



Coyote Howler

PTSA PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It's hard to believe that the school year is winding down. It has certainly been a busy, fruitful, and challenging year at the school, and our students have continued to thrive throughout the year. Our children's success is a direct benefit of our amazing staff, our wonderfully supportive parents, and our entire community that values the social and educational benefits of a flourishing school. Of course, with 100% participation (one adult registered for every child in the school) of our community in the PTSA, we know that our PTSA has played an important part in another great year through providing financial support to our school and in continuing to provide great program and community events. We are proud of the results of this year and we look forward to continuing to deliver excellence next year as well.

Congratulations to our new and returning 2013-14 Executive Committee members who were voted in during our April General Membership meeting. Not only is it a big commitment to serve on this Committee, but it is crucial to our PTSA's continued success - and it is also very rewarding. Many thanks to everyone who has made this commitment to the PTSA next year; next year will be another great one for our kids and community!

Finally before we hit the crazy days of June, I want to highlight some of the May events coming at Cascade Ridge and in our community:

- May 3: Dad's Day on the Playground/Popcorn Friday - a popular event with kids and parents alike!
- May 6: Site Council Meeting, 6:00 - 7:30 pm in the library. All community and staff members are invited to attend.
- May 6 -10: Teacher Appreciation Week - Our Staff Appreciation Committee has been busy planning a wonderful week of celebrating our teachers and staff. You should be receiving communications regarding plans for this through your Room Coordinators soon. Don't miss the opportunity to show our magnificent teachers and staff how much we appreciate everything they do for our kids!
- May 16: Cascade Ridge PTSA General Membership Meeting: 7:00 pm. More details on this below!

Can it really be May already and is it true that we have less than two months of school left?! Please enjoy each day of it!

Deanne King, PTSA President
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Calendar of Events

May:

- 1:** 3rd Grade Concert, 6:30p
- 1-17:** MSP Testing
- 3:** Dad's Day
- 6-10:** Staff Appreciation Week
- 6:** Site Council, 6:00p
- 7:** 1st Grade Concert, 6:30p
- 9:** ISF Luncheon, 11:00a
- 14:** Camp Chaperone Mtg, 6p
- 16:** PTSA GM Mtg, 7:00p
- 21:** KG Concert, 6:30p
- 22:** Volunteer Luncheon, 1:30p
- 24-27:** Memorial Day Break - NO SCHOOL
- 29-31:** 5th Grade Camp

June:

- 5:** 4th Grade Concert, 6:30p
- 7:** Dad's Day
- 17:** 5th Grade Cast Off
- 18:** Last Day of School

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PTSA NEWS



MAY PTSA GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDAR!

Please plan to attend our next PTSA General Membership meeting on **Thursday, May 16th at 7:00 pm in the Coyote Cafe**. This will be our last GM meeting of the school year and we will review survey results and present the 2013-2014 Interim Budget for approval.

In addition, Nona Wright (CRE Program Assistant) will discuss ways to help keep your student's reading levels up during the summer months.

We would love to have a big group of members who are interested in what the PTSA plans to support in the coming school year. Please come and join in this important process.

As always, please let Deanne King (deanneking@live.com), PTSA President, know if you have any questions and we hope to see you there!



APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last month's PTSA General Membership Meeting. In addition to our regular business, the membership elected the following individuals to the 2013-2014 PTSA Executive Committee. Congratulations and thanks to each and every one of these members who so willingly give their time and energy to our organization and community.

President	Ann Brooks
Executive VP	Helen DiMeco
Treasurer	Juli Kubicki
Secretary	Laura Fortner
Co-VP Communications	Monica Fuddy
Co-VP Communications	Stefanie Magnuson
VP Volunteers	Erinn Chapman
VP Fundraising	Nathalie Fusaro
VP Programs	Kelly Huber
Co-VP Community Relations	Marci Bartholomae
Co-VP Community Relations	Ganga Pingli

Meeting minutes are available for review on our website, www.cascaderidgepts.org.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION



CASCADE RIDGE MATH CLUB

After 23 early morning meetings in the last 7 months, 10 teams and 7 coaches from **Cascade Ridge Math Club** will be heading to Seattle University this Saturday May 4th to compete at the annual **Math Olympiad** sponsored by *Washington State Mathematics Council*.

