



# Coyote Howler

## PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Many thanks to those of you who made time in your busy schedules to attend our General Membership meeting on Friday morning. For those who missed the meeting, we had a very busy agenda. First Mrs. Fowler initiated our "Coffee with the Principal" portion of the meeting with discussion about our Emergency Preparation and Safety procedures. We then started a very busy meeting that included the following:

- We reviewed our financial information and noted that the organization continues to be on track for budget expectations and for providing great programs for the school.
- We elected our Nominating Committee that is responsible for developing a slate of nominees for our 2012 – 2013 PTSA Board. This is a big responsibility and we appreciate the dedication and hard work of Ann Brooks, Helen DiMeco, Juli Kubicki, Erinn Chapman, and Lauri Kinnan. Thank you!
- Finally, we also voted to increase our Math Club budget from \$500 to \$650 and our Festival of Cultures budget from \$1,300 to \$1,500. We also voted to provide a grant of \$200 to the ACT program.

It was a crazy busy, productive, and informative meeting, and we had an interested and engaged group. Many thanks to everyone who spent the time with us to be an important part of the process. If you'd like to join in the fun next time, mark your calendar now for the next GM meeting in April: Friday, April 19th at 8:30 am, right after student drop-off.

As you probably already realize, we continue to be a very busy organization and things don't seem to slow down; this is an indication of the important causes our membership supports throughout the whole year on behalf of all of our students. As always, we invite you to continue to engage and provide input and ideas so we will continue to focus on the right things to which our general community agrees and supports.

Have a great February!

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

### Calendar of Events

#### February:

- 1:** Dad's Play Day & Popcorn
- 8:** Festival of Cultures, 6:00p
- 12:** Kindergarten New Parent Orientation, 6:30 - 7:30p
- 18-22:** Second Winter Break—NO SCHOOL
- 25:** Eager Reader starts

#### March:

- 1:** Dad's Play Day & Popcorn
- 1-29:** Eager Reader continues
- 4:** Site Council, 6:00 pm
- 4-6:** Book Fair, Library
- 4-6:** Spelling Bee
- 8-22:** 2nd Grade CogAt Testing
- 21:** Science Fair, 6-8 pm
- 28:** Fine Arts Night

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# PTSA NEWS

## WASHINGTON STATE PTSA REFLECTIONS ART CONTEST



Congratulations to 5<sup>th</sup> grader **Vishal Canumalla!**

Vishal's photography entry  
has been selected to represent the Issaquah School District  
at the WA State Reflections competition.

**Way to go Vishal!**



## CASCADE RIDGE SITE COUNCIL

Did you know our Site Council is specific to the needs of Cascade Ridge Elementary, and is comprised of a broad group of people that includes community/parent, school, and PTSA representatives? It's true!! Many people don't understand the purpose of the Site Council, and the best thing about it is that it has this broad, so issues that are important to us all can be addressed. Some current items of focus for the Site Council during this year have included update and communication of the school colors and mascot, modification of class party and teacher gift policies, and review of new teacher continuous improvement protocols.

The Site Council's purpose includes the following:

- Provide input to help create and maintain an optimal learning environment
- Blend the values and perspectives of community, parents, staff, and students for effective school-wide results
- Foster effective communication on key issues among all stakeholders in our school
- Contribute to creative school-wide planning and problem solving
- Provide school input for the principal and superintendent on matters of district-wide interest

While there are specific committee members who usually serve two-year terms, community attendance and input are invited. Any community or staff may attend a Site Council meeting. Those who are visiting and have specific items to be addressed may have input in the meeting by filling out a site council action request.

The Site Council often invites guests to speak at the meetings about current items of interest in the community. Each monthly meeting runs from 6:00 until 7:30 pm and is at Cascade Ridge in the library. Everyone is invited to join and the following meeting dates are planned for the rest of the school year.

