



# Coyote Howler

## PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello to all our Cascade Ridge Students, Parents and Staff and **WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!** I hope you all had a fabulous summer break despite the cooler temperatures and are ready for what is sure to be another great year at Cascade Ridge. I would also like to send out a big welcome to all of our new students. We are glad to have you here and hope that you enjoy your first year at Cascade Ridge!

This special edition of the Coyote Howler includes most of the information you'll need to make your way through the first few chaotic weeks of school. It is the PTSA's hope that we can ease you into the transition of school schedules, paperwork, and activities, and that you can use this Howler to answer many initial questions. Note that as in recent years, in our continued efforts to minimize paper use and waste, this is the only issue of the Howler that we will print during the year. Future issues will be available for viewing, download, and printing from our website at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org). You may also request to have it sent directly to your email inbox during your First Day Packet sign-up. We hope that you will rely each month on the Howler and every day on our website to bring you important information and keep you current with our activities throughout the year. Our webmaster, Rajeev Goel is continuing to update and add features to our "newly-improved" website in our effort to continue to push our PTSA forward and to increase our effectiveness of communicating within our community! We encourage you to mark this website as a "Favorite" and visit it often to stay informed and current about the PTSA organization and the many programs and events we are planning throughout the year.

This year, as in the last, we, as a PTSA continue to focus on supporting the core educational needs of our students, while encouraging community involvement and solidarity. Thus, we have diligently worked to develop a budget that focuses on central requirements of the school based on feedback from our staff and parents. We plan to do this primarily through direct project-specific and grade-level funding and grants as well as programs and community events that meet those needs.

It will be a busy and fun year filled with some old favorites as well as new program opportunities. Our plans for this year include:

- ◆ Continuing and expanding support of our amazing staff through funding and grants for Art & Science Enrichment, Staff Grants, and much-needed Reading Support,
- ◆ Working with our state and council units to continue to be engaged in student needs at the state level and to support successful legislative focus and prioritization, as well as our Issaquah Schools Foundation,

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## Calendar of Events

### August:

- 30:** First Day, Grades 1-5  
**31:** First Day, Kindergarten  
Tea & Tissues 8:30am

### September:

- 1:** Welcome back coffee  
w/ the Principal, 8:30am  
**5:** Labor Day—No School  
**9:** **First Day Packet  
Paperwork Due**  
**13:** Curriculum Night,  
K-2nd, LRC1, 6:00 pm  
PTSA Gen. Membership  
Meeting, 7:00 pm  
**15:** Curriculum Night,  
3rd-5th, LRC2 6:00 pm  
5th Gr. Parents Mtg 7pm  
**16:** **Coyote Wear Orders  
Due**  
**27:** Vision and Hearing  
Screening

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

- ◆ Resuming and expanding many programs that our community has grown to love and expect, such as Reflections, Spelling Bee, Eager Reader, the Book Fair, Science Fair, and more,
- ◆ Bringing the community together through events and fun activities just for the purpose of building friendships and our sense of community. We will continue to support Dad's Day on the Playground, Fine Arts & Teriyaki Dinner Night, Walkathon, and others and are working on some new events such as a Talent Show in the spring.

Of course, these great programs and events are only made possible through your participation in our fundraising efforts. Over recent years, we have received community feedback relating to the support of fewer fundraisers that provide 100% of donations to the school, as opposed to production-driven fundraisers where the PTSA receives just a percentage of the funds. Last year, the PTSA continued with our new plan to kick-off the year with a new Walkathon format that (1) brought the community together early in the school year with a fun and back-to-school atmosphere and (2) encouraged giving in a single main fundraiser that would collect enough money at the beginning of the year to support the entire year's budget. Thanks to an amazing Walkathon Committee and the overwhelming participation of our parents, staff, and students, our PTSA was very successful in exceeding our program and financial goals. In our survey, we continued to receive positive feedback for the format and results of the event. With active involvement from everyone in the community, we plan to build on that tradition this year to have another successful Walkathon & Fall Festival in October.