Two of the 5th grade teams have already participated at the **Washington State Math Championships in Blaine** last Saturday April 27th. One of our teams placed 38th, and the other placed 42nd, out of a total of 98 teams from fifth grade in Washington State. We're super proud of them, not only for their results, but also their attitude, sportsmanship, and teamwork! This team includes: Susheel Cheeti, Bella Cooper, Kiyan Dhanidina, Anjali Goel, Arwa Iqbal, Sean Mirahsani, Siddarth Sama, Zachary Zener.

They will join the following 50 Math Club students this Saturday:

Prisha Agarwal, Alex Amedson, Jacob Anderson, Mihir Beheray, Rishi Biswas, Lana Buragohain, Deven Chatterjee, Jasper Chen, Luna Chen, Tyler Chen, Ellie Choi, Danny Chung, Via Cooper, Charlie Gleeson, Anna Grigoryan, Cameron Guilbert, Hassan Habib, Pranav Kammili, Sahastra Kasturi, Rishit Khare, Jeremy Kim, Alex Ko, Annika Kumar, Eunseo Kwak, Sarah Maginnis, Hayden Miller, Sean Mirahsani, Parikshit Mohite, Raka Mukherjee, Arnub Peri, Vibhav Peri, Megha Pingili, Henry Qin, Siddharth Rana, Kate Selbig, Avani Shah, Annika Singh, Lawrence Su, Rithvik Tirumalai, Calvin Too, Ishan Vig, Annah Zhang.

In addition, coaches Rajeev Goel, Alan Cooper, Sudeesh Pingili, Dan Guilbert, Sravani Cheeti, Zhao Wang, Jue Wang will be attending.

We wish them all the best! And remember...

..."The only angle from which to approach a problem is the TRY-Angle"

PROGRAMS



PTSA'S FINE ARTS NIGHT RECAP

We had a truly fantastic and fun Fine Arts Night this year! A record number of volunteers turned out for the evening, and we wanted to thank everyone who worked so hard to make it such a wonderful night! Thanks to the following people and companies for their continued efforts to promote and nurture creativity at Cascade Ridge:

The Bellevue Arts Museum • The Junior League of Seattle • Natalie Fowler • Zana Moore
Yoko's Teriyaki • Henry and Mei • Black Horse Art Studio • Ann and Jeff Brooks • Stacie Lacina
Tamra Kaufman • Alesia Romero • Jackie Mueller • Suzanne Dell'Orfano • Dulcy, Hixon,
Elizabeth, Sarah, and Michael Donovan • Bridget and Lucy Salmick • Brittany Klose
Erinn Chapman • Marci Bartholomae • Katy Chung • Lori Klassen • Diana Krueger
Kelly Huber • Melanie Kusmik • Kris Hunter • Pamela Kotrey • Vinita Mohite
Anamika Mulhotra • Jennifer Glauser • Laurie Jones • Susan Sansing • Angela Gale
Marissa Farrell • Betsy Matias • Betty Gilstrap • Zak Martinkosky • Bona Park
Michele Mounir • Diane Lemon

We couldn't do it without you...THANK YOU!



EAGER READER – PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!

Wow! Eager Reader was a huge success! The school goal was reached in the second week for the Noise Guy!! The total number of minutes read was 694,469 minutes! Congratulations to each child who completed the program. Also, a huge thank you for all of the amazing parents who would come each Friday morning to get the prizes ready. A special thanks to Rajeev Goel for managing the online logs. We can't wait to see what next year brings!!

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2013 WALKATHON COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

As our school year is coming to an end, we are gearing up for the 2013 Annual Walkathon Fundraiser in the fall. Most of the Walkathon Committee is together again from last year because they want to do it again - A true testament to how much fun we have! We have only 3 positions open to fill. Will you join us in making it a success?

T-shirts

Would you like to get involved with helping the Walkathon Fundraiser but don't have a lot of time? This might be the role for you! It only requires coordinating the t-shirt design contest with students and then working with our printer to get the order ready in time.

Volunteers

As you know, the Walkathon Fundraiser is made possible by an army of volunteers. The "Volunteers" position does NOT require any recruiting. There are always more than enough volunteers signed up to help. The position is mainly an organizational one. Volunteer names will be supplied to you and you simply create the schedule and organize the volunteer check-in table. It is perfect for someone who enjoys computer work at home! You will be working closely with the PTSA Board's VP of Volunteers and the Walkathon Committee to make this event a success.

