



# Coyote Howler

— NEW —  
**ONLINE DIRECTORY IS HERE!**



We are excited to announce the release of a new feature to our school website. Our online directory is live and ready for use at [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org). After logging into your website account, simply click on the "Online Directory" link on the left navigation bar and you can search by name for parents and/or students at Cascade Ridge. **Note that this feature is only available to authorized website users who have an account at [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org).**

By default, if you are included in the school's printed directory, then all of the information you have previously submitted to the PTSA website will be available to online directory users. This information includes your name, address, phone number(s) and email address as well as the names of any children at Cascade Ridge, their grade and their teacher's name. You can choose to hide information about yourself by looking up your own name in the directory, and then clicking on the button next to the field that you want to hide. Once hidden, this information will not be visible to other users when they perform a search.

## Calendar of Events

### March:

- 5:** Kindergarten Registration 2014-15, 1:30p  
2nd Grade Concert, 6:45pm
- 7:** Parent Play Day  
Popcorn Friday
- 10:** Site Council, 3:30p
- 11:** FDK Paperwork due by 4p to enter Lottery
- 12:** FDK Lottery, 1p
- 14:** Report Cards go home
- 19:** Dismissal Time Change
- 27:** Science Fair, 6p

### April:

- 4:** Parent Play Day  
Popcorn Friday
- 7-11:** Spring Break
- 17:** Fine Art Night, 6p
- 18:** Coffee with Principal/PTSA General Membership Mtg, 8:30a
- 24-25:** Talent Show, 6p

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# SAVE THE DATE



## Parent Play Day

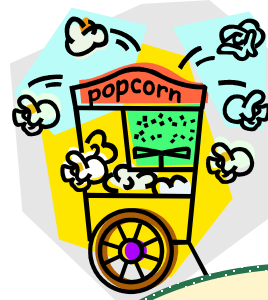
Join your student(s) on the playground throughout the school year for Parent Play Day! Dads, Moms and other special guests are invited to join us for recess on the first Friday of each month. Visitors must first sign in at the table in the front lobby to get a visitor's badge prior to joining your students outside to PLAY!

Recess times as follows:

First & Second Grade	10:55-11:20
Third & Fourth Grade	11:20-11:45
Kindergarten	11:45-12:10
Fifth Grade & Science Tech.	11:50-12:15

Future play days are:

March 7 / April 4 / May 2 / June 6



## POPCORN FRIDAY

First Friday of every month  
2<sup>nd</sup> Recess

Free hot buttered popcorn!

## Kindergarten Registration for the 2014-2015 School Year



Do you have a student or know of a neighbor who will be turning 5 years old by August 31<sup>st</sup> 2014? Please mark your calendars and tell your neighbors that it is time to register for Kindergarten for the 2014-2015 school year!

- March 5<sup>th</sup> - Registration from 1:30pm–6:00pm
- March 11<sup>th</sup> - To be included in FDK Lottery all registration forms due by 4:00pm
- March 12<sup>th</sup> - FDK Lottery at 1:00pm in the Library

Please visit our district website for registration information:

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/roundup.aspx>

## YEARBOOK DEADLINE



Have you ordered your yearbook yet? You can go online, <http://cascaderidgepts.org/page/yearbook/verify>, to check if you've placed an order.

If you haven't, visit <http://cascaderidgepts.org> to order one now! Deadline is **March 10, 2014**.

**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 Stefanie Magnuson at [stef.mag@hotmail.com](mailto:stef.mag@hotmail.com) or Melanie Carbon at [melcarbon24@yahoo.com](mailto:melcarbon24@yahoo.com).

# PROGRAMS

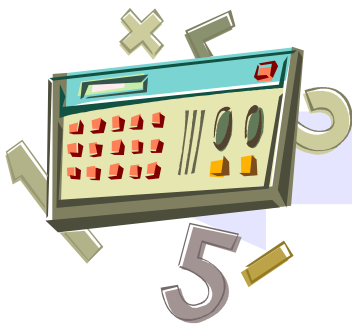
## NEW SPRING PROGRAMS - REGISTRATION

Registration for the Spring session of our afterschool programs will be open from March 7 through March 14. This session includes...

