



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Thanks Partners!! Our "Kickin' It Coyote Style" Walkathon and Fall Festival 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 2011-12 school year!! With the financial success of the Walkathon, we can now expect to implement all the planned funding for this year. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who was involved!

As we hope you have realized, our 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. Nearly 95% of all our expenses are spent on programs, grants, and awards that directly benefit our children. Some of these programs include:

- Staff Grants - ~\$16K
- K - 4 Drama and 5th Grade Enhancement Programs - ~\$12K
- Art & Science Enrichment Fund - ~\$9K
- Reading Support - ~\$9K
- Art & Science Docent, Science Fair, & Fine Arts Night - ~\$4K
- Other Educational & Safety Support programs including: Eager Reader, Destination Imagination, Reflections, Math Club, Safety Patrol, First Lego League, Foreign Language, Spelling & Geography Bees, Field Day - ~\$6K
- Community Events & Programs including: Caring-thru-Sharing, Dad's Day, Great Kids, Birthday Celebrations for the students, Talent Show, Fifth Grade End-of-Year Celebrations and activities, Parent & Child Education, Staff Appreciation - ~\$8K

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, Book Fair, and Fine Arts Night. Be sure to get involved if you can in Dad's Day and Caring-thru-Sharing, and be proud of all this great community has accomplished - together!

Deanne King, PTSA President
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November 2011

Calendar of Events

November:

- 4:** Dad's Play Day on the Playground & Popcorn
- 10:** Picture Re-take Day
- 11:** Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL
- 16-18:** Geography Bee
- 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 & Popcorn
- 7-9:** Book Fair
- 9:** Fine Arts Night
- 19:** Winter Break Starts

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2011 WALKATHON & FALL FESTIVAL RAISES \$57,000!

Over \$57,000 was raised by Cascade Ridge families, friends and community! The proceeds from this event ensure Cascade Ridge 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 14th marked the end of Spirit Week and time for the Wild West Walkathon and Fall Festival. Coyote spirit had been building all week long. Each day the anticipation grew and finally on Friday, with beautiful fall weather, Mrs. Fowler gave the final "Giddy-Up" to start kickin' up a great time.

At approximately 2:45 the kids took off in their Kickin' It Coyote Style T-Shirts and began circling the building, earning prizes for laps and snacking on treats. Our event DJ, parent Del Chinn, set a festive mood with exciting music which continued throughout the event. The teachers performed their Dynamite dance and students of all ages joined in. Several teachers were "arrested" and taken to "jail" by our own Cascade Ridge Sheriffs – Mr. Ostrander and Mr. DiMeco, and the kids enjoyed doing silly tasks to make bail. Soon after, the carnival games inside and outside the school began, Ben & Jerry's employees were scooping ice cream, kids were face painted and many had tinsel tied in their hair. The festivities continued with an appearance by the Mariner Moose and more dancing fun. Parents, students and staff enjoyed homemade cookies, cupcakes, brownies, caramel apples and beverages. Cascade Ridge Bakers provide the best for our concession stands time and time again.

The Silent Auction raised nearly \$7,000! Many of the items and experiences were donated by Cascade Ridge's outstanding teachers and staff and also generous families and community members. The silent auction table was always abuzz with parents pondering their bids. And no Western event would be complete without feeding the hungry cowpokes. The Chuck Wagon was bustling, servin' up BBQ Pork, Salads and Hog Dogs. Our compliments to the chef!

As the sun set on the Coyote Corral and the Fall Festival 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. 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 from 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 school Outlaws, too.

THANK YOU to our Walk-A-Thon Planning Committee Extraordinaire:

Ingrid Olsen & Nichole Wengert – Co-VPs, Fundraising - Corporate Sponsorship
Mary Jo Webb & Chrisann Penz – Co-chairs, Walkathon and Fall Festival

Amy Simpson- Communications
Marci Bartholomae – T-shirts
Katy Chung – Carnival Games and Prizes (Special thanks to Richard Chung, too)
Helen DiMeco – Indoor Concessions
Kim Moore – Outdoor Concessions
Sam Ledet – Silent Auction
Erica Dunn – Spirit Week
Blythe Mercer – Walking Course
Michelle Lyman and Betsy Matias – Photography
Pamela Franklin – Volunteer Coordinator
Susan Sansing – Pledge Management
Krystl McCandlish – Wall of Appreciation Coordination
Kim Neufeld and her amazing committee – Decorations (Special Thanks to Eric Neufeld, too)
Alesia Romero and all face painters
Blythe Mercer and all tinsel tiers
Jennifer Spence – First Aid
Rajeev Goel – Webmaster

Your dedication and time spent during the planning, preparation and execution of this event paid off! The success of this fundraiser 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! 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! We should be really proud to be a part of a school that has this kind of family involvement! Thank you!

