



COYOTE HOWLER

January Events

January 6th: Parent Play Day;
Coyote Wear Day; Popcorn
Friday

January 9th: Eager Reader
Starts

January 12th: Class Picture
Day

January 12th: General
Membership Meeting at 6:15p

January 12th: Parent Ed at
7:00p

January 16th: No School

January 18th & 19th: Talent
Show Rehearsals at 5:30p

January 25th: Talent Show at
5:30p

January 30th: No School

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy 2017! I hope you enjoyed a wonderful holiday celebrating and relaxing with family and friends. We have some great events coming up this month, there is sure to be something for everyone!

We have our second General Membership meeting of the year. In our spring survey many of you said an evening meeting works better in your schedules so mark your calendar for January 12th at 6:15pm. We will start right away and our meeting will conclude at 7:00pm just in time for a great Parent Ed opportunity.

Eager Reader is starting this month. Time to crack open all those great books you received over the holidays. Be on the look out for more information about this program coming home in your child's backpack and get ready to help your class win!

We have amazing talent at Cascade Ridge and it will be on display at our annual talent show on January 25th.

Calling all volunteers! We are in need of volunteers for our winter/spring programs. Please check out our website at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org> and click on the Volunteers button on the left side.

Get ready for some fun in January and I look forward to seeing you around Cascade Ridge!

Jaime Foreman

Cascade Ridge PTSA President

EAGER READER

Eager Reader begins January 9 so have those books ready to read! The program will run for 4 weeks. Information packets will be going home the first week of January so check those folders and backpacks!



What is Eager Reader?

The Eager Reader Program is a voluntary reading program sponsored by the PTSA. It is designed to encourage students to read for their enjoyment outside of school. By giving away prizes along the way, students and parents will both have a fun incentive to participate and connect through the shared pleasure of reading. To earn prizes, LRC I, II, and K-2nd grade students must read or be read to for 120 minutes each week, and 3rd-5th grade students must read 180 minutes each week.

HOLIDAY GIFT BARN THANK YOU

Thanks so much to everyone that participated in donating to the Holiday Gift Barn! We filled up 2 and ½ SUV's of stuff and it took up pretty much the whole foyer at school! What a blessing your donations were to the families that were able to "Shop" at the Holiday Gift Barn for their families.

A great big thank you to the classroom Holiday Gift

Barn reps: Jean Zhou, Tiffany Parker, Claire Raphael, Jeanna Schmidt, Amy Passalacqua, Dakota Krueger, Beth Robertson, Kayoko Stone, Andrea Reeder, Angela Fischer, Sandra Vanderzee, Lara Buis, Sandy McNees, Jen Rohleder, Jeanna Schmidt, Jackie Mueller, Ana Malloy, Jin Hong, Ajita Krishnan, Elana Clayton, Mi Kim, Ann Brooks, Linda Schnell, and Shazia Alvi. They talked to all the

kids about the program, brought in a collection bin, monitored donations, and collected them all from the classrooms. The collections wouldn't have been as successful without all their hard work!



A special thank you to Stacie Lacina, Dafna Tarlowe, and Lara Buis for loading up all the collections in their vehicles and driving the donations down to the Pickering Barn! And another thank you to Dafna Tarlowe for keeping all the communication running smoothly! Cascade Ridge is such a generous school!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Cascade Ridge families, we need your help! Planning for winter/spring events is underway and we are actively looking for volunteers. Want to help? It's easy! Simply go to: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Home>, and click on the "Volunteers Needed" icon in the left sidebar. We appreciate any time you can give!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight Stacie Lacina as our **January Volunteer of the Month!**

We are grateful for all the times Stacie has turned up to support our various PTSA activities - in particular this year's Holiday Gift Barn. Stacie is one of the people we count on to lend a hand where it is needed.

Thank you Stacie for all you do for Cascade Ridge. We are lucky to have you in the community.



TALENT SHOW

The 2017 Cascade Ridge Talent Show is one night only!

Please join us on Wednesday, January 25th for a night of entertainment!

Act One 5:30-6:30PM

Intermission

Act Two 7:00-8:00PM.

Calling all Cascade Ridge Performers grades K-5, the stage is waiting for YOU! Space is limited this year, there are 15 spots per Act so don't wait, sign up today. Can you sing, dance, or play an instrument? How about magic, or ball tricks, maybe some extreme hula-hooping or double-dutch jump roping is where you shine! Show us your talent and creativity, we can't wait!

