



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks Partners!! Our Walkathon and Wild West Stampede was unbelievable, and it couldn't have been so without all the hard work of our AMAZING Committee who brought some new and exciting ideas to fruition for our annual primary fundraiser and community event. Because of the generosity and dedication of our families, students, staff, sponsors, and volunteers, we beat our fundraising goal, and that means that we can proudly say that we have completed our only active fundraiser for the 2010-11 school year!! 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. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who was involved!

As we hope you have realized, our new website is overflowing with information related to all the great things our very involved community provides to our school through the PTSA. We are often asked what programs we support on an annual basis, and the list is large and ever-expanding. This year, in addition to most of the ongoing programs and grants, we have added sponsorship of a Spanish Class after school, a Spelling and Geography Bee, expanded Math Club, the new Great Kids Program, increased Safety Patrol support, and we have funded new grants for 29 new digital cameras to be used throughout the school. For more detailed information, see the "Did You Know...?" article later in this Howler.

Now that November is here and we have worked so hard to meet our financial goals, 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 and on our website www.cascaderidgeptsa.org related to the upcoming events and programs, including Reflections, Destination Imagination, Winterfest, and our Book Fair. Be sure to get involved if you can in Dad's Day and Caring-through-Sharing, and be proud of all this great community has accomplished - together!

Tina Yerges
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Calendar of Events

November:

- 2:** Election Day
- 3:** Love & Logic 6:30pm
- 5:** Dad's Day-Playground
Spirit Day-Coyote Wear
- 11:** Veteran's Day-No School
- 16:** Reflections Due Date
- 24:** Report Cards Sent Home
- 25-26:** Thanksgiving Break

December:

- 1-2:** Conferences—No School
- 3:** Dad's Day—Playground
- 8-10:** Scholastic Book Fair
- 10:** Winterfest
- 20:** Winter Break Starts

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WALKATHON & FALL FESTIVAL



Over \$52,000 was raised by Cascade Ridge Families, Friends and Community! The proceeds from this event help to ensure CR will continue to offer programs and curriculum that help make it one of the top elementary schools in the state. Thank you for your generosity!

Friday, October 15th marked the end of Spirit Week and time for the Wild West Stampede. Coyote spirit had been building as classrooms put the finishing touches on their Raffle Baskets and the kids donned their finest western gear. Each day the anticipation grew and finally on Friday, with the sun in full view over the Cascades, Mrs. Fowler gave the final Yahoo! to start WALKING!

The kids took off in their Wild West Stampede T-Shirts and began circling the building, high-fiving the Seahawks Blitz and stopping in to get their picture taken at the Jail photo booth. Several teachers were "arrested" and taken to "jail" by our own Cascade Ridge Sheriffs and the kids enjoyed doing silly tasks to make bail. Speaking of silly, western themed Silly Bands were given out for each lap and the kids couldn't help but get sucked in to the carnival games both inside and outside the school. The festivities continued with Line Dancing and snacking on the homemade goodies and caramel apples!

New this year and a big highlight was the Raffle Basket drawing. The incredible baskets put together by each CR classroom raised nearly \$7,000! The line around the baskets was non-stop as parents and kids pondered on which basket to place their tickets in. And no Western Stampede is complete without feedin' the hungry cowpokes, the Chuck Wagon was bustling, servin' up BBQ Pork, Salads and Hog Dogs.

As the sun set on the Coyote Corral and the Stampede wound down to a close, we couldn't help but smile at how lucky we are to have such a fantastic community!

To Mrs. Fowler, Principal: Thank you for your tremendous support and enthusiasm throughout the entire process. You were there with us until we closed the Coyote Corral on Friday night. Thank you for being so hands on and showing us how much you care about our kids and Cascade Ridge.

To our Teachers and Staff: Thank you for your enthusiasm and involvement. Helping with communications, sporting your western duds and joining us for the Walkathon festivities. The students really enjoyed their time with all of you! A Special thanks to the Outlaws and to Zana Moore, for allowing us to display the gift baskets in the Library.

To our Walk-A-Thon Planning Committee:

Betsy Matias – Decorations
Ann Brooks / Peggy Rodman – Entertainment

November 2010

Laure Runyan / Megan Tedesco-
Concessions

Nichole Wengert – Raffle
Erica Dunn – Spirit Week
Neeru Mahaesh – Course and Volunteer Coordination
Susan Sansing – Pledge Management
Krystl McCandlish – "Stars" Coordination
Rageev Goel – Webmaster

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 the Walk-A-Thon & Fall Festival Volunteers:

This was truly a community event and not possible to execute without the generous gift of your time and effort. We had over *150 volunteers!* Amazing! Many of you donated gifts for the raffles and items 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:

Hawkins Orthodontics
Swedish Hospital
KPMG ~ Mathnasium

Anna Lisin, Lake Sammamish Dentistry ~ Cartoys ~ Cathy Santiago, Windermere ~ Gotta Dance ~ Klahanie Veterinarian Hospital ~ Krispy Kreme ~ Learning RX ~ Olympic Coast Investment ~ Pacific Bicycle ~ Papa John's ~ QFC Klahanie ~ Staples ~ Windows Azure ~ World Dance Barn ~ 24 Hour Fitness ~ Evergreen Ford ~ Home Depot Issaquah ~ Hwang's Tae Kwon Do School ~ Issaquah Sewing & Vacuum ~ Karate West ~ Lakeside Family Physicians ~ Lowe's Issaquah ~ Red Robin Issaquah ~ Salish Lodge ~ Starbucks Klahanie ~ Trader Joe's Issaquah ~ Walgreens Issaquah ~ Washington Awards. Additional contributions provided by: Albertson's, Bel Viso, Brendan Bosworth, Coho Café, Flat Iron Grill, Fred Meyer, Gina Mazzaferro, Gold Class Theaters, McDonald's and Tutta Bella.

Thank you for supporting Cascade Ridge!

Kudos to Mrs. Fentress', Mrs. Gilstrap's and Mr. Marckx's Classes for 100% Participation in the Walkathon!



WALKATHON & FALL FESTIVAL



REMINDERS

Did You Know...

...in our PTSA Budget for this current year, 90% of all of our expenses are spent on programs, grants and awards that benefit our students directly? Some of these programs are:

- ◆ Staff Grants - ~\$17K
- ◆ K - 4 Drama and 5th Grade Enhancement Programs - ~\$12K
- ◆ Art & Science Enrichment Fund - ~\$9K
- ◆ Reading Support - ~\$7K
- ◆ Art & Science Docent, Science Fair, & Fine Arts Night - ~\$4K
- ◆ Other Educational & Safety Support programs including: Eager Reader, Destination Imagination, Reflections, Math Club, Safety Patrol, Parent & Child Education, Foreign Language, Spelling & Geography Bees, Field Day - ~\$5K
- ◆ Community Events & Programs including: Caring-thru-Sharing, Dad's Day, Great Kids, Birthday Celebrations for the students, Festival of Cultures, Winterfest, Fifth Grade End-of-Year Celebrations and activities, Staff Appreciation - ~\$5.5K

Did you also know... that we have several new programs added to our activities for the year based on feedback we received in the Spring Community Survey? These programs include a sponsored after-school Foreign Language program, Spelling & Geography Bees, and an expanded Math Club.

Also... we were able to fund the purchase of 29 new digital cameras for school use and some additional much-needed radios and batteries for the front office.

Finally, did you know... based on a specific request from our new principal, Natalie Fowler, we increased our Safety Patrol grant and added funding for the new "Great Kids" program that Mrs. Fowler is coordinating to recognize our kids throughout the year?

Rest assured, we are doing all we can to continue to fund the needs of our school and our children to enrich their academic and social education at Cascade Ridge. With the various budget cuts that have occurred through recent years, we are funding programs and events that would not exist if not for the hard work and focus of our PTSA members. Thank you to everyone for your membership, hard work, and engagement!



YEARBOOK REMINDER

If you did not order a yearbook, please go online <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org> to order one. We will not have many extras at the end of the year so please order now to guarantee you get one.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Fuddy at mfuddy@hotmail.com or Melanie Carbon at melcarbon24@yahoo.com

COYOTE WEAR!



Thanks to everyone who ordered Coyote Wear! It looks fabulous. There are still a few items left. If you are interested in a sweatshirt or camo tee, please contact Lynette Springborn at: lspringborn@gmail.com

PROGRAMS



ANNUAL BOOK FAIR

The Cascade Ridge Book Fair is coming...

Just in time for the holidays!

Wednesday, December 8
Thursday, December 9
Friday, December 10

(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. We hope to see you there!

Volunteers are needed to make our Book Fair a success. Please contact Joelle Riley at joellemriley@gmail.com



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 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!

If you haven't had a chance to join the PTSA and be part of a great organization that celebrates and supports every Cascade Ridge student, it's not too late! Sign up at www.cascaderidgeptsa.org. You'll be glad you did!

PTSA REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST: "TOGETHER WE CAN"



The PTSA Reflections Art Contest is Here!