Thank you to our Community Supporters:

Hawkins Orthodontics
Swedish Hospital
Walters & Wolf
Springfree Trampoline
Anna Lisin, Lake Sammamish Family Dentistry
Fischer Meats
Ben & Jerry's – Learning Rx – City Fish – Gotta Dance – Blink Product Design Fun 4 Kids – Flat Iron Grill – KPMG – QFC – Bark Busters – Barre 3 – Eastside Pediatric Dental Group – Cathy Santiago, Windermere – Gina Mazafferro Photography – Mathnasium – Yo Plateau – Olympic Coast Investment, Inc. – Benchmark Motoring
Village Theater, Sammamish Plateau Carpet and Upholstery, Sorella Salon and Spa, Keith Robinson Insurance, Fred Meyer Redmond, Washington Awards, Dfine, Suburban Soul, Bel Viso, Ghiradelli, Albertsons Redmond

Thank you for supporting Cascade Ridge!

PROGRAMS



Mark Your Calendar for the Geography Bee!!!

The 2nd annual Cascade Ridge Geography Bee is a fun and friendly contest for students to both learn and show off their geography trivia knowledge. You do NOT need to be a buff to enter!

The bee is a **multiple-choice** competition where teams of 4 similar grade students answer questions appropriate to their grade level about U.S. and world geography!

The Geography Bee dates are as follows:
(in the C.R. café)

K / 1st Grade: Wednesday, Nov. 16th 6:30pm - 7:45pm
2nd / 3rd Grade: Thursday, Nov. 17th 6:30pm - 7:45pm
4th / 5th Grade: Friday, Nov. 18th 6:30pm - 7:45pm

For complete details, sample questions and answers AND to register, go to:

<http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Packet/GeoBee>

You must be registered by **NOV. 14th** to participate! Sign up as a team or an individual to be placed on a team.

ANNUAL BOOK FAIR



The Cascade Ridge Book Fair is coming...

Just in time for the holidays!

Wednesday, December 7
Thursday, December 8
Friday, December 9
(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

DAD'S PLAY DAY

November 4th
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](#)



COMMUNITY

2011 HOLIDAY PROGRAM TO ASSIST FAMILIES IN NEED



If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, or necessities, please contact Cascade's school nurse, **Alison Cathro** at **425-837-5506** as soon as possible to obtain information on the Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program (there will not be a separate Issaquah School District Holiday Program this year). Families should register online **October 25th through November 23rd**. All instructions will be posted on this [website](#). Families should also pick up the letter from our school nurse that states their student(s) attend school in the Issaquah School District. The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact our school nurse before the end of October. School PTSA's desiring to participate in a "Caring Thru Sharing" program will receive their families to sponsor through the Issaquah Food Bank.



CARING THRU SHARING REACHING OUT IN A TIME OF NEED!

As we head into the holidays it is once again time for the annual Caring Through Sharing campaign at Cascade Ridge. Every year our wonderful Cascade Ridge community donates hundreds of gifts to needy families in our local area. It has become a tradition that brings a great deal of pride and honor to your children, not to mention the fun and joy they have with the event. This year we will be bringing our event front and center into the lobby of our school. We will invite not only our children, but their families to come in and partake in selecting gift tags for fulfillment. We will also make gift drop-off easier with a simple one-week window and easy access to drop-off boxes right in the lobby. These are just a few of the exciting changes - please stay tuned for more information on our 2011 program. We look forward to the continued generosity and graciousness of our Cascade Ridge Community to help make this a wonderful holiday for many in need. Questions about this year's event? Please contact Erin Rooney at roon888@msn.com

REMINDER....CORPORATE GIFT MATCHING!

Does your company offer matching gifts?



Employer matched charitable donations go a long way toward helping us meet our financial goals for this year's fundraising efforts. To make the most of your donation, please check with your employer's Human Resource Department to see if they have a matching program in place. If your employer does offer a matching program: Please initiate the process by filing the necessary forms with your company. The PTSA cannot initiate the matching process on your behalf; it must come from the employee. Several large employers have websites to enter your donation information online. Employers will contact the PTSA to verify the donation and the company will deposit your matching contribution directly to the PTSA.

The PTSA recognizes and extends thanks to last year's contributors to the employer matching program:
Amgen, Bank of America, Boeing, BP, General Electric, Microsoft, Texas Instruments

If you have any questions or comments regarding employer matched donations, please contact:
Janet Jacobson at djj1909@yahoo.com

Passing the Issaquah School District Bond What Does It Take?



The Issaquah School District (ISD) bond package will be on the ballot April 17, 2012. Passing this bond is all about numbers: 70% and 50%.

- 70% is the number of ISD residents that **do not** have students in K-12. That means only 30% of the district residents have a personal stake in passing this bond. The 70% needs to be educated and informed on why passing the bond will benefit all ISD residents.
- 50% of ISD parents are currently registered to vote. There are roughly 25,000 parents in the Issaquah School District, so this leaves only 12,500 that can vote on Election Day. The other 12,500 need to register to vote as soon as possible.