Without a doubt, Cascade Ridge has excelled in parent, teacher, and student involvement, and our success in providing quality educational and social experiences to our school is tied directly to continued enthusiastic participation from all of you. There are many ways to be a part of this shared endeavor, and I encourage you to support our students and school through active involvement:

- ◆ Come to our General Membership Meetings to understand our budget, to understand how our PTSA funds are expected to meet our Mission, to become aware of legislative issue that effect our local and state community, and to make a difference in our children's educational and social experiences. Our first meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13th, immediately following K-2 Curriculum Night activities,
- ◆ Proactively seek information regarding our PTSA through the various forms of communication we provide: our new reader board, our website, the monthly Howler Newsletter, and our weekly joint school-PTSA communication, the Coyote Connection,
- ◆ Get to know our PTSA Board members and express your desires, priorities, and interests related to PTSA activities,
- ◆ Participate on committees in areas that excite you. When you see "call-outs" for help, please find out more and get actively involved by volunteering at an event. Be sure to check our volunteer activities and needs listed in the Volunteer section included in the First Day Packet sign-up.

I am looking forward to the year ahead and getting to meet many more of you in our community. Please feel free to contact me with any comments, concerns, questions, or feedback.

Here's to a great year!

Deanne King, PTSA President  
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### STUDENT DIRECTORY 2011-2012

Will your information be correct in this  
year's directory?

Go online today to register!

[www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org)

# MEMBERSHIP

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE—ONE MEMBER AT A TIME!!!

When parents are involved with their child's education, the child is more likely to succeed. Joining the PTSA demonstrates your support of the mission and goals of the PTSA and entitles you to "voice and vote". Each year, we aspire to attain 100% membership which means we have an adult PTSA member for every Cascade Ridge student. We are very proud of having achieved this goal each year since Cascade Ridge was chartered! Remember:

- ◆ Joining does not obligate you to do anything more than that. Please join and show that you care and are invested in the welfare of our children.
- ◆ You are not *required* to volunteer – but we'd love it if you did!
- ◆ 100% membership gives credence to our PTSA voice in advocating for our children with the Legislature and sends a message to Olympia that our school and district are made up of parents who are concerned and involved.
- ◆ PTSA is the largest child advocacy group in the United States.
- ◆ Added bonus: All PTSA members receive a copy of the Cascade Ridge Student Directory.

A portion of your membership dues are sent to Washington State PTSA and help offset administrative costs. PTSA Programs at Cascade Ridge are made possible through our fundraising efforts. **Become a member by visiting [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org)**



## CASCADE RIDGE PTSA IS GOING GREENER



We are asking that every family visit [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org) and complete the online forms as part of the First Day Packet process. This is a very important step as the new school year gets underway, so please help us out by doing this promptly. It will enable you to receive our newsletters by email, make sure your information is correct in the Student Directory, and will grant you access to all areas of the website. In addition, you can order your yearbooks, Coyote Wear, join the PTSA, get us your corporate matching funds information, sign up for eScript, and even volunteer for your favorite PTSA event/committee. Remember to do this by **Friday September 9th**.

For questions please contact Pam Gross at [grosspam@msn.com](mailto:grosspam@msn.com).

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR



## WELCOME BACK COFFEE

**September 1st  
8:30 a.m.  
Coyote Café**

It's incredible to believe that the first day of school is here, and what better way to ring in the new school year than coffee, donuts, and conversation with fellow parents and staff! Come and talk with Principal Natalie Fowler and get to know what's happening at the school. Rekindle old friendships, meet new friends and learn about the exciting programs and events being offered at Cascade Ridge this year. Hope to see you there!

## PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Everyone is invited to attend the first PTSA General Membership meeting of the year which will immediately follow Curriculum Night activities.

**Tuesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm  
Coyote Café**

We will approve the Mission and Goals as presented by the Executive Committee, update the 2011-12 budget and Standing Rules, present the financial review results, and talk about our plans for the year. We would love to see you there!

## 2011-2012 COYOTE WEAR



Help your kids show their school spirit and support Cascade Ridge PTSA with your purchase of Coyote Wear 2011. This year we will be offering some fun new items including baseball caps, cargo hats, scarves, beanies, and pajama pants. We will continue to offer hooded sweat-shirts (with the option to have your child's name silkscreened on the back) as well as camouflage t-shirts, sweatpants and basketball shorts for youth and adults.

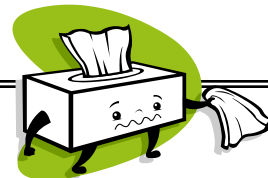
Order online at

<http://cascaderidgeptsa.org>

**Last day to order Coyote Wear is  
Friday, September 16<sup>th</sup>.**

Questions? Contact:

Chrisann Penz at [chrisannpenz@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisannpenz@yahoo.com).



