



# COYOTE HOWLER

## February Events

**February 1st:** Engineering Night at 6:30p

**February 2nd:** Parent Play Day and Popcorn Friday

**February 5th:** Spelling Bee at 5:00p

**February 6th:** Spelling Bee at 5:00p

**February 6th:** 5th Grade Camp Info Night

**February 8th:** Spelling Bee at 5:30p

**February 19th - 23rd:** No School - Mid Winter Break

## President's Letter

February is gearing up to be another busy month at Cascade Ridge!

In January, we voted in our Nominating Committee, who will find volunteers to serve on the PTSA Board and other chair positions for the 2018-19 school year. Thank you to our Nominating Committee – Paula Koransky, Stephanie Middleton, April Gregory, Pamela Kortrey, and Tiffany Parker - for tackling this responsibility. If you are interested in learning more about a position on the board or know someone who would be a good fit for a board position, please contact Paula Koransky at [paulakoransky@me.com](mailto:paulakoransky@me.com).

Engineering Night is returning to Cascade Ridge on February 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in the Café. This is a night filled with hands-on activities to promote the engineering process, critical thinking and the opportunity to play and learn as a family. We look forward to seeing you there!

The S-p-e-l-l-i-n-g B-e-e will be taking place on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> this year. Come cheer on our great Cascade Ridge spellers!

Whether you are attending or volunteering at one of our events, helping in your student's classroom or having fun at your student's Valentine's Day party, we look forward to seeing you at Cascade Ridge!

Jaime Foreman

Cascade Ridge PTSA President

## Science Fair Registration

Register to participate in the Science Fair!

All young scientists wishing to participate in this year's Science Fair must register in advance online on the [PTSA website](#). The registration deadline for K-4th graders is Monday, March 5th.

## Reflections Winners

Issaquah School District's Reflections reception was held in the first week of January. Three out of twelve entries from Cascade Ridge were chosen to advance to the next level. **Aubrey Wright, Eric You and Riya Shah's** entries will be advancing to the state level competition. Ishita Vij and Anya Goveia's entries received an honorable mention from the judges.

**Congratulations to all the winners!!**

## School Levies

The levies on the February ballot are replacement levies - replacing previous voter-approved levies that are expiring. Like a subscription, your local school levies must be renewed or the funding will be lost.

Renewal Levies: 2-Year Educational Programs & Operations Levy (EP&O); 1-Year School Bus Levy; 4-Year Capital Levy for Educational Technology and Critical Repairs

*The Issaquah School District will receive more funding from the State in 2019 and 2020, so it is LOWERING our Local School Tax rate for those years!*



# Talent Show Recap

The 2018 Cascade Ridge Talent Show was fantastic! We had 53 students come together to entertain us on January 25<sup>th</sup>. Dancers, singers, musicians, gymnastics, comedy and martial arts; it's clear our school is bursting with talent!

Thank you to our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Masters of Ceremonies Kate Gregory and Lana Klassen.

Krish Marwaha (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and Ishita Vig (4<sup>th</sup> grade) were super funny comedians, thanks for making us smile and laugh!

And a very special thank you to the students that shared their talents with us during Act 1 and Act 2 of our show.

**Kindergarteners:** Jenny Sarantopoulos, Amelia Huntley

**First Grade Students:** Nolan Reeder, Nandika Menon, Miller Weisenberger, Alvin Ye, Emily Zhang

**Second Grade Students:** Jiayi Xiong, Amatra Jagannathan, Aashna Lalla, Emma Watson, Caroline Buis, Leo Zhang, Payton Briscoe, Arnav Jagtap

**Third Grade Students:** Hanna Reeder, Ethan Nguyen, Meiling Hou, Albert Zhang, Vail Weisenberger, Lily Jones, Kendall McCandlish, Makenna McNees, Cayla Tran, Amanda Zener, Jeri Zhou, Mia Fischer, Yashveer Brar, Elena Huntley, Varun Sivakumer

**Fourth Grade Students:** Deanna Sarantopoulos, Jordan McNees, Eva Qiu, Shaan Brar, Anarghya Poliseti, Kate Buis, Lauren Chapman, Alex Lackshin, Varnika Dokka, Aditi Sivakumar, Ishir Vig, Ethan Qin

**Fifth Grade Students:** Devin Satenberg, Demi Sarantopoulos, Geethika Menon, Ananya Suthram, Eason Tang, Richard Yang, Sienna Huntley

The show could not go on without the help of our PTSA and the many volunteers who showed up to set-up, check-in performers, work back stage, sell concessions, take photos and cleanup after the show. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Thank you also to our bakers who provided delicious sweet treats for our audience. And finally, thank you to our custodian staff and Mr. Dunham and Mr. Folkman for their support as well.



# PTSA Thank You

PTSA wants to extend a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers! We could not possibly accomplish all that we do without your time and effort. Special thanks to:

- Our Talent Show Chair, Angela Fischer, and all the individuals who helped make this year's show the best one yet.
  - Parents - Jaime Foreman, Lara Buis, Sandy McNeese, Jessica Tran, Leticia Watson, Kara Huntley, Stacy Gazjuk, Fasheng Qiu, and Min Zhang
  - Middle School Students – Chloe Tsang, Audrey Zener, Elisa Parrott, Tianren Xu, Manan Vora, Samantha Tarlowe, Macen, Natalie Gazjuk, and Shoham Barak
  - Performers – Thank you to all the talented performers who participated in the show. It was a pleasure to watch!
- Our Eager Reader Chairs, Dafna Tarlowe and Tiffany Parker, and all the classroom volunteers who assisted with this year's program.
- And of course, thank you to all of you who have signed up to support all our PTSA activities and help the teachers in your children's classrooms.

*It is very important to us that we personally thank you for your volunteering efforts each month. If we have inadvertently missed a name from this list, please let Stephanie Middleton know at [stephwamsley@gmail.com](mailto:stephwamsley@gmail.com) and we will rectify in the next Howler.*

## Geography Bee Winner

Cascade Ridge is proud to announce our 2017-2018 Geography Bee Winner:

Justin Xie

Thank you to all 24 students that competed in the Geography Bee on December 12, 2017. We hope you had a wonderful experience.

**Congratulations Justin!!!**

# Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

## **Stacy Gazjuk**

as our February Volunteer of the Month!

Stacy and her family (husband, three kids, dog and bearded dragon!) moved to Sammamish from the Carolinas last May. They love exploring the PNW, with whale watching in the San Juan Islands being the highlight so far.

Stacy gives so much time to our school. She is Art Docent for two classrooms, a Box Tops rep, a Kinder math assistant, and an in-class and at-home volunteer. She