



COYOTE HOWLER

September Events

September 5th: Meet the Teacher at 9:30a

September 5th: Popsicle Social at 10:00a

September 5th: New Family Play Date at 10:00a

September 5th: Kindergarten Curriculum Night at 6:30p

September 6th: First Day of School at 9:10a

September 11th: Tears & Cheers for Kindergarten Parents at 9:10a

September 11th: First Day of Kindergarten at 9:10a

September 14th: Curriculum Night at 6:00p

September 15th: Talk with Tia at 9:15a

September 26th: Picture Day

September 28th: Color Run at 4:30p

President's Letter

Welcome back Cascade Ridge families! I hope your summer was filled with rest, relaxation and creating many family memories in our gorgeous Seattle sunshine.

The September edition of the Coyote Howler includes great information to help you navigate the often chaotic (but fun!) month of September. For new families, the Coyote Howler is the PTSA's monthly newsletter that details upcoming PTSA activities, volunteer opportunities and other relevant information.

I want to take a moment and remind you of all the great ways PTSA communicates with you, our Cascade Ridge Families. Our website is a great resource. Check us out at cascaderidgeptsa.org for volunteer opportunities, our calendar, and information about upcoming events. Speaking of volunteers, all of our great programs can't happen without you, our amazing community! There are ways, big and small, that you can help continue to make Cascade Ridge an amazing place for our children. Take a moment to go to the website and check out different ways you can volunteer.

Please also take a minute to "like" us on Facebook at Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA. This is a great resource for up-to-date information.

Be on the lookout for information about our fall fundraiser, the Coyote Color Run that will take place on Thursday, September 28th. This is our main fundraiser for the year and there are lots of ways for you to help.

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the school year, especially at Curriculum Night on September 14th. Please contact me with any questions, comments or feedback!

Welcome Back Coyotes!

Jaime Foreman,

jaimeforeman@comcast.net

PTSA Leadership

Our PTSA leadership team has been working hard this summer planning programs and events to benefit our school community. If you have a question, idea, compliment or concern, feel free to contact anyone on the team.

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SAVE THE DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 4:30 – 6:30 PM**GET READY TO RUN WITH THE PACK!**

Your PTSA has been preparing for our annual Walk-a-thon (dubbed 'Coyote Color Run' for 2017) and Silent Auction Fundraiser scheduled for Thursday September 28th. This fundraising event is very important to us. It is our one and only fundraising event each year, and it will provide our students with the opportunity to have various enrichment programs, events and activities that would otherwise be impossible.



Show Your Spirit! We will be having Spirit Days on Wednesdays in September to build excitement among the students;

September 13 – Color Day (wear color by grade; K-red, 1st-orange, 2nd-yellow, 3rd-green, 4th-blue, 5th-purple)

September 20 – Favorite Team, Sport, or Activity Day (soccer, ballet, karate – whatever YOU like to do)

September 27 – Crazy Day (crazy hats, socks, hair, mismatch — anything goes!)

Donate! We can't do this alone — we need your help! Keep an eye out for information on volunteering, donating silent auction items, and raising funds for the events and programs the PTSA has planned for the 2017-18 school year. Donation packets will be coming home with your students soon!

Celebrate! Join in the fun as we kick off the year with the COYOTE COLOR RUN and community event! Bring the family and meet other Cascade Ridge families. Enjoy the walking course, carnival games, cakewalk, concessions and more. Maybe even win something at the Silent Auction! This is the final event for our major fundraiser and we want you to celebrate with us!

Questions? Contact Angela Fischer (afischer515@yahoo.com) or Holly Briscoe (hcrace@gmail.com)

If you have an item, service or property that you would like to donate to the auction, or know someone that would, please contact Lara Buis (lararobin@yahoo.com). Your generous donations are greatly appreciated, and tax deductible!

Cake Walk

Cascade Ridge PTSA will be hosting a Cake Walk at this year's Color Run fundraiser and we need your beautiful baked goods to help make it a success. If you or someone you know enjoys baking, please consider making a donation of a full cake, or 1 dozen cupcakes, cookies, or cake pops to be used at this fun family event. All donations will be collected the morning of Thursday, September 28th. Please contact Sandy McNees at sandy_mcnees@hotmail.com if you have any questions or would like to donate.