New this year we are looking for **two 5th grade student MC's** to help keep our program flowing. Talent Show Committee Chairs will work with these students to create a script. If your child is interested they will need to sign up by selecting MC for their performance category. We are also looking for several **student comedians from all grade levels**. If your child would like to be on stage telling jokes while the stage is being reset please sign up by selecting student comedian as your performance category. These students will be responsible for coming up with their own jokes. The MC's and the comedians will need to be at a one rehearsal.

We are also looking for a few performers outside of Cascade Ridge to perform during the intermission. These could be teachers, parents, CRE alumni or other specialty performers from the community. If you or someone you know may be interested in this opportunity please contact Angela Fischer at afischer515@yahoo.com for more details.

Registration opens on December 1, 2016 and will close once all spots are full or on **January 11, 2017**. Register by visiting the PTSA website, <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Home> . Please note all performers will be required to attend a dress rehearsal. Upon registration you will be prompted to select your rehearsal date, only one rehearsal is needed unless the student would like to attend both nights.

For questions contact Angela Fischer (afischer515@yahoo.com).

PARENT ED CORNER

Ah yes, the birds and bees talk....do you dread it? Does it cause anxiety? Not sure where and when to start? We are so fortunate to have parenting expert Amy Lang from Birds + Bees + Kids coming to our own Cascade Ridge for an amazing night of advice and discussion. You won't want to miss it! Here are the details:

Thursday, January 12th at 7pm (directly following the PTSA meeting) in the Coyote Café. Go to <http://parentwiser.org/events> to register (it's FREE)! Bring friends and walk-ins are welcome! This is open to all of Issaquah School District so we are hoping for a full house!!!!

Also coming up, Jan 17th Teen Kindness Advocate, Houston Kraft speaks to parents 6:30-7:30pm at Issaquah Middle School on what young people today NEED to be successful and kind. For parents of grades 6-12.

Don't miss this great events!

FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT

The second PTSA Family Movie night will be here before you know it. Mark your calendar for our showing of *The Secret Life of Pets* in the Coyote Café the evening of Friday, February 3rd. More details coming soon. Contact Melanie Kusmik with questions mkusmik@gmail.com



CASCADE RIDGE PTSA: WE'RE ONLINE, ALL THE TIME!

Did you know you can have school and PTSA events automatically added and updated into your calendar app of choice? Checkout the details at: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Event/ViewElsewhere> (you'll need to be logged into your PTSA account.)

Another way to stay connected: "Like" us on [Facebook](#)! Get the most up to date information on all upcoming school and PTSA events, Spirit Days, late-breaking news and everything else relevant to our school community right in your news feed. If you like our page already but aren't seeing our news on your feed, make sure to check our page every Monday for new posts. Don't forget to tell your Cascade Ridge friends to like us too!



CALENDAR UPDATE

In an effort to ensure the school-year calendar is always current, we will not be printing it in the monthly Howler. You can always find the most up to date information on the PTSA Web site at: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Event/MonthCalendar>



COME OUT AND PLAY!

Don't forget to join your student(s) on the playground throughout the school year! On the first Friday of each month, we invite all Dads (Moms, grandparents or other special guests too) to join us on the playground during recess. The kids love to see their loved ones during the school day. Visitors sign in at the front office, get a visitor's badge and then join your student outside for recess! Please remember to get your [Washington State Patrol Form](#) filled out. This must be turned in before you can attend a play date! Forms can be found in the office or online on the school website under Quick Links. A new one needs to be filled out every year. Upcoming dates are...

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January 6th

BROWN BEAR CARWASH

Order now!

Order your Brown Bear Car Wash tickets today! 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 \$8.00).

PTSA Website:

Now you can order your car wash tickets from the PTSA website with an option to pay via credit card or check. The tickets will be delivered to your child through their classroom, within a few days after payment is received.

We have 4 packages available online:

1 for \$5

4 for \$20

10 for \$50

20 for \$100

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

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CASCADE RIDGE PTSA!!



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Collecting and turning in box tops is an easy way for you to help earn money for Cascade Ridge PTSA. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$1,000 again this year. Start collecting your box tops today and keep an eye out for turn-in dates and class competition details.

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