



# Coyote Howler

## PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's been a fabulous beginning to the school year and I hope all of your students have gotten back into the swing of things.

I want to thank the community for your continued passion and support of the school through your support of the PTSA. Hopefully everyone has found our website and our online "First Day Packet" process to be an easy one and a huge improvement to previous years where there were mounds of paperwork to sort through and complete. We don't have everything online yet, but we are working on it! It is an enormous amount of work, but implementing these processes online creates a win-win for everyone as we reduce paperwork and repetitive completion of information, and at the same time, we significantly increase the accuracy of our information. Although we encouraged a quick response to completing this information online, if you haven't done so yet, please do it right away at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org). The "First Day Packet" link is down along the left hand side of the page. You'll be glad you did!!

Like last year, we will continue to join forces with the school for weekly communications with the Coyote Connection. In the "Connection", you'll find current information that is relevant to both school and PTSA activities. We will continue to publish our monthly Howler at the beginning of each month with more detailed articles, so don't forget to check our "News" link on our website to ensure you stay up-to-date on all the many ongoing PTSA activities or signup to receive it directly in your email inbox. In addition, when you go to the website, you'll see key announcements on the front page to keep you "in the know"!

Speaking of staying up-to-date, people are often surprised to hear of the many school programs and events that are funded by the PTSA so I try to communicate often about this. Here are just a sampling of programs the PTSA is proud to support: Arts & Sciences Enrichment and Teacher Grants where the teachers, individually, and at grade levels, determine how to best spend their allotment to expand and enrich our kids' learning opportunities; expanded reading and drama programs; Reflections; Destination Imagination; Science Fair; First Lego League; Eager Reader; Caring Through Sharing; Talent Show; Fine Arts Night; Safety Patrol; Math Club; Spelling Bee; and Dad's Day on the Playground.

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## Calendar of Events

### 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

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

Finally, we are just a couple of weeks away from our only major fundraising event of the year, our Walkathon and Fall Festival, this year the theme is "Kickin' It Coyote Style." If you haven't already, please mark your calendar for October 14th right after school. Our committee is hard at work pulling together an exciting event, and you will see some of our typical entertaining activities that have become a mainstay for our Walkathon as well as some new and exciting surprises!! The Walkathon is a great opportunity for the kids to get actively involved in fundraising and we would love to have 100% participation of our families this year. In addition, this is a great family event so plan to spend your Friday with us and enjoy dinner and some exciting entertainment. This is a huge community undertaking and one where we can all be a part of something big! There are more details including participation permission, donation, and food on our website at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org) so feel free to check it out! Please plan to donate and participate in all the fun. I hope to see all of you there!

Deanne King, PTSA President  
[deanneking@live.com](mailto:deanneking@live.com)

## PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

We had a great turn out for our meeting on September 13th following K-2 curriculum night and, if you were there, you know that we covered a lot of important information and business. If you were unable to attend, here's a quick recap of what you missed:



- ◆ We reviewed the PTSA Mission Statement, Standing Rules, and Goals and Objectives and voted to approve them for 2011-12.
- ◆ We reviewed the previous year's financial results and noted a great year for the organization.
- ◆ We discussed current year plans with recent financial updates and voted to approve the 2011-12 budget.
- ◆ We had an important report on our Walkathon coming up quickly on October 14th.
- ◆ We showcased multiple upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
- ◆ Our Webmaster showed us key changes to our website and demonstrated the online registration process.
- ◆ Our Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) representative, Erica Fewel, along with ISF President Leigh Stokes and board member Stephen Maffett, described the mission of the ISF: to serve to bridge the increasing gap between state funding and the dollars our schools need. Many key programs have been implemented in the district through funding from ISF and there is a two-pronged function between PTSA and ISF that is key to providing our kids with important educational opportunities. The "All in for Kids Campaign" runs November 16-19 and everyone is encouraged to participate. Donations can be made at [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org)

It was a busy, productive, and informative meeting and we had an interested and engaged group. Many thanks to everyone who spent the time with us to better understand our plans for the year! If you'd like to join in the fun next time, mark your calendar now for the next GM meeting in January: Thursday, Jan. 26th at 8:30 am, right after student drop-off.



You can update your contact information, see all your PTSA orders, and volunteer signups? Just go to [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org) and go down to "My account" along the left hand side of the page. Input your email address and password and all of your information will be visible!