Silent Auction

Do you have a creative flair for product display? With the help of last year's chair and the VP of Fundraising, please join our team and manage our Silent Auction - a key contributor to our annual fundraiser! As the Silent Auction lead, you are **NOT** solely responsible for procuring items. Oh no - we have a whole committee who will work alongside you to procure items and services, including the PTSA VP of Fundraising. This position is for someone will take the lead on the visual display and organization of all the items and services up for bid.

Contact Melanie Kusmik, mkusmik@gmail.com 2013 Walkathon Chair

PROGRAMS CONT.



95 performers and 65 acts make for two excellent evenings of entertainment! From Eric Lyubarsky's "Bear Necessities" to Quinn Ebeling's phenomenal basketball skills, as well as all the brilliant dancers, singers, gymnasts, pianists, cellist, violinists, guitarists, magicians, comedians, and cup stackers in between – the 2nd annual Talent Show at Cascade Ridge was a huge success! Thank you to all the performers for earnestly sharing your talents. Thank you to parents for your encouragement and cheers.

Stephanie Scott and Nga Selbig enjoyed coordinating the Talent Show and look forward to watching the Talent Show for years to come. None of this would have been possible without the dedicated community of Cascade Ridge volunteers.

Many Thanks to the following: Ganga Pingili (awesome all-around), Rajeev Goel (indispensable), Katy Chung (excellent Emcee), Paul Mayfield (Emcee extraordinaire), Sudeesh Pingili (fantastic sound), Sangeeta Peri, Brooke Daggett, Anamika Malhotra and Marci Bartholome (superb sales of \$128!), Anand Cheeti, Aimee Kooley, Carolyn Scurrrell, Mark Scurrrell, Michael Brisbois, Jeff Selbig and all those who helped stack chairs (amazing clean-up in 20 minutes!)

To the following students for continuing the tradition and lending a hand: Anjali Goel & Monsi Pingili (Curtain Girls), Macy Scott & Sophie Selbig (Stage Hands and Check-In), and Tom Barnes (set-up).

Special thanks to: Mr Dunham (for letting us raid his closet), Coyote Club (set-up), Shawna Carrigan (for finding lights), and Rafael Pogobekof (for astounding piano accompaniment).

[Click Here](#) for a glimpse of our wonderfully fun-filled evenings.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR



STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 6-10

Next week is National Teacher Appreciation Week. The PTSA, with the help of Cascade Ridge families, will be sponsoring several events and providing goodies to acknowledge our teachers and staff.

Please watch for an email from your child's room coordinator for details on how you and your student can show your support and appreciation for our wonderful staff!

DAD'S PLAY DAY

May 3rd

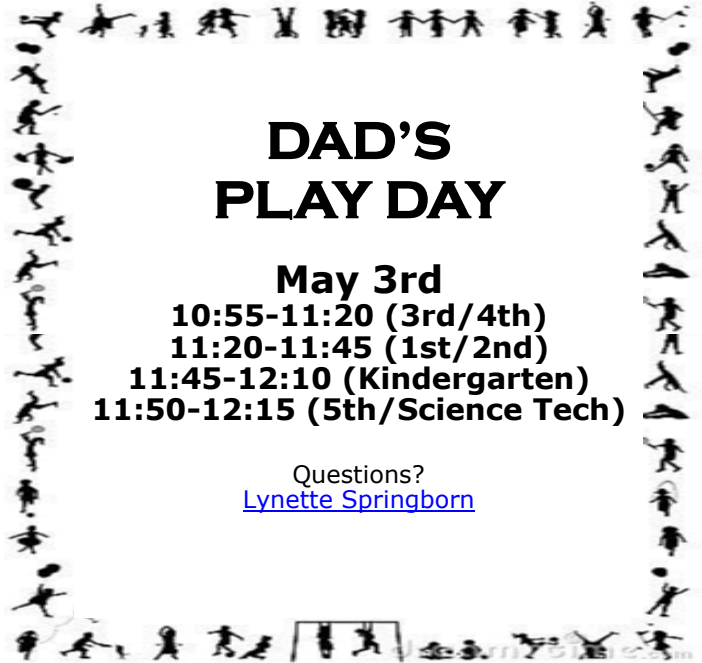
10:55-11:20 (3rd/4th)

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

11:45-12:10 (Kindergarten)

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

Questions?
[Lynette Springborn](mailto:Lynette.Springborn)



PASSIVE FUNDRAISING



CASCADE RIDGE GOLF UMBRELLAS FOR SALE!