- TechnoIMAGE (featuring PhotoFilter), a digital image editing software where students create cool effects like 'pop art' (think Andy Warhol ), duotone and more!
- Pre-Engineering with Lego® from Play-Well Technologies
- Drama from KidStage!
- SCRATCH coding

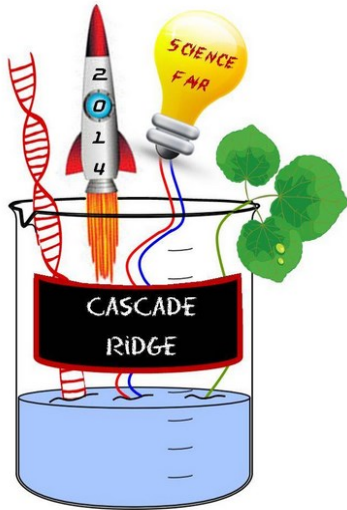
For all Spring Program information and to pre-register, visit <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/page/programs/spring2014>

Printed flyers are also available in the main foyer on the PTSA table just outside the office. Please note that our before/after school programs are expected to be extremely popular and as a result, we will pre-register students **starting at 9am on Friday, March 7 and closing Friday, March 14 at 3pm**. Once you have pre-registered, participants' names will be drawn at random and you will be notified of your child's status soon after. If your child is selected to attend, you will be given directions on how to complete registration and pay for the class. While this is an 'extra' step in the process, it ensures that each student has an equal opportunity for each program.



Thank you to Math Club coaches Rajeev Goel, Alan Cooper, Francis Cheung, Jyothish Nair, Sumit Bhatia, Sravani Cheeti, Anamika Malhotra and Linda Warner for their continued weekly dedication to our 74 Math Club students. Thank you to CRE PTSA for supporting Math Club. We have a record number of 13 teams participating in Seattle Math Olympiad competition in Spring.

# PROGRAMS CONT.



## Science Fair

Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 – 8:00 PM

The Cascade Ridge 2014 Science Fair is right around the corner! There will be hundreds of great student experiments and many hands-on activities from doctors to rockets and reptiles to DNA. We will also have hot slices of pizza to purchase, lots of sweet treats, scientific 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 14<sup>th</sup>** so be sure to go online at [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org) to register, order a colorful project display board and find all kinds of 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) please sign-up when registering your student for the Science Fair or contact [sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org).

Lastly, we would love to have pictures of your student in action to be displayed during the Science Fair. Please submit pictures of your student working on their Science Fair project to [sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org) by March 14<sup>th</sup>.

### 2014 Science Fair – Call for Exhibitors!

Cascade Ridge is gearing up for this year's Science Fair on March 27<sup>th</sup> from 6-8pm. In addition to the 200+ student project exhibits, we are hoping to bring in some new exhibits from our community! Do you have a scientific skill that you could share with the kids in an interactive exhibit? Or a cool gizmo that the kids could observe or explore? If so, please email [ScienceFair@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:ScienceFair@cascaderidgeptsa.org). We would love to set you up with your own exhibitors table. We need your help! Thank you!

# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

## Students and Volunteers made 2014 Spelling Bee a Wonderful Success!

The first week of February was a whirlwind of excitement as over 180 Cascade Ridge students took center stage and brilliantly spelled words like *duplicity* and *vivacious*. We're so proud of each of you!

As part of the Scripps' National Spelling Bee program, Lana Buragohain, the winner of the 5th grade Spelling Bee, will be representing Cascade Ridge at the Seattle Regional Bee taking place on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Town Hall, Seattle. Everyone is welcome to attend and cheer her on! Jane Huber is our alternate representative. The lucky winners of our drawing for a free one-year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica Kids were Evan Neufeld and Yufei Li. Congratulations to all.



Additional thanks to Anamika Malhotra, William Chen, Neena Rana, Prasanna Kattunga, Nathalie Fusaro, Kimberlee Hansen, Ramya Krishna, Shannon Romanski, Brent Hixon, Thomas Panicker, Nancy Trapp-Chen and current and past students Anjali Goel, Jane Huber, Spencer Mundel, Arnuv Peri and Vibhav Peri for their help volunteering during the spelling bees! A special thanks to Natalie Fowler for joining us to pronounce the 5<sup>th</sup> grade bee and to Rajeev Goel and Kelly Huber for their help throughout the planning and event evenings.

