



# 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. 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; Festival of Cultures; Talent Show; Fine Arts Night; Safety Patrol; Math Olympiad; Spelling Bee; and Dad's Day on the Playground.

Finally, we are just a couple of weeks away from our only active fundraising event of the year, our Walkathon and Fall Festival. This year

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### Calendar of Events

#### October:

- 1:** Site Council, 6:00pm
- 4:** School Picture Day
- 5:** Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 15:** Vision & Hearing Screening
- 19-20:** WSPTA Legislative Assembly
- 26:** Walkathon

#### November:

- 2:** Dad's Play Day on the Playground
- 5:** Site Council, 6:00pm
- 8:** Picture Re-take Day
- 12:** Veteran's Day- NO SCHOOL
- 14-17:** ISF All in For Kids
- 22-23:** Thanksgiving Break- NO SCHOOL
- 30:** Report Cards go home

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

the theme is "Coyote Crazy Wild West Walkathon." If you haven't already, please mark your calendar for October 26th 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 will more information including participation permission, donation, and food on our website at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org) in the coming days so stay tuned! Please plan to donate and participate in all the fun. I hope to see all of you there!

Deanne King, PTSA President  
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## PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

- We had a nice turn out for our meeting on September 25th 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 2012-13.
- 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 2012-13 budget.
- We voted for Laura Fortner to take on our open Secretary position.
- We had an important report on our Walkathon coming up quickly on October 26th.
- We showcased multiple upcoming events and volunteer opportunities.
- Our Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) representatives, Erica Fewel and Cathia Geller, along with 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 from August to mid-November and everyone is encouraged to participate. Donations can be made at [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org)



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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.

# PROGRAMS

## DAD'S PLAY DAY

October 5th

10:55-11:20 (3rd/4th)

11:20-11:45 (1st/2nd)

11:45-12:10 (Kindergarten)

11:50-12:15 (5th/Science Tech)

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.

**Please note:** lunch will no longer be available for purchase in the Cafe. If you wish to eat with your student please bring your lunch.

Questions? [Lynette Springborn](#)

## REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST 2012 "THE MAGIC OF A MOMENT"



This year's Reflections Art Contest asks you to put your creative brain to work! Does your student like to draw, paint, take photos, write, compose music, dance, or make videos? The annual Reflections Art Contest has started and we are looking for entries to represent Cascade Ridge at the district level (and maybe even the state or national level!).

**The theme this year is "The Magic of a Moment"** and all students are invited to enter art that represents this theme. Entry forms will be available at Cascade Ridge soon and can also be downloaded at [www.wastatePTA.org](http://www.wastatePTA.org). Each category has specific rules & guidelines for entries so please review the rules applicable for the category your student is entering. You can find all of this information and more about the 2012 Reflections Art Contest at:

<http://www.issaquahptsa.org/programs/reflections>

More information about submission deadlines will be coming in the next few weeks. Questions? Contact Tamra Kaufman at: [tamra\\_kaufman@hotmail.com](mailto:tamra_kaufman@hotmail.com)

## 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 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.

**Shine your spurs and dust your boots!**  
**Announcing the**  
**Coyote Crazy**  
**Wild West Walkathon 2012**



**Friday Afternoon**  
**October 26, 2012**

**This is a family event. Parents & Siblings, please join us!**

**This is THE fundraiser of the year -**  
**Our goal is to raise \$45,000**

**Let's make this year as great as ever for our students!**



**Watch for more information through classroom e-mails,  
the PTSA website, and the weekly Coyote Connection!**

## **Why a PTSA Fundraiser?**

Great question, partner! Here is the low down. Many programs are not covered through public education funding. This is where the PTSA community steps up and covers programs that enhance YOUR student's education. We raise our funds through Family Contributions, Pledges, Corporate Sponsorships, Silent Auction and Concessions.

## **Where does the money go?**

Once the dust settles from the Coyote Crazy event, your dollars continue workin' and wranglin' all year long. Take a look at this list:

drama program \* technology enhancements \* 5<sup>th</sup> grade enhancement  
art/science enrichment \* classroom grants\* festival of cultures  
family fun nights \* caring coyotes \* staff appreciation \* destination imagination \*  
reflections \* caring through sharing \*first lego league \* art/science docent programs \*  
science fair \* geography/spelling bees \* tutoring programs  
instruction support programs\* playground equipment

## **Is this Event Fun?**

As sure as a horse runs to a barn, this event promises more fun than you can imagine, wrangler. Packed with new surprises each year, the Coyote Crazy Corral promises a knee-slappin' good time. Students and families can walk laps in the Walkathon, play great carnival games, win prizes, enjoy face painting, dance to the DJ tunes, and more! Parents, check out the silent auction items, too. There will be great items up for bid!