- March 4
- May 6

We invite attendance, especially when we have guest speakers, so if it works in your schedule and you're interested in knowing more, mark your calendar! For more information, see the link on the Cascade Ridge website:

<http://www.cascaderidge.issaquah.wednet.edu/council.asp>

# MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS AND TELL YOUR NEIGHBORS  
... IT'S TIME TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTENERS FOR THE 2013-2014  
SCHOOL YEAR!**

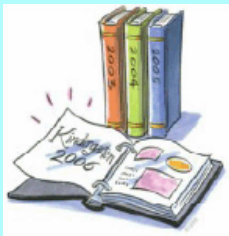


Do you have a student or know of a neighbor who will be turning 5 years old by August 31st 2013? Please mark your calendars and tell your neighbors that it will soon be time to register for Kindergarten for the 2013-2014 school year!

- February 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30pm-7:30pm - New Kindergarten *Parent only* Orientation
- February 13<sup>th</sup> - Registration Packets will be available in the office
- March 6<sup>th</sup> - Registration from 2pm-6pm
- March 7<sup>th</sup> - Registration from 10am-3pm
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - To be included in FDK Lottery all registration forms due by 4 pm
- March 13<sup>th</sup> - FDK Lottery in the Library at 1pm

2013-2014 school year!

Please visit <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/Programs/kindergarten.aspx> for more registration information.



## YEARBOOK REMINDER!

Have you ordered your yearbook yet? You can go online <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/page/yearbook/verify> to check if you've placed an order. If you haven't, visit <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org> to order one now! **Deadline is Feb 15, 2013.**

**Don't miss out!** We are not planning to order any extras and will not be able to fulfill requests at the end of the year, so please place your order today to guarantee you receive one.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica Fuddy at [mfuddy@hotmail.com](mailto:mfuddy@hotmail.com) or Melanie Carbon at [melcarbon24@yahoo.com](mailto:melcarbon24@yahoo.com)



## WELCOME COFFEE

Friday, February 15th  
9am-11am

We had so much fun, let's do it again! The **PTSA Hospitality Committee** hosted several "Welcome!" events throughout last year, and a great time was had by all – both new members to our Cascade Ridge/Trossachs community, as well as some familiar faces too.

If you are new to our community, **OR** if you have been around a while but would like to join us for a warm greeting, friendly chat, and a cup of "Market Spice Tea," please mark your calendar for our second "Welcome!" event of this school year, on Friday, February 15, 9am – 11am at the lovely home of Ganga Pingili, 1739 271st Ave (Glencoe Neighborhood). RSVP contact Pamela Franklin at [psfranklin@comcast.net](mailto:psfranklin@comcast.net).

# PROGRAMS

## Festival of Cultures



February  
8th,  
6-8 pm

Mark your calendars and plan to  
come and travel the world with us!

- Enjoy **International Entertainment** - Indian Bhangra Dancing, Irish Step Dancing, Greek and Traditional Eastern European performances and Tae Kwon Do
- Come taste a variety of breads at our "**Breads From Around The World**" table
- Come get your copy of the "**Cascade Ridge Festival of Cultures Cookbook**" - limited copies will be available
- Win prizes from "**Cuisines-Around-The-World**" - **Chan's Place Chinese; Cucina Cucina Italian; La Casita Mexican; Pabla Indian; Yoko Teriyaki Korean/Japanese; Hop Jack's American**

Our event this year will feature the wonderful booths sponsored and run by our gracious host families representing: Australia, Colombia, Egypt, England, France, Germany, Holland, India, Iran, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Korea, Mexico, New Zealand, Scotland, USA, Venezuela, and Vietnam.

If you have any questions, please contact Bona Park at [chris\\_bona@msn.com](mailto:chris_bona@msn.com) or 425-427-9307.

We look forward to seeing everyone at this fabulous night of fun and adventure!

## **EAGER READER—COMING MARCH 2013!**



Mark your calendars.....This year's Eager Reader program open to all Cascade Ridge students will run from **March 1st through March 29th** and we are aiming for 100% participation. This year's program promises to be better than ever with weekly individual incentives, fun grade level contests and the ever popular student/staff challenge!