How can you ensure that this bond passes? Endorse the bond. Donate money to the campaign. Sign up to help with the campaign when asked. Talk to your friends and neighbors about the benefits of passing the bond, and make sure they are all registered to vote.

For more information about the bond package go to: www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/bond.

To register to vote go to: www.kingcounty.gov/elections/registration.

For more information on VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools – the campaign committee), to donate to the campaign, and to volunteer to help go to: www.visvote.org.



WANTED: VIS REP

Are you passionate about ensuring that the bond is passed this year? Are you concerned with making sure our schools have the funding needed for our children to be successful? Then this job is for you! We need someone to represent Cascade Ridge on the 'Volunteers for Issaquah Schools' Board. If you are interested contact Deanne King, deanneking@live.com

PARENT EDUCATION

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS	CONTACT
11/8	7:00p— 8:30p	Clark Elementary Library	Issaquah Special Needs Group Meeting/ Helping the Behaviorally Challenged Child	Roseann Popa order2popa@comcast.net
11/28	11:30a— 1:30p	Sammamish Library	Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group	Cherry O'Neill Dwo-mci@msn.com or 425-868-2111 home 425-550-3809 cel
12/1	7:00p- 9:00p	Home of Cheri Gorder LaMunyon	Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group	Cherry O'Neill



All in for Kids Campaign Update

Calling days for the **All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign** are drawing near. High school students will take to the phones on **November 16, 17 & 19** to seek donations from District families. Make your donation at www.isfdn.org before Friday, November 4 and we'll remove your name from our calling list - and added to our **All in for Kids Thank You** ad in the Issaquah Press!

To those who have already given—Thank You! To the 84% of Cascade Ridge families who have not yet given, now is the time. Please give what you can with the knowledge that your gift will make a difference to every student in every classroom, in every school in our District.

Amazon for the Holidays

If a stop on Amazon.com is on your holiday shopping list, please use the ISF site to take you there. Visit www.isfdn.org and click on the Amazon logo in the top left corner. You'll be taken to the Amazon site. Once there, add the link to your bookmarks. Then shop as usual and with no further effort on your part, **up to 8%** of your total purchase will be donated to the Foundation. Happy shopping!

Grants Gone Live

Online applications for **Academic Enrichment Grants** go live on **November 1**. Teachers and staff may apply for projects that reflect creativity and innovation in education and/or support school needs not currently covered by building or district budgets. Grants are awarded in two categories: **Classroom Enrichment** for projects that cost less than \$1,000 and **Kateri Brow Big Idea/Biggest Need** for projects in the \$1,000 - \$10,000 range. Helpful hints and detailed information on the grant process will be revealed at a November 8 Grant Workshop. Applications are due January 12.

Great Local Deals

Don't forget to visit ISF's **Business Partner** page to find great local deals that benefit you and our schools. **Elements Massage** is offering a special price on massages on **November 21 and 22** and donating 15% of proceeds to the Foundation. Visit <http://www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org/supporters/partners.htm> to view specials from each of our Business Partners.

PASSIVE FUNDRAISING

Important Deadlines for Passive Fundraising



eScrip – new and returning members must enroll by **November 1st** to keep their membership active. Please visit www.eScrip.com and add your Safeway club card and/or Debit and Credit cards to earn money for our school every time you make purchases at participating retailers.



Sally Foster orders must be placed by **November 24th** to ensure delivery by Christmas. Visit www.sallyfoster.com to order gift items such as candles, books and gourmet edibles in addition to their beautiful wrapping paper, ribbon, gift bags and tissue. 40% of your order total will be donated to our school, and shipping is free on orders over \$50! Just click on the button, "Support a fundraiser" and select our school.

Please continue to submit **Box Tops for Education, Labels for Education and used ink cartridges** to the PTSA table outside of the office. This is an easy way to earn free money for our school!

Thanks for your participation!

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.cascaderidgepts.org. You'll be glad you did!

A BIG Thanks to
Chrisann Penz and
Mary Jo Webb...



For the countless hours spent project-managing our incredible "Kickin' It Coyote Style" Walkathon and Fall Festival!! You gathered an amazing committee that simply could not have done it all without your talented leadership and "Go-get-um" 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!!

And, a special thanks to these wonderful volunteers too!

- ★ Rajeev Goel for kicking off another rocking Math Club.
- ★ Stephen Rozmiarek for finding another great new program to get kids excited in a whole new way: Cascade Ridge's first Lego League!
- ★ Kris & Rob Chambers for another great year of Destination Imagination.
- ★ Julietta Bell for chairing our Reflections program to bring out the talent in our Cascade Ridge kids.
- ★ All of our Picture Day Volunteers. Thanks to everyone involved, we got through the whole school in one day!!



**4th Grade needs 2-liter bottles, and lots of them!
If you have empty, CLEAN 2-liter bottles that you
can donate for our Science program, please send
them in to Ms. Montgomery, Mrs. Fritsch, or
Mrs. Springborn.**