## TEA & TISSUES August 31st, 8:30-9:30am

**Attn: Parents of  
Kindergartners**

Congratulations Kindergarten Parents... this is a big milestone in life, not only for your little one but for you as well! Whether you're feeling anxious, excited, relieved, sad, or a bit of all these emotions, Tea and Tissues is a great opportunity to commiserate with other parents who know exactly how you feel. Cookies, tea, and plenty of tissues will be on hand to help you through, along with a few seasoned veterans to answer any questions you may have. Hope you can join us!

# PROGRAMS & COMMITTEES



## PTSA PROGRAMS



Our PTSA sponsors many popular programs throughout the year to enrich the student experience at Cascade Ridge. Here is a quick summary of the programs we expect to deliver this year:

**Reflections:** Reflections is a National PTSA cultural arts competition where students express themselves through their own original works. Entries are submitted in one of six different art areas and then judged on creative ability and interpretation of the yearly theme.

**Eager Reader:** Eager Reader is a voluntary reading incentive program designed to foster a love of reading. Students earn prizes as they read outside of class time and record their reading minutes on weekly log sheets.

**Art Docent Program:** Famous works of art and fun hands-on projects presented to students on a monthly basis at the classroom level.

**Caring Through Sharing:** Caring Through Sharing supports local families with gifts and groceries during the holidays, and demonstrates in a very tangible way the importance of charitable support.

**Geography Bee:** In the Geography Bee, teams of students compete against one another answering trivia questions about the world and geography.

**Destination Imagination (DI):** DI is a national educational program where student teams work to solve

open-ended challenges and then present their solutions at tournaments. Participants learn to take unique approaches to problem solving while building teamwork and creativity.

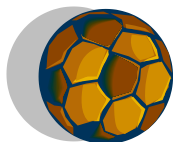
**Science Fair:** Held in March, the much anticipated Science Fair lets students explore a science topic of their own choosing. Students work on their project at home over the course of a few months and then proudly display their work at the fair. The fair also features hands on, interactive activities.

**Spelling Bee:** The Spelling Bee is a fun, voluntary contest where students in all grades get a chance to show off their oral spelling ability in front of an audience.

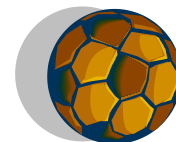
**Art Docent/Fine Arts Night:** The Art Docent program teaches students about famous works of art and different techniques through the completion of fun hands-on art projects monthly at the classroom level. The program culminates on Fine Arts Night where families are invited to view student art and enjoy dinner at the school.

**These programs cannot occur without volunteer support! Please check your First Day Packet for opportunities to assist with any of the programs.**

For more information or if you have a new program idea, contact Peggy Rodman [peggyrodman@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrodman@gmail.com) 557-9007 or Ann Brooks [ann\\_e\\_brooks@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_e_brooks@yahoo.com) 533-3229!



## DAD'S PLAY DAY



Please join us for Dads' Play Day on the Playground for the 2011-2012 school year! On the first Friday of each month, we invite all dads, moms, grandparents or other special guests to join us on the playground for lunch recess. If you have not already done so, please fill out the volunteer background check (on the Cascade Ridge PTSA website under forms) and send it in to the office or return it to your child's teacher. Due to space limitations in the lunchroom, we are asking that all special visitors sign-in at the table in front of the office, get a visitor's badge, and then join your special student outside for recess.

### UPCOMING DAD'S PLAY DAYS

October 7 / November 4 / December 2 / January 6 / February 3 / March 2 / April 6 / May 4 / June 1  
Recess Times: TBD.

Questions? Contact Lynette Springborn at 765-7548 or [lspringborn@gmail.com](mailto:lspringborn@gmail.com)

# PROGRAMS Cont'd

## Clases de español!

**Foreign Language for Youth**  
is offering  
**Weekly Spanish Language Lessons**  
For students in 1st -5th grade

To Register, or for more information, [www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org](http://www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org) / (360) 779-5269  
*Limited Space is available...Must complete registration before Sept 27th!*

Classes meet at Cascade Ridge Elementary. Parents must transport their students from school.  
\*Ask about our scholarships\*

# VOLUNTEERS

## Meet our PTSA Leadership Team

Our PTSA leadership team has worked hard all summer planning to benefit our school community. If you have a question, idea, compliment, or concern, feel free to contact anyone on the team.