New to the Eager Reader program? Stay tuned for more information in the upcoming weeks!

## PROGRAMS CONT.

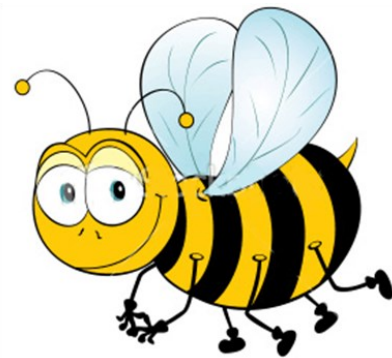
# Have You Heard The Buzz?

## Cascade Ridge PTSA Spelling Bee

### Join us for the 3rd Annual Spelling Bee!

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| KG:               | March 4, 6:00p |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> : | March 4, 7:30p |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> : | March 5, 6:00p |
| 4 <sup>th</sup> : | March 5, 7:30p |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> : | March 6, 6:00p |
| 5 <sup>th</sup> : | March 6, 7:30p |

*Pre-registration is required. Find out more and sign up online at [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org).*



Registration is now open for students to join the spelling fun at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Cascade Ridge Spelling Bee. All grades are welcome to join in this friendly competition of oral spelling ability!

Participants will take the stage one at a time and will be asked to spell a word out loud. (Students will repeat the word, spell it and repeat the word again.) Each correctly spelled word, earns a trip to the next round. The bee ends when there is one just one speller standing!

The bee will take place over three evenings to accommodate each grade (please see the schedule above). Any student may participate but must **pre-register online here** by **February 28, 2013**.

Complete **rules** are available online, as well as **tips** and **practice word lists**.  
Questions? Feedback? Contact [spellingbee@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:spellingbee@cascaderidgeptsa.org)

We look forward to 'bee-ing' you there!!



## PTSA'S FINE ARTS NIGHT & DINNER MARCH 28TH, 2013

Mark your calendars! Thursday, March 28th is Fine Arts Night, where you can enjoy an evening of great food, see your child's art on display, and even create some works of your own. We are also excited to announce a very special addition to this year's event: The Bellevue Art Museum's traveling art exhibit, which will be on display right here at Cascade Ridge! More details are coming soon. If interested in volunteering for this event, please contact Jackie Mueller [jackie.mueller1@comcast.net](mailto:jackie.mueller1@comcast.net), Alesia Romero [adgewitz@gmail.com](mailto:adgewitz@gmail.com) or Tamra Kaufman [tamra\\_kaufman@hotmail.com](mailto:tamra_kaufman@hotmail.com). Thank you!



# PROGRAMS CONT.

Cascade Ridge is excited to announce...



A new after-school program for  
**2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders!**

Scratch is a visual programming language that makes it easy to create interactive art, video games, and stories – and share them with others. It merges art and math together, where young students create dynamic and interactive computational media. With Scratch, students learn to see media from the inside out, expressing themselves by producing their own interactive media. Kids love it and so do parents!

Please go to: <http://cascaderidgepts.org/Packet/Scratch> for ALL of the details about this exciting new program and to register.

**Hurry!** Registration is open now and will close at 4pm February 14th. Student selection will be done by lottery.



To learn more about Scratch visit:

<http://scratched.media.mit.edu/>



**THURSDAY, MARCH 21ST**  
**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

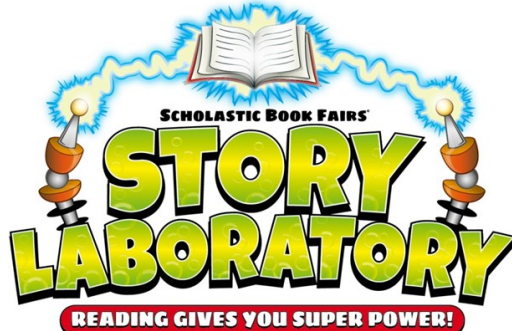
The Cascade Ridge 2013 Science Fair is right around the corner! There will be hundreds of great student experiments, many hands-on activities, and Jet City Pizza will be there with hot slices of pizza to purchase. We will also have lots of sweet treats, snacks, and drinks, so come along to this great Cascade Ridge tradition and make it a great night with the family!!