Tears & Cheers for Kindergarten

September 11th at 9:15a

Parents of incoming kindergarten students, whether you feel like tearing-up or cheering loud, please join us for coffee and conversation in the cafeteria. Meet & connect with other kindergarten parents on this special day.

Questions? Please contact AJ Henderson @ henderson0928@outlook.com

Brown Bear Car Wash

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>

Please direct any questions to nicbrenner@yahoo.com and THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CASCADE RIDGE PTSA!!

Enrichment

Cascade Ridge PTSA sponsors a variety of fun and engaging programs throughout the school year to enhance the learning environment. These programs provide meaningful opportunities for our students to learn new skills, strengthen existing skills and try new things.

There are many opportunities to participate in and volunteer for each of these programs. Whether big or small, one time or ongoing – our programs only happen with volunteer support.

For more information, please visit www.cascaderidgeptsa.org and click on the “Enrichment Programs” icon (**available soon**) or contact Darlene Baker and Viji Vasu at EnrichmentPrograms@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Keep checking the PTSA website and newsletters for more information!

Reflections

Start your imagination! ‘Reflections’ is a national, cultural arts competition where students create their own original works in one of the following categories: literature, music composition, photography, visual arts, film/video, dance/choreography. The theme for 2017-2018 is ‘Within Reach’. Deadline for submissions is October 23.

Eager Reader

Eager Reader is a voluntary reading incentive program, designed to foster a love of books and reading. Students read outside of school to earn weekly prizes. Each minute spent reading counts toward both individual and class totals for earning fun prizes. Eager Reader will start on January 8th and continue for four weeks.

Art Docent

Led by parent volunteers in each classroom, the Art Docent program teaches students about famous artists, works of art, artistic concepts and techniques. Students participate in hands-on art projects in class once per month. Look for your student to bring home exciting works of art!

Math Club

Love numbers, fractions and percentages? Math Club is for you! 4th and 5th graders interested in honing their math skills are invited to join the Cascade Ridge Math Club. Our talented mathematicians meet once a week before school and participate in a regional Math Olympiad in the spring. Watch for an informational meeting in September.

Holiday Gift Barn Collection

Holiday Gift Barn is operated by the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. Collection boxes for gifts and groceries are placed in each classroom during the holiday season for optional donations. Each classroom needs a parent-volunteer coordinator and is assigned a category (for example – pajamas or art supplies). Families are asked to participate by donating items. Be a part of something great in helping your community! Donation collection runs from November 27 to December 1 and culminates in a caravan delivery to the Issaquah Food Bank.

Art Walk

The Art Walk will return in 2018 ! This family-friendly event allows students to showcase the artwork they have been creating all year long in a fun and lively way. The halls of Cascade Ridge will come alive with color, creation and artistry. Join us on May 15, 6-8 pm.

Science Fair

The Science Fair is always a much-anticipated and fun event. It allows students to explore and experiment with a topic of their choice. Students work on their project at home and proudly display their work at the Fair. Demonstrations of science in action are also at the event. Join all our budding scientists on March 22, 6-8 pm for a spectacular scientific show!

Engineering Night

Last year Cascade Ridge hosted its first ever Engineering Night. It was a great success and will be returning this year on February 27. Come learn engineering principles and dynamics in designing, building, and re-engineering, among many more exciting topics!

Spelling Bee

The Spelling Bee is always a wildly popular event at Cascade Ridge. It will be held February 5, 6 and 8. This is a great way to help students improve their spelling and increase their vocabulary in a fun and supportive environment. Students will study at home and then compete in the Bee.

Geography Bee

The Cascade Ridge Geography Bee has returned! The Bee will be held on December 12. Look for more details in future Howler editions!

Before and After School Classes

The PTSA has secured several vendors to offer specialty classes to our students before and after school. These classes provide a great opportunity to further enhance learning and fun. Fall 2017 classes include: Drawing and Art, Debate and Public Speaking, Spanish, Yoga, Robotics, and Game Design and Coding. Please visit the PTSA website and click on Enrichment Programs for class description, pricing and registration. The deadline to register is September 30 and classes begin in early October!