## **The Chuck Wagon Kitchen is Open**

Gallop on over to the Chuck Wagon Kitchen and pre-order meals for your family.

Menu options will be offered to please every cowboy and cowgirl in town.

Meals must be pre-ordered during the registration process.

Watch for details and pricing coming soon!

Questions? Contact [walkathon@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:walkathon@cascaderidgeptsa.org)



# PASSIVE FUNDRAISING

**A new year, a new chance to support your school  
through our PTSA Passive Fundraising opportunities!**

All our passive fundraising programs are back this year! These fundraisers help our PTSA provide support for Cascade Ridge students and staff. Please take a moment to read about these opportunities. If you have any questions about these programs please contact our new Passive Fundraising Chair, Nathalie Fusaro: [nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com](mailto:nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com).



Get a clean car, save money and earn \$\$ for Cascade Ridge PTSA! For every \$5 ticket purchased CRE PTSA earns \$3.50 (*normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$6.39*). To purchase tickets email Nathalie Fusaro at: [nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com](mailto:nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com) and provide the following information:

Your name  
Your email address  
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.



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
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.

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

**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!



eScrip is another great source for our fundraising efforts. Please renew your eScrip registration by November 1st! Even if you have registered for eScrip in the past, you must renew every year. Just go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and click on "Yes Renew" and follow the directions. If you have never registered for eScrip, now is the time! Just go to [www.eScrip.com](http://www.eScrip.com) and click on "Sign Up". Then enter your Safeway Club Card number, and a portion of your purchases from Safeway will be donated to our school! In addition to your Safeway Club Card, if you register your debit and/or credit cards, a portion of your purchases from stores like Amazon, Gap, Old Navy, Macy's and Nordstrom will also be donated to our school!



# PASSIVE FUNDRAISING CONT'D



This year, our goal is to raise **\$567.00**.

Here are three easy ways you can help:

1. **Clip** - Clip the Box Tops from hundreds of participating products and send them to school, deposit Box Tops in the clear box in the school's foyer. Each one is worth 10¢ when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.
2. **Shop online** - Shop at your favorite online stores through the Box Tops Marketplace® (boxtops4education.com/marketplace). Our school can earn eBoxTops® with every qualifying purchase you make, at no additional cost to you.
3. **Sign up** to support our school at boxtops4education.com, where you can:
  - See how much our school is earning with Box Tops
  - Enter online promotions for chances to win eBoxTops and other prizes
  - Print coupons for your favorite Box Tops brands



that was easy:

**Don't forget those old Ink Cartridges!**

Don't toss your old empty ink cartridges away, drop them in the designated box in the school's foyer and help reduce printing costs for our PTSA. Each cartridge gives us printing credits at Staples.



Another great fundraiser for our school is Campbell's Labels for Education, which allows us to collect points and redeem them for equipment our school needs. Two great ways to help:

**Clip** - Clip and save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products. Drop these in the designated box in the school's foyer. Go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products> for a list of participating products.

**Register online** - You can also earn additional points electronically for those same products by enrolling your shoppers' cards online, including QFC, Fred Meyer, Albertsons and Safeway. Once you have registered online, when you go through the checkout it automatically gives Cascade Ridge points for the qualifying items that you buy. Register today at this website: [http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells\\_eLabels/Page/HomePage](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage)

# COMMUNITY



## Are You In?

**Have you joined the *All in for Kids* Annual Fund Campaign?** We know that state funding alone can't 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. If you've already given, THANK YOU! If not, please give today. [Learn More](#)

*P.S. – Did you know that the average family donation to the Foundation is \$283?*

## Share Your Thoughts

The Foundation is partnering with [Community Forums Network \(CFN\)](#), a nonpartisan public engagement organization to give parents the opportunity to let their voices be heard on the important issue of Ed Funding. From **September 14 through October 28**, CFN is hosting an online survey to gather feedback on education funding in a two-part series called "*K-12 Education in Washington*." You can share your opinion and help ISF earn a grant of up to \$2,000 by taking the online survey and choosing ISF as the charity of your choice.