# PROGRAMS

## Reflections Art Contest—Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to assist with this year's Reflections art contest at Cascade Ridge. Each year, the National PTA Reflections Program challenges students to create art inspired by a specific theme. This year's theme is "Diversity Means.....". Last year, we had over 90 submissions from Cascade Ridge students from which we were able to send 12 to the district/regional finals! We need a team of individuals to promote the program, distribute information and entries to students, identify judges, display entries, and finally, organize a recognition reception at the school which usually coincides with Fine Arts Night.

Reflections is a short program, beginning in October and ending in late November. It is a great way to get involved and really amazing to see all of the creative ways that our students express themselves through art.

Interested? Please contact Peggy Rodman [peggyrodman@gmail.com](mailto:peggyrodman@gmail.com) or Ann Brooks [ann\\_e\\_brooks@yahoo.com](mailto:ann_e_brooks@yahoo.com).



## Information Meeting Thursday, October 6th @ 6:30 pm

Destination Imagination (DI) is an educational program that invites student teams from all over the world to solve Challenges. DI is designed to teach three essential skills: teamwork, creativity and problem solving. Teams are tested to think on their feet, work together and devise original solutions that satisfy the requirements of the Challenges. DI participants gain more than just basic knowledge and skills – they learn to unleash their imaginations and take unique approaches to problem solving. Teams meet once or twice a week to prepare for the regional tournament. Each group needs a team manager to guide them, but the work is all their own.

The kids will get a sneak peek at DI during lunch on Wednesday and will receive a Golden Ticket to sign up. If your child is interested in being part of a DI team, please join us with your child for an informative meeting on **Thursday, October 6 at 6:30 pm** in the Cascade Ridge Cafe. We will introduce your kids to the world of DI and share details about the program. Don't forget your Golden Ticket!

If you're unable to attend or have any questions, please contact DI chair Kris Chambers at: [kris@krischambers.com](mailto:kris@krischambers.com).

## DAD'S PLAY DAY

October 7th

11:00-11:25 (1st/3rd)

11:30-11:55 (K/5th)

12:00-12:25 (2nd/4th)

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 and then join your special student outside for recess.

Questions? [Lynette Springborn](#)



**ANNOUNCING THE PTSA 2011  
WALK-A-THON AND FALL FESTIVAL**



**KICKIN' IT COYOTE STYLE!!**

**FRIDAY OCT 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2011  
2:45-6:00pm**

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**This is THE fundraiser of the year...  
PROVIDED WE MAKE OUR GOAL OF  
\$45,000!!**

**Together we can make this a great year  
for our kids!**



**REGISTER ONLINE  
TO PARTICIPATE, DONATE AND/OR VOLUNTEER AT  
THE PTSA WALK-A-THON WEBSITE**

## **FUN**

Dust off your chaps and come on over for some down home good times at the Coyote Corral! Put in some serious miles around Cascade Ridge, play great carnival games, get your face painted, and even mosey on over to the hair tinsel station! Dance with the DJ, check out the silent auction items and see who's in the **Kickin' it Coyote Style jail!!**



## **FOOD**

Saddle on up to the chuck wagon and authentic western BBQ! Pulled Pork Sandwiches (featuring Fischer Meats!), Ranch Hand Hot Dogs and Dee-licious Caesar salads!



## **FUNDRAISING**

This is it.....the grand-daddy of them all! Our chance to make this the best year ever for our kids! Family Contributions, Pledges, Corporate Sponsorships, The Silent Auction and Concessions all play a part in making our Fall Festival a success!

### **WHAT DO OUR FUNDRAISING \$\$ PAY FOR??**

Drama Program ★ Technology Enhancements ★ 5th Grade Enhancement  
Student Scholarships ★ Art & Science Enrichment Fund ★ Classroom Grants  
Kid Celebration and Safety Programs ★ Family Fun Nights  
Caring Coyotes ★ Staff Appreciation ★ Playground Equipment  
Destination Imagination ★ Reflections ★ First Lego League  
Art & Science Docent Programs ★ Caring Thru Sharing  
Science Fair ★ Geography and Spelling Bees  
Assemblies ★ Tutoring Programs ★ Building Reading Support

**The PTSA spends approx. \$150 PER STUDENT each year to fund these programs!**

**Register and Pre-Order Meals On-line at  
the PTSA Walk-a-thon Website**

Registrations received by **OCTOBER 6th**  
will be entered into a drawing for a **GIFT CARD!**