For grades K-4, the **Registration deadline is March 7<sup>th</sup>**, so be sure to go online at [cascaderidgepts.org](http://cascaderidgepts.org) to register, order a colorful project display board, and find all kinds information to help you with your experiments!

**We still need volunteers to pull off this great event!** If you are able to volunteer for one of the many areas of need (set-up, judging, concessions, assistance with various activities at the Fair, tear-down), visit our website for more info and contact [sciencefair@cascaderidgepts.org](mailto:sciencefair@cascaderidgepts.org) to sign up! Remember, all event volunteers will receive a free slice of pizza!

*See you at the Science Fair!*

# FUNDRAISING



The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Cascade Ridge March 4-6! It features thousands of fun, engaging, and affordable books kids want to read...just in time to support your Eager Reader! And, this important fundraiser will add new books to our Library and classroom bookshelves.

**Monday, March 4 from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**Tuesday, March 5 from 3:00 PM-7:00 PM**

**Wednesday, March 6 from 1:00 PM-7:00 PM**

We need your help to energize our Book Fair! Please share your talents and join us for one or more shifts. Volunteer opportunities include: set-up/decorations, preview days, purchase days, and clean-up. Check out Volunteer Spot to sign up! <http://vols.pt/61cLh4> Questions? Contact Book Fair Co-chairs Michele Brady [brady1093@yahoo.com](mailto:brady1093@yahoo.com) or Grace Lee [gracia\\_lee@yahoo.com](mailto:gracia_lee@yahoo.com).

*Together, we can help our children unleash the power of reading!*

# PARENT EDUCATION

| DATE | TIME           | LOCATION                           | CLASS                                      | CONTACT  |
|------|----------------|------------------------------------|--|--|
| 2/25 | 11:30am-1:30pm | Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, EX3 | Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group | Cherry O'Neill<br><a href="mailto:dwo-mci@msn.com">dwo-mci@msn.com</a> or<br>206-550-3809 cell |
| 2/25 | 7:00pm-9:00pm  | Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, EX3 | Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group | Cherry O'Neill<br><a href="mailto:dwo-mci@msn.com">dwo-mci@msn.com</a> or<br>206-550-3809 cell |

## DAD'S PLAY DAY

Questions?  
[Lynette Springborn](#)

**February 1st**

**10:55-11:20 (3rd/4th)**  
**11:20-11:45 (1st/2nd)**  
**11:45-12:10 (Kindergarten)**  
**11:50-12:15 (5th/Science Tech)**



**ISF LOVES Parents, Donors, Students and Teachers!** Thanks for partnering with us. You're the reason for letters like these...

*Thank you for funding the lab materials and textbooks for forensics class. Because of your donations, I have been able to explore a potential career interest and am considering studying it (Forensics) in college. Because of this class I am learning to keep an open mind and to think critically, which are skills that I will use throughout my life.*

*Isabel B, Issaquah High*

*Hi, my name is Shanni. I am one of the fortunate students from Apollo Elementary. Do you like golf? I like golf. Do you like to relax and have a sweet time? I do and golf is the perfect description (sp). Did you know that me and my friends learn to drive. Actually, you might think of me driving a car but it's golf driving, so please don't call the police. We are lucky children because we have the opportunity to learn golf!*

*Shanni, Apollo Elementary*

### **Let's Do It Again**

Last year over 1,000 parents, civic and business leaders made **Nourish Every Mind** a record-breaking success. We need your help to do it again. **Save the Date for this year's Luncheon—Thursday, May 9 from 11 am – 1:00 pm at the Issaquah Community Center** and plan to attend. We promise it will be the most enjoyable, inspirational, informative and energizing 2 hours of your day. Contact your PTSA President or ISF/PTSA Rep to reserve a spot at one of your school's tables. Want to know more? Contact **Nourish Every Mind** Table Captain Chair, Cathia Geller at [Cathia@cathiageller.com](mailto:Cathia@cathiageller.com), 425.445.7046.