Congratulations go to the following grade level spelling bee winners:

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Kindergarten</b> <b>Winning word: “doctor”</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - Varnika Dokka 2<sup>nd</sup> - David Negroiu 3<sup>rd</sup> (tie) - Krishna Ilavelan Yohanis Mannegerew</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1<sup>st</sup> Grade</b> <b>Winning word: “yonder”</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - Ethan Go 2<sup>nd</sup> - Dhruv Thaker 3<sup>rd</sup> - Navya Vijay</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade</b> <b>Winning word: “intact”</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - Lauren Kwak 2<sup>nd</sup> - Iris Xu 3<sup>rd</sup> - Haolin Cong</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade</b> <b>Winning word: “hammock”</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - Justin Park 2<sup>nd</sup> - Abigail Damm 3<sup>rd</sup> - Aditya Rana</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>4th Grade</b> <b>Winning word: “humidify”</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - Shananda Varanavi Dokka 2<sup>nd</sup> - Mariam Desouky 3<sup>rd</sup> - Pravir Goosari</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>5th Grade</b> <b>Winning word: “periodical”</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> - Lana Buragohain 2<sup>nd</sup> - Jane Huber 3<sup>rd</sup> - Thevina Vaishnavi Dokka</p>

# FUNDRAISING



As the days begin to get sunnier don't forget to get your Brown Bear car wash tickets from the fundraising team. 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). You can purchase tickets by emailing Nathalie Fusaro [nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com](mailto:nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com) or Joelle Riley [joellemriley@gmail.com](mailto:joellemriley@gmail.com) with the number of tickets you would like, your student's name and student's teacher. Then simply deposit a check in the black PTSA box located in the CRE lobby and we will send your tickets home with your student.



## "A Night With the Stars"

### Cascade Ridge's First Fine Arts Night *and* Auction!

Please join us April 17<sup>th</sup> at 6 P.M., when our own Cascade Ridge students star alongside the masters in the first-ever Fine Arts Night and Silent Auction: "A Night With the Stars!"

As in years past, you can see your child's art on display, meet local artists, and create some works of your own. New happenings this year include dinner that will take you to an Italian bistro right in our very own Cafe, and we are also very excited to host our first-ever art auction! With guidance from



their art docents, each classroom is creating a masterpiece for this event that will be auctioned off to the highest bidder that evening. Proceeds will benefit our PTSA's Art Docent program, which helps keep our kids' creative juices flowing!

More details are coming soon. If interested in volunteering, please contact Jackie Mueller [jackie.mueller1@comcast.net](mailto:jackie.mueller1@comcast.net) or Natalie Fusaro [nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com](mailto:nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com). Thank you for your continued support of the arts at Cascade Ridge and we look forward to seeing you April 17<sup>th</sup>!



# VOLUNTEERS

## Volunteer Opportunity for 2014-2015 School Year - New Art Docent Chair Needed!

Do you like art and love working with people? If so, then we need you! The PTSA is seeking a new Art Docent Chair (or Chairs) for the 2014-15 school year. Ideally, next year's person would shadow the current chair for the remainder of the school year, to see how the program runs and determine any possible changes they may make to next year's program. There is already a support person and kiln room help in place for next year; we just need that special someone to take the lead! It is a very fun program and comes with a great group of volunteers! If you are the person who would love to help grow our art program even more at Cascade Ridge, please contact [jackie.mueller1@comcast.net](mailto:jackie.mueller1@comcast.net) or [erinmchapman@gmail.com](mailto:erinmchapman@gmail.com). Thank you!

## Dinner Help Needed for Fine Arts Night

The PTSA needs 10 to 15 volunteers for the Fine Arts Night Dinner, Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 9 P.M. Duties include helping out in the kitchen, serving dinner, and general set-up and take-down. Please contact [nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com](mailto:nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com) for more information. Thank you!

## Volunteer Thank Yous



Thank you to Cascade Ridge bakers **Sara Manning and Nicole Montgomery!** They whipped up delicious muffins and cupcakes for the recent Coffee and Cake Social, which were enjoyed by all.

Thank you to **Ann Brooks and Angie Lukens** for representing the PTSA so well at the new parent information night for incoming Kindergartners!