Put your creative brain to work! Do you like to draw, paint, take photos, write stories or poems, compose music, dance, or make videos? The annual Reflections art contest has started and we are looking for 12 art entries to represent Cascade Ridge at the District level (and maybe even the state or national level!) The theme this year is "**Together We Can**" and all students are invited to enter art that represents this theme. All participants will get to attend a recess DESSERT PARTY! The deadline to turn in your entries (with a signed entry form) is **Tuesday November 16th**. Entry forms and rules are available on the table by the office or can also be found at www.wastatePTA.org (click "programs" tab then the "Reflections" tab.) Questions? Contact Barb Cluff cbcluff@yahoo.com or call (425) 657-0336.

GEOGRAPHY BEE !

We are planning to conduct a Geography Bee at Cascade Ridge. This will be a fun filled geography related competition. We are trying to get a count of students who are interested in participating. If your child would like to participate, please send an email to Raghu at geobee@cascaderidgeptsa.org

PROGRAMS

Winterfest Is Back!

Save the Date!
December 10th

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



Congratulations to our 5th grade
pumpkin carving contest winners!



TRADITIONAL PUMPKIN

Ryan Wickham

WHIMSICAL PUMPKIN

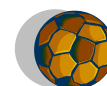
Georgia Cleland

PRINCIPAL'S CHOICE PUMPKIN

Genevieve Avalani and Taylor Juenke

Thanks to everyone who participated!

DAD'S PLAY DAY



Thank you to all the special guests who joined us for our first Dads' Play Day on the playground. It was wonderful to see so many happy kiddos, and even more fun to see some of our adults being kids again! Next Dads' Play Day: Friday Nov 5th.

2nd/3rd Grade: 11:00-11:25

K/1st Grade: 11:30-11:55

4th/5th Grade: 12:00-12:25

WE NEED YOUR IDEAS FOR SPENDING EXTRA FUNDS!!!



We find ourselves in a very enviable position as a PTSA where through our ongoing cost-conscious management of our budget and our hard-working Fundraising volunteers and community members, we have some extra money to spend. It is now up to the General Membership to set our spending priorities for these extra funds. At our General Membership meeting on January 27th, we will be reviewing ideas from the membership, including the school staff and administration, about how to spend some of our excess funds.

Because time is of the essence to spend these funds so current children in the school can benefit, before that meeting, we would like to have some initial ideas generated and submitted for consideration. If we can get enough information and research presented for multiple options, during the January meeting, we can make solid decisions right away. Otherwise, the January meeting will focus on narrowing the list to a manageable number, and assigning teams to further research each idea prior to a following GM meeting (either a special meeting in February or at the next GM meeting in March) where we will discuss the research and vote on the best options.

This process allows the General Membership to have a consolidated voice in the discussion, and we want strong participation to ensure all great ideas are reviewed and considered. The sooner the ideas are brought forth, the sooner we can act, so please send any ideas or questions you have to Tina Yerges, PTSA President at tinayerges@msn.com or 425-557-0606. To participate in the process, you must be a PTSA member, so be sure to complete the membership package online at www.cascaderidgeptsa.org if you haven't done so already.

PARENT EDUCATION

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION | CLASS | CONTACT |
|-------|------------|---|--|--|
| 11/3 | 6:30—8pm | Apollo Elem. 15025 SE117th St., Renton | Love & Logic: Parenting Essentials for Surviving School Daze | Debra Hatton 425-591-7277 |
| 11/9 | 7:30pm | Clark Elem. 500 2nd Ave SE, Issaquah | Issaquah Special Needs Group Meeting | Roseann Popa order2popa@comcast.net |
| 11/15 | 7:00-8:30p | Skyline HS | What are Teens Really Doing Today? | Debbie Dodd 425-313-8844 |
| 11/15 | 11:30-1:30 | Sammamish Public Library | Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group | Cherry O'Neill Dwo-mci@msn.com or 425-868-2111 home 425-550-3809 cel |
| 11/15 | 7:00-9:00 | Weigelt Home 425 E Lake Sammamish Pkwy | Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group | Cherry O'Neill Dwo-mci@msn.com or 425-868-2111 home 425-550-3809 cel |

COMMUNITY

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 2010. This program supports local families with gifts and groceries during the holiday season. 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. Questions? Contact Erin Rooney roon888@msn.com



An Update from your ISF Rep!

Thank You!

A heartfelt thank you to every parent, teacher, student and staff member who contributed to our **Calling for Kids** Annual Fund campaign. We are thrilled by the number of new donors who took heed of our 'Everybody In' message. Your gifts will ensure that the Foundation can continue providing students with our ongoing programs...the **VOICE** Mentor Program, **Robotics Club Funding, Financial Literacy Program, After-School Homework Labs, Academic Enrichment Grants, National Board Certification Scholarships, PSAT testing scholarships** and so much more. PLUS, your dollars have put us on track to help the District bring **Project Inquiry: Science and Technology for the 21st Century, a hands-on, technology rich K-5 science program** to every elementary classroom next Fall.