It's easy to participate. [Click on this link to take the survey](#), then forward the link to others who support the Foundation and who care about public education in Washington State. Thank you.

## New Teacher Support

The Foundation surprised teachers new to the District with Welcome Bags filled with an ISF insulated cup, coupons from local merchants and a \$100 Staples Gift Certificate. The idea was generated after the screening of a Community Conversations series film, "American Teacher." A young teacher in the audience shared her story of having to get a loan from her parents to prepare her classroom for the first day of school. The Foundation wanted to help, and thanks to ISF donors we could. IEA President Phyllis Runyon remarked, "*I was able to watch the faces of the new-hires and when that \$100 gift card to Staples was mentioned, I saw the eyes light up. A huge thank you to ISF for their generous gift to our new teachers.*" The Foundation also thanks the Issaquah and Sammamish Chambers of Commerce for their partnership on this project.

## After-School Homework Labs and Open Library Programs

Does your student need homework help or a quiet place to study? Remind them to utilize the FREE donor funded resources at our middle and high schools. **After School Homework Labs** at high schools are staffed by teachers and/or counselors who offer assistance on a variety of subjects. **Open Library Programs** at middle schools offer students a safe, supervised place for group study as well as access to technology. Visit your school's homepage to learn what's offered at your location.

## Donor Dollars Make a Difference

Check out these articles on two successful donor-funded investments that debuted this summer:

### ***A Book for Every Level***

[http://www.issaquahreporter.com/green\\_editions/?iid=i20120830122150235](http://www.issaquahreporter.com/green_editions/?iid=i20120830122150235)

### ***Summer School Program Preps Young Minds for Kindergarten***

<http://www.issaquahpress.com/2012/07/24/summer-school-preps-young-minds-for-kindergarten/#more-75706>



# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

- Don't forget to register to vote! You can register online until October 8th, and can register in person until October 29th. To register online:  
<https://wei.sos.wa.gov/agency/osos/en/Pages/myvote.aspx>
- PTA's annual legislation survey is live -- please take the survey and tell us what issues are most important to you! The survey closes September 30th.  
Here's the link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/wspta2012>

The survey highlights issues that will be voted on at PTA's Legislative Assembly on October 19-20, where we will vote on which issues we would like our lobbyist to focus on during the next legislative session. If you are planning on attending Legislative Assembly and/or just want to learn more about it, The Issaquah PTSA Council is holding a workshop on October 4, from 7-8 pm at the King County Library Service Center, 960 Newport Way NW, Issaquah, 98027. Please join us for snacks, beverages, and discussion of the issues.

- **ATTENTION RESIDENTS OF THE 5TH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT:** Issaquah Valley PTSA is hosting a candidates' forum at IVE on Friday, October 12, from 7-9 pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet the candidates and hear about their ideas on education and other issues in Washington State.



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!



Thank you to **Kellie Berndt** for managing our School Supplies. As always, she did a great job handling all the supply orders for our families. Thanks, Kellie!

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

A **HUGE** thank you to **Rajeev Goel** for his continued dedication to the PTSA website and help with First Day Packet and membership maintenance. We are very lucky to have you and your expertise on our team!

A very special thanks to the following people for helping make the Popsicle Social a big success again this year: Coordinator **Marci Bartholomae, Volunteers: Ann Brooks, Pam Gross, Deanne King, and Angie Lukens;** and a very special thanks to the Klahanie QFC for their generous donation to the event. We couldn't have done it without you!

A very big thank you goes to **Marci Bartholomae** 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. Thanks to **Helen DiMeco** for helping set up the luncheon.

Another big thanks to **Marci Bartholomae** and **Ganga Pingili** for their outstanding job putting on the Principal Coffee.

Many kids will be sporting school spirit this year thanks to the efforts of **Nichole Wengert** – thanks, Nichole!

Another shout out to **Nichole Wengert** for her work on creating this edition of the Howler.

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

Thank you to **Stephen Rozmiarek** for his efforts in getting this year's two First Lego League teams off to a great start!

Thank you to **Tamra Kaufman, Jackie Mueller and Alesia Romero** for chairing this year's Reflections art competition!

Another big thanks goes to **Ganga Pingili** for taking on the task of managing the Reader Board this year. We really appreciate your efforts!

**WILL YOUR INFORMATION BE  
CORRECT IN THE  
2012-2013 STUDENT DIRECTORY?  
Go online today to register!**