*Watch for more information coming home in your student's backpack on Monday October 3rd!*

# SITE COUNCIL UPDATE: GIFT AND PARTY POLICY

Did you know that last year our Site Council instituted a new gift and party policy? For those of you who don't know, the Site Council includes parents, teachers and staff, and the principal of Cascade Ridge. Brought on by feedback from parents and teachers the last several years, they felt that it was important to have some degree of consistency across all classes and grade levels. You will receive more information as necessary through your class room coordinators. The new policies are as follows:

- **Party Policy:** Party coordinators have the option to ask their class for a onetime \$5 optional donation for all parties for the year. Party Coordinators may also ask for donated items at the time of each party. Parties may have only one treat item along with healthy food options (pretzels, cheese sticks, fruit, veggies). All party activities and foods need to be approved by the teacher.
- **Teacher "Class Gift" Policy:** Room coordinators have the option to ask for a \$5 optional donation per student per gift for a class gift for their teacher. Class gifts can include holiday and end of the year only. Classroom gift donations may not exceed \$5 per person per gift. Any class gift must be from the entire class, regardless of donation. Cards can be signed from the class, instead of individual names. Handmade gifts, notes and personal letters are most appreciated by teachers.
- **Teacher Appreciation Week:** PTSA and the staff appreciation chair will come up with ideas for each day of the week (i.e. card, wear teachers favorite color, apple, staff lunch, lattes by parents). Specialist will be included each day. No money will be collected for a teacher gift for this week. Room Coordinators will get the word out to class about events decided upon by PTSA for each day. Cascade Ridge shows appreciation to teachers and staff each month with lunch put on by parents.

## PASSIVE FUNDRAISING

It's easy to support Cascade Ridge through these 3 easy passive fundraising opportunities!



**40% of every dollar spent goes to our school.**

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. Make sure to register your student through the 'Seller Section' at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com).
- Note: Items get shipped directly to customers! Free Shipping with \$50 Purchase! Flat Fee Shipping of \$3.95 for orders under \$50!*



**For every \$5 basic exterior car wash ticket purchased we earn \$3.50!**  
(normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$6.39)

**To purchase tickets** email Lora Wendl at [lora.wendl@gmail.com](mailto:lora.wendl@gmail.com) and provide the following information: Your name, Your child's name, Your child's teacher, How many tickets you would like to purchase. Then place a check payable to CRE PTSA (\$5/ticket) in the black PTSA box in the school foyer. Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom within a week of your payment being received. Thank you for supporting our school! Order forms are also available on top of the black PTSA box.

**Did you know that our school collects Campbell's Soup Labels in a pop up bin in the school foyer?** Did you know that besides Campbell's Soup, you can send in UPC labels from: *BIC products, Dannon Kids Yogurts, Emerald Nuts, GLAD food storage products, Pepperidge Farm, Pop Secret, Post cereals, Prego, SpaghettioOs, V8 products, and UPCs from magazines such as People, Real Simple, Time, Cooking Light, Southern Living, & Health?*



In addition to sending in these UPCs, you can log on to [www.elabelsforeducation.com](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com) and register your Albertsons and QFC advantage card numbers to help our school earn points every time a participating product is purchased!

This is an easy way to help our school earn educational, athletic and arts equipment. Last year, we were able to purchase some playground equipment and educational DVDs.

# COMMUNITY



## Are you in?

**All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign!** We know that state funding alone cannot provide the comprehensive education our kids deserve and the marketplace demands. **All in for Kids** is our opportunity, as parents, to make sure our children have access to the resources they need to succeed.

Our gifts will fund investments as diverse as curriculum funding gaps (such as last year's "GOT SCIENCE?" initiative that helped fund the new elementary science curriculum), to the VOICE Mentoring Program for struggling students, to the Financial Literacy Program, Robotics Clubs and Computer Science and Web Design classes that prepare our students for the challenges of college and beyond.

Give what you can with the knowledge that your gift will make a difference to every student in every classroom, every year. Go to [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org) to make your **All in for Kids** Annual Fund Campaign gift. Our kids are counting on you!

