 pm – 12:45 pm

The luncheon will take place in the Cascade Ridge Library.
Looking forward to seeing you all there!

PTSA BOARD



MAY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Please plan to attend our next PTSA General Membership meeting on **Thursday, May 20th at 7:00 pm** in the **Coyote Café**. This will be our last General Membership meeting of the school year and we will review survey results and present the 2010-11 Interim Budget for approval. We would love to have a big group of members who are interested in what the PTSA plans to support in the coming school year. Please come and join in this important process.

Please let Tina Yerges, PTSA President at tinayerges@msn.com know if you have any questions and we hope to see you there!



APRIL PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last month's PTSA General Membership Meeting. In addition to our regular business, the membership elected the following eager individuals 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 Futtly

Co-VPs 5th grade Committee

Kirsten Juenke / Bridget Salmick



ISF UPDATES

Parents, PTSA Drive NEM: *Nourish Every Mind* may be an Issaquah Schools Foundation event, but parents and PTSA members are critical to its success. ***Nourish Every Mind*** 2010 is fueled by Co-Chairs Elizabeth Brown (Cougar Ridge/IMS) and Leslie Patten (Liberty/Maple Hills) and a host of parents who coordinate everything from the Silent Auction and Catering to Table Captains, Décor and Messaging. Thank you volunteers! Your participation is an example of how the ISF/parent/PTSA partnership improves education resources for our students. **Who's helping at your school?** Click Here to Find Out

There is still time: Want to attend ***Nourish Every Mind*** but have not yet been invited by a Table Captain? Don't worry. Contact Michelle Weldon, mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org, 425.416.2045 to register.

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 425.837.7139 or voice@issaquah.wednet.edu to apply.

The PTSA thanks the following volunteers:

- Kellie Nadell for expertly planning our Staff Appreciation lunch this month - you're amazing!
- Lora Wendl for coordinating a fantastic, family fun Bingo Night!
- Lynette Springborn for letting all of us enjoy some playground time at Dad's Play Day!
- Laurie Bunnel for the lovely setting & food for Coffee with the Principal!

June 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, 6/4**. Email submissions must be made to howler@cascaderidgeptsa.org no later than **Wednesday, 6/2** at 5 p.m. Questions? Contact Julie Anderson at larsjulie@comcast.net.