### **Calling All Kindergarten Parents**

We're sending a special **Nourish Every Mind** invitation just for you. Get in on the ISF fun from the beginning. There's no ticket to buy in advance ... just come and enjoy. Contact your PTSA President or ISF/PTSA Rep or Cathia Geller, [Cathia@cathiageller.com](mailto:Cathia@cathiageller.com), 425.445.7046 for more information.

### **Anticipation Builds**

26 applications ... over \$125,000 in requests ... and \$100,000 to distribute. Who will be among this year's **Academic Enrichment Grant** winners? Look for Balloon Brigade visits at your school on February 15 and March 15.

### **Mail Call**

If you made a donation to the Foundation during the 2012 calendar year, expect your tax receipt by the February 8. New donors and those who hit the 5 and 10 year giving milestones will also receive a Donor Support Decal. 2011-2012 Annual Reports will also hit mailboxes this month.

### **We're Not Stingy**

We love telling the world about amazing accomplishments our donors make possible. If you are not currently a donor and would like an Annual Report, email Michelle Weldon, [mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:mweldon@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org).



# MEMBERSHIP

## HELP CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE! IT IS NEVER TOO LATE TO JOIN PTSA!

Did you know that even if you missed the sign-up period at the beginning of school, you are always welcome to join our Cascade Ridge PTSA? If you have not yet joined and are not sure if you should, please take a look at the notes below. We hope this will make the decision easy for you to become a direct part of a continued success story in the lives of our children at school.

**What is PTSA?** The PTSA is a powerful voice for all children. Your membership adds to this voice when it comes to advocating for the education and well-being of EVERY child. When you join Cascade Ridge's PTSA, you join the Washington State PTA. This group speaks on behalf of children and youth before government bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.

**Why should I join Cascade Ridge PTSA?** Joining Cascade Ridge PTSA makes you a member of this organization and gives you a voice in improving the education, safety and health of your child on a local and national level. Check it out at: [http://www.pta.org/pta\\_member\\_benefits.asp](http://www.pta.org/pta_member_benefits.asp).

**Do I have to commit my time or do something if I join?** While our PTSA appreciates all volunteer efforts and attendance at general meetings and PTSA events, neither of these is required of our members. Paying for your Cascade Ridge PTSA membership simply shows your support of this organization and your advocacy of our community's children.

**Where does the money for joining PTSA go?** Most of the money goes directly back to the Washington State PTA in supporting the goals of this organization. They have committees working to secure adequate laws for the care and protection of our children and youth. They also work to bring the home and school into closer relations. Additionally, part of your membership fee pays for the Cascade Ridge PTSA Membership directory that every member receives.

Become a member today!! It's electronic, easy, and quick if you go to our website at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/> and click the "Join!" link at the upper left-hand corner of the main page. If you have questions, please contact Deanne King, PTSA President at [deanneking@live.com](mailto:deanneking@live.com) or Stephanie Scott, PTSA Membership Chair at [stephoscott@gmail.com](mailto:stephoscott@gmail.com).

# VOLUNTEERS



- ♦ Many thanks to **Ganga Pingili** and **Leanne Brazier** for helping **Angie Lukens** with Class and Group Picture Day!
- ♦ A BIG thanks to our own Popcorn Extraordinaires, **Laura Fortner** and her **Popping Team**, **Melanie Carbon**, **Ganga Pingili**, **Diane Patillo**, **Khristie Tobler** and **Marci Bartholomae**! Your efforts make Popcorn Fridays so fun for our kids. Snacking on FREE popcorn makes for super fun recess – thanks, ladies!