\$20

Don't get caught in the rain this Spring without your Cascade Ridge logo Golf Umbrella!

- 62" canopy arc Golf Umbrella
- Navy Blue/White
- Tough, all-weather canopy and structure
- Double-rib construction
- Extra strong metal shaft
- Sturdy bicycle grip handle

Contact: Nichole Wengert, nwengert@msn.com



Silent Auction Gets a Facelift!

Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) has changed the format of the Luncheon silent auction – We're going online! No need to jockey for position or look over someone's shoulder while bidding. Anyone, Luncheon guest or not, will be able to shop from the comfort of their own computer. Pour a cup of coffee, relax, and enjoy looking through more than one hundred and fifty great items. There is something for everyone and it is all ONLINE! **The auction will go LIVE on April 26th.** Just visit <http://issaquahschoolsfoundatio.schoolauction.net/nemauction/> and shop to benefit our kids!

First Annual Mother's Day 5K Dash Pays Homage to Boston Marathon

Runners, joggers, walkers and crawlers ... tie up your laces. The Foundation is hosting its inaugural **Mother's Day 5K Dash on Saturday, May 11.** This casual (no time chips, bibs or prizes) community wide event is the perfect way to kick-off your Mother's Day celebration. And ..**In honor of the victims of the Boston Marathon, \$1 from each entry fee will be donated to THE ONE FUND.** Christine Kipp of Ewing & Clark Realty will generously do a 2-1 match ... \$1 to The ONE FUND and \$1 to the Foundation.

The route begins and ends on 12th Avenue by Sports Authority. Registration for **Adults and Children 11 and over is \$25** and includes a Sport Tech T-Shirt. The fee for **children 10 and younger is \$8** and includes a T-Shirt and *Miles for Moms* punch card. Children can get their card punched along the route and receive a prize upon crossing the finish line! **Hurry and register now!** April 26 is the last day to register and guarantee receipt of your T-Shirt. [Learn more,](#) then join us.

The Room is Almost Full!

Over 100 tables have been secured for the Foundation's **May 9, Nourish Every Mind Benefit Luncheon.** If you plan to attend, but have not yet made your reservation, please do so today by contacting Cathia Geller, cathia@cathiageller.com. **Everyone is welcome and there are no tickets to purchase in advance.** Thanks to our fantastic Table Captains for filling the house!

PARENT EDUCATION

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	CLASS	CONTACT
5/20	11:30am-1:30pm	Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, EX3	Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group	Cherry O'Neill dwo-mci@msn.com or 206-550-3809 cell
5/20	7:00pm-9:00pm	Boys & Girls Club Teen Center, EX3	Sammamish Plateau Parents Networking Group	Cherry O'Neill dwo-mci@msn.com or 206-550-3809 cell



- A special thank you to **Nga Selbig** and **Stephanie Scott** for organizing our Cascade Ridge Talent Show for the second year in a row! The event was a huge success and we loved seeing so many students SHINE on stage!
- An artistic *Thank You* to **Jackie Mueller, Alesia Romero, and Tamra Kaufman** for chairing last month's Fine Arts Night at Cascade Ridge. The lovely evening highlighted and celebrated beautiful art created by our students, as well as art by Northwest artists. Many thanks for all your hard work, ladies! And thank you to all of the volunteers, as well!
- **THANK YOU** to our fearless Eager Reader chairs, **Lauri Kinnan and Neena Rana!** It takes plenty of dedication and legwork to coordinate and lead this valuable program, and Laurie and Neena did a fabulous job. And thank you to the Cascade Ridge staff for their support! Special Kudos go out to all of the Eager Reader classroom representatives! These individuals were the face of the program, presenting the online system to their respective classes, generating excitement around the various prizes and classroom incentives, distributing the prizes each week, sending out reminders to parents to approve minutes and following up with any issues. The program could not occur without all of their support and they all put in so much time to ensure the success of the program! Thank you so much!