Thank you to **Chris Burton**, our Issaquah School District Director of Labor Relations, for attending our February 10th Site Council meeting to speak about ISD's policies around bullying.

Thank you, thank you, thank you to our Popcorn Friday Volunteers for February -- to **Diane Pattillo, Kathy Boll, Lauri Kinnan, Michelle Lyman, Shannon Romanski, and Stefanie Magnuson!**

# COMMUNITY



**CONGRATULATIONS** to our 2014 Classroom Enrichment Grant winners! Sixteen teachers from across the District learned of their awards with surprise visits from the Foundation's Balloon Brigade on Friday, February 28. Books and instructional resources were in high demand with grants awarded for leveled books for kindergarteners, author visits, and applications to help low vision readers. Other winning proposals include "Investigating the Micro-World We Live In" at Maywood Middle School, "Writing with iPads" at Maple Hills and Greek and Latin class materials at Pacific Cascade Middle School. [See the complete list of winners here.](#)

### ***Nourish Every Mind Breakfast Draws Local Celebrity***

We're thrilled to announce that Molly Shen, KOMO 4 news anchor and Issaquah School District parent will emcee our inaugural ***Nourish Every Mind*** Breakfast. The Breakfast, like the Luncheon, will feature inspirational speakers, interactive teacher displays and evidence of the impact donor dollars have on our schools. The only difference? ...a slightly abbreviated program and early start time.

Please Save-the-Date and plan to join us for the ***Nourish Every Mind*** Luncheon on **Thursday, May 8** or **Breakfast on Wednesday, May 14**. Proceeds will be used to fund programs and initiatives that benefit every Issaquah School District student. [Contact Cathia Geller, \*Nourish Every Mind\* Chair](#), for more information. Want to do more? Learn how to become a [Table Captain](#) or [Nourish Every Mind sponsor](#).

### ***Witness Writing Wizardry***

This year, Foundation donors underwrote the cost of professional development for the District's new elementary Writing Curriculum. Last month we had the opportunity to watch author and consultant Matt Glover in action. To say we were impressed would be an understatement.



We invite you to experience the Matt effect at "An Evening with Matt Glover" on **Tuesday, March 18 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm** at the **District Administration Building**. Matt will discuss how to instill a love of writing in your child and leave you with tips on how to best help your child flourish. The workshop is free and open to all elementary parents.

### ***Did You Know?***

During the 2012-2013 year, 872 volunteers contributed 32,746 hours to the Foundation. That's an in-kind donation of nearly \$500,000. If you'd like to learn about our many volunteer opportunities, please contact Robin Callahan, [rcallahan@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org](mailto:rcallahan@issaquahschoolsfoundation.org). Thank you!



# SITE COUNCIL

## Site Council Re-Cap and Bullying Resources



On Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the Cascade Ridge Site Council welcomed Chris Burton, Director of Labor Relations for the Issaquah School District, to speak about ISD's policies on bullying. Chris shared how he trains staff throughout the district on identifying bullying as well as intervention and prevention strategies. Staff throughout ISD take bullying very seriously and are well-trained to follow specific steps to resolve bullying situations in compliance with district policy and Washington State Law.

Chris maintains the Issaquah School District webpage on Bullying: Resources and Reporting and updates it every few months. He encourages families to visit the [webpage](#) for further information and resources on bullying and the districts policies. Chris shared this basic definition of what bullying is...

**QUESTION:** What is bullying? How do we define it?

**ANSWER:** Bullying is... when a student or students are being exposed, repeatedly and over time, to negative actions on the part of one or more students. Bullying exists when... there is intentional harm-doing, where a negative action is repeated over time; and there is an imbalance of power.

Harassment, intimidation or bullying is an intentional electronic, written, verbal, or physical act that:

- Physically harms a student or damages the student's property.
- Has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's education.
- Is so severe, persistent, or pervasive that it creates an intimidating or threatening educational environment.
- Has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of the school.

In addition to Chris's information and resources, our Cascade Ridge school counselor, Meredith Osborne updates her Connect website regularly and provides a variety of bullying resources including the link to the presentation that was shared with students at the Bullying assembly in February. All of Meredith's resource documents can be found on her [website](#).