A huge round of applause to Dr. Rasmussen and his staff who hosted our callers—150 each night—at the administration building. You saved the day! And of course, hats off to our fantastic student callers, their club advisors, our PTSA/ISF reps, middle school volunteers, IEA members, and **Calling for Kids** committee members. We couldn't do it without you.

If you missed our calls on October 25 & 28, there's still time to donate. Go to www.isfdn.org and join the family of donors who are enriching and elevating education for every Issaquah School District student.

[They came, they ran, they raised money](#)

This year's Issaquah Run at Salmon Days registered more runners than ever before. Over 2,100 area runners, walkers, rollers and crawlers participated in the October 3rd event. Together they raised over \$5,000 for the Foundation. Kudos go to the Issaquah Rotary for sharing a portion of their proceeds with our schools and students and to all the teams who ran on our behalf.

Donor Report –Programs made possible by you!

Discovery students are using BrainPop– a multi media learning tool that uses animation, voice, characters, charts and more to teach students about core subjects. (\$1,495 grant)

Lynx Links is in full swing at *Pacific Cascade Middle School*. This multi-age advisory program fosters student-teacher relations, creates a positive academic and social community and promotes higher academic achievement. [Learn more by reading the Issaquah Press article.](#) (\$8,000 grant)

Skyline and Issaquah High School Robotics Clubs are beginning the year confident that they'll have the funds to purchase the kits they need for competition (\$6,000 to each high school).



Using *amazon.com* for your holiday shopping?

Holiday season is upon us and with it an increase in online shopping. Did you know that you can make two gifts with one click when you shop at amazon.com? Simply add this link [Earn \\$ for ISF @ Amazon](#) to your bookmarks and use it as your gateway to the amazon.com site. ISF will earn up to 8% on every purchase you make. There is no cost or obligation to you, yet your purchases will automatically raise funds for ISF!

If you have any questions about Issaquah Schools Foundation, please contact Cathia Geller. cathia@cathiageller.com

PASSIVE FUNDRAISING



Box Tops Earn Cash for Our School!

So look for the products with the Box Tops when you shop, clip & drop them off in the large clear box in the School entry (next to the PTSA lockbox).



We'll Recycle Your Cartridges!

Please continue to bring your ink (**not toner**) cartridges for recycling to the collection bin in the PTSA area near the office. The



Brown Bear Gift Certificates Are Still Available!

Our school will receive \$3.50 from every \$5.00 certificate. Please send your order Brown Bear car wash tickets via email to Diana Verrue at dverrue@msn.com

Questions about our passive fundraising: Contact Diana Verrue at dverrue@msn.com

THANK YOU!

Let's Give a Hand for Our Wonderful Volunteers!

- ⊗ A BIG Thanks to Jaycee Cooper and Bona Parks For the countless hours spent project-managing our incredible Walkathon and Wild West Stampede!! You gathered an amazing committee that simply could not have done it all without your talented leadership and "Go-get-em" Spirit! Your attention to every detail made for a wonderful, fun-filled, and unbelievably successful fundraiser and community event. Thank you for your dedication, time, and hard work on behalf of Cascade Ridge and our lucky students!!
- ⊗ Monica Futtu, Cathia Geller, and Tina Yerges for their expert guidance throughout the Walkathon planning process
- ⊗ Yeun Choi, Pam Gross, Kirsten Juenke, Dana Kim, Chrisann Penz, Ganga Pingili, Bridget Salmick, Diana Verrue, and Hye Sang Yoon for all their special help with the Walkathon at a moment's notice
- ⊗ All the volunteers who helped with the Vision and Hearing Screening: Megan Tedesco, Laura Fortner, Erin Rooney, Barbara Sicuro, Stephanie Whatley, Kathy Boll, Suzanne Stampfl, Bridget Salmick, Melanie Carbon, Deveaux Philpot, Daniela Sentell, Jill Snow, Kristin Hunter, Dee Vu, Lynn Faciane, Diana Verrue, Carol Jendrezak, Kirsten Luehman, Chrisann Penz, Jeannine Regis, Fern Wilson, Meg Smith, Sarah Walden, Stacie Lacina, Helen DiMeco, Molly Baker, and Andrea Nutt
- ⊗ Deanne King for coordinating the Vision and Hearing Screening and the Picture re-takes.
- ⊗ Laura Fortner, Nichole Wengert, and Fern Wilson for their help with Picture Retakes.
- ⊗ Mary Jo Webb and Lora Wendl for coordinating the Family Picture Night.
- ⊗ Danna Wickham and Leslie Hickman Boyd for getting our new after-school Spanish classes up and running.
- ⊗ Cathia Geller, our Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) Representative for her ongoing education of our community regarding the Foundation's Mission and Goals and her passionate support of the Calling For Kids campaign.