Spirit Wear

Starting in October, every Wednesday at Cascade Ridge is school Spirit Day! Help your child show their Coyote pride by ordering Coyote Spirit Wear. We offer a variety of items and styles in both youth and adult. Items are available for purchase on the website until **September 29th**. Each purchase raises funds for the PTSA and supports programs and events at Cascade Ridge. Just follow the link <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Home> and click on the Spirit Day Gear icon on the top left.

Thank you for supporting our school!

Talk With Tia

Start this school year off informed and involved! Please join Principal Tia Kleinkopf in the Coyote Cafe for conversation and coffee on Friday, September 15th at 9:15am. This is the first of two "Talk with Tia" coffee dates where she will be sharing what is happening at Cascade Ridge this school year.

Volunteer Opportunities

Cascade Ridge PTSA does many things for our school community throughout the year, but cannot do so without YOUR HELP! Volunteering is a great way to connect with our CRE Community and be an important part of the student experience. Please consider one of the following positions:

Directory Chair Needed – Do your students love planning playdates, but you don't want them using your contact list on your cell phone? This job is for you! Using information gathered from the main office, you will format the school directory, send it to the printer and distribute it to students. This will be done in October/November and work is done from home. If interested, please contact Swati Jain swatijainshah@yahoo.com.

Parent Education Chair Needed – Are you interested in learning how to parent your students in today's world? This position distributes information about district wide parent education opportunities. You also write a monthly Parent Education article for the Howler sharing information parents are interested in. This is a job that is done from home. If interested, please contact Swati Jain swatijainshah@yahoo.com.

Passive Fundraising Chair Needed - This person will seek out and plan opportunities for the school community to raise funds for Cascade Ridge. For example, the Glassybaby sale during Science Fair, Community Dine Arounds, AmazonSmile, etc. These types of fundraisers give back a percentage of sales earned during the events. You will work with the PTSA VP of Fundraising. If interested, please contact Angela Fischer afischer515@yahoo.com.

Reflections Chair Needed - Reflections is a national, cultural arts competition where students create their own original works in one of the following categories: literature, music composition, photography, visual arts, film/video, dance/choreography. Without a chair, this well-loved event cannot happen. Please consider volunteering today! If you have any questions, please contact EnrichmentPrograms@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Coyote Art Walk Chair Needed - Work with our art docent volunteers to plan our fun and family-friendly Coyote Art Walk! Students will showcase their works of art. For more information, contact EnrichmentPrograms@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Science Fair Chair Needed - This event provides an important growth opportunity for students of all grades to perform experiments at home and present their results at school. There are also cool demonstrations at the fair. This is a very popular event and it cannot happen without a Chair! For more information, contact EnrichmentPrograms@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Color Run Volunteers Needed - Our biggest fundraiser is just around the corner! We need a LOT of volunteers to pull off the largest event of the year. This is a really fun way to get involved! There are plenty of volunteer slots still available, including Games & Activities and Color Sprayers, which means you get to douse your kiddo in color! Click on the Volunteer tab within Family Access to sign up!

<https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Volunteer/VolunteeringPacketPage/1>

Calling All Bakers. Sign up to be on our Baking Committee! This is a fun and easy way to volunteer. Sign ups are organized through Sign Up Genius for events throughout the year. Just sign up to bake and drop off your goodies at school in the morning. Our bake sales are always a big hit and teachers really appreciate the yummy treats they receive throughout the year! If you have any questions, please email Amy Ketcham at aketcham@me.com.

VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools) Committee Opening – This position distributes information about our upcoming levy. If interested, please contact Jaime Foreman jaimeforeman@comcast.net .

Volunteer Procedures

We are very grateful to our volunteers who give their time and their talents to the students and staff at Cascade Ridge. Please remember to get your Washington State Patrol Form filled out. **All volunteers must complete an online application.** Please complete the application as soon as possible to avoid a delay in volunteering: <https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmlplus.net/>. All new volunteers are required to attend a mandatory Volunteer Orientation. Dates will be announced soon, so please watch for those!

For the safety of our school community, all visitors and volunteers are asked to sign in at the office upon arrival and sign out when leaving. Volunteer Badges need to be worn and visible at all times. If you do not have a Volunteer Badge with your picture on it, please come to Picture Day on September 26th to have your picture taken for free.

If you have any questions about volunteering with the PTSA, please contact Stephanie Middleton at stephwamsley@gmail.com.

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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October 6th

November 3rd

December 1st

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>