## Issaquah Rotary Run Benefits ISF!

Calling all physical fitness and healthy living enthusiasts! ISF wants you to sign up for **the Issaquah Rotary Run at Salmon Days on Sunday, October 2**. The 10K run, 5K walk and 1K Kids Dash offer challenges for every level AND **a portion of each entry fee will benefit the Issaquah Schools Foundation**—which will then benefit our kids. Last year the Foundation received a donation of nearly \$10,000 from the Run. Go to [www.issaquahrun](http://www.issaquahrun) to join the fun. Tip: join any ISF-formed team (including "Team Running Upstream for ISF" organized by Cascade Ridge families), and you'll have access to the ISF Hospitality Tent where you can check-in and store personal items during the run.

## Elementary Science Update

**They're here!** The District's Teaching and Learning department confirmed that materials from our brand spanking new Elementary Science have arrived in classrooms. After a delay from the publishers, staff worked tirelessly to assemble science kits and get them to our students. The science units rotate so ask your child what he or she is learning—earth, physical or life science. And don't forget to give yourself a pat on the back - your GOT SCIENCE? donations made it possible to bring all three domains to our kids this fall!

## "Free Money!"

ISF's new **Business Partners** are making it very easy to direct dollars to our schools. These civic-minded local merchants have agreed to **donate a portion of their sales to the Foundation**. All you have to do is [CLICK HERE](#) to take advantage of generous offers from:

- Issaquah Highlands Self Storage
- WildFin American Grill
- Christine Kipp, Ewing and Clark
- Elements Therapeutic Massage
- QuahPon
- SchoolHouseTravel.com
- Mail Clinic Gilman
- Lexus of Bellevue
- Amazon.com



# Thanks to Our Volunteers!

Thank you to **Kellie Berndt** for managing our School Supplies. As has become the norm with Kellie at the helm, the whole process was easy and seamless for our families. Great job, Kellie!

First Day Packets were a breeze this year thanks to all the hard work and coordination from **Pam Gross**. Thanks a bunch, Pam, for making this such a smooth process and thank you to everyone who showed up to "pack the packets" and restock our emergency supplies!

A giant thank you to **Rajeev Goel** for his continued dedication to the PTSA website and help with First Day packet and membership maintenance.

A very special thanks to the following people for helping make the Popsicle Social a big success again this year: Volunteers **Deanne King, Jaycee Cooper, Tina Yerges, Hilary Brickman, Molly Baker, Marci Bartholomae** and **Bona Park**; staff members **Phyllis Turner, Sheri Studer** and **Shawna Carrigan**; and a very special thanks to **Nga Selbig** and **QFC** for their generous donation to this event. We couldn't have done it without you!

Thank you to **Monica Fuddy** for pulling together our September issue of the Howler.

Thank you to **Chrisann Penz** for all her fabulous organization and future distribution of Coyote Wear items.

Thank you to **Kim Anderson** for coordinating the wonderful food for the Teacher Back to School Luncheon and to our **PTSA Board members** for providing the tasty food and treats for our wonderful Cascade Ridge staff.

Thank you to **Hilary Brickman** for organizing our Kindergarten "Tea & Tissues" event.

A big thanks to hospitality chair **Pamela Franklin** and committee members **Jaycee Cooper, Shilpa Goel, Kristi Lincicome, Angeline Low, Kim Streamer** and **Khristie Tobler** for making the New-Family Welcome Coffee such a warm and well-attended event. Thank you!

A special thank you to **Ann Brooks, Rajeev Goel,** and **Stephen Rozmiarek** for all their hard work in organizing the formation of our first two First Lego League teams.

Thank you to **Stephanie Scott** for all her hard work in organizing our PTSA membership data.

A big thank you to all of our Vision & Hearing Screening Volunteers: **Marci Bartholomae, Jennifer Belding, Kathleen Boll, Tara Dail, Suzanne Dell'Orfano, Elizabeth Donovan, Laura Fortner, Pamela Franklin, Deanne King, Stacie Lacina, Angie Lukens, Stefanie Magnuson, Elizabeth Matias, Krystl McCandlish, Kristen Morrissey, Jackie Mueller, Andrea Nutt, Sangeeta Peri, Mary Richardson, Nga Selbig, Barbara Sicuro, Tamera Strandwold, Diana Verrue, Dee Vu, Nichole Wengert, Jaycee Cooper, & Tina Yerges**. You made it all work smoothly and quickly – and all for our kids! Thanks also to **Alison Cathro**, our amazing School Nurse for pulling all the details together.

## WILL YOUR INFORMATION BE CORRECT IN THE 2011-2012 STUDENT DIRECTORY?



Go online today to register!  
[www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org)