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# FUNDRAISING



## FALL FESTIVAL & WALKATHON OCTOBER 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2011

### SAVE THE DATE!!!

Our Annual Walkathon and Fall Festival will be Friday, October 14th, 2011. This is an event for the whole family so plan to stay for dinner, enjoy the entertainment and catch up with neighbors and friends.

#### Did you know...

that this one event is responsible for raising the funds for nearly all the PTSA funded programs, such as: Teacher Grants, Student Tutoring, Reading Enrichment, Science Fair, Drama, Classroom Art & Science Programs, Destination Imagination, Math Olympiad, the list goes on.

**A little of your time will go a long way to enriching our kids' school year!** So put your project management, party planning, kitchen maven or creative skills to good use by volunteering to help plan this fun family event. Let's make this spectacular and successful for our kids!

**We need lots of helping hands!** To volunteer for the event day or the planning phase, please contact:

Mary Jo Webb - [maryjowebb@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjowebb@yahoo.com), 425-785-7616



*Sally Foster*

#### It's easy to support our school through this passive fundraising opportunity:

1. Visit [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) and shop from over 200 items.
2. Enter our school ID at checkout: **School ID: 10008581**
3. 40% of every dollar spent goes to our school.
4. Make sure to register your student through the 'Seller Section' at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com). You can send personalized emails to friends and family to ask for their support. You can also track your sales.

*Note: Items get shipped directly to customers! Free Shipping with \$50 Purchase!  
Flat Fee Shipping of \$3.95 for orders under \$50!*

It's simple and fun, the items are delightful, and we really appreciate your support!

Questions, Contact: Ingrid Olsen, [olsenclan@mac.com](mailto:olsenclan@mac.com) or 425-391-6904

# CASCADE RIDGE 2011-2012

## YEAR-AT-A-GLANCE

### AUGUST

- 30 First Day for Grades 1-5
- 31 First Day for Kindergarteners  
"Tea & Tissues", 8:30am

### SEPTEMBER

- 1 Welcome back coffee, 8:30am
- 5 Labor Day—NO SCHOOL
- 9 **1st Day Packet Paperwork Due**
- 13 Curriculum Night, 6pm: K-2nd, LRC1  
PTSA General Membership Mtg., 7pm
- 15 Curriculum Night, 6pm: 3rd-5th, LRC2  
5th Grade Parent Mtg, 7pm
- 16 **Coyote Wear Orders Due**
- 27 Vision and Hearing Screening

### OCTOBER

- 6 School Picture Day
- 7 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 14-15 WSPTA Legislative Assembly
- 14 Walkathon, 3:00-6:00pm

### NOVEMBER

- 4 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 10 Picture Re-take Day
- 11 Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL
- 24-25 Thanksgiving Break- NO SCHOOL
- 30 Conference Day—NO SCHOOL

### DECEMBER

- 1 Conference Day—NO SCHOOL
- 2 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 7 Book Fair, 1:00-7:00pm
- 8 Book Fair, 3:00-7:00pm
- 9 Book Fair, 5:00-7:00pm  
Fine Arts Night, 6:00-8:00pm
- 19 1st Winter Break starts- NO SCHOOL

### JANUARY

- 3 School Resumes
- 6 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 16 Martin Luther King Day- NO SCHOOL
- 26 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am  
General Membership Mtg, 8:30am
- 31 K-5 Stanford Achievement Testing

### FEBRUARY

- 1-10 K-5 Stanford Achievement Testing
- 3 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 20-24 Second Winter Break- NO SCHOOL
- 27- 29 Spelling Bee

### MARCH

- 1 Spelling Bee
- 2 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 9-23 2nd grade CogAt Testing
- 29 Science Fair, 6-8pm

### APRIL

- 6 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 9-13 Spring Break— NO SCHOOL
- 19 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am  
PTSA General Membership Mtg 8:30am
- 20 Talent Show, 6-8pm

### MAY

- 4 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 2-18 Measure of Student Progress Testing
- 7-11 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 17 General Membership Meeting, 7:00pm
- 25-28 Memorial Day Weekend- NO SCHOOL
- 30-31 5th Grade Camp

### JUNE

- 1 5th Grade Camp
- 4 Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 13 Field Day
- 14 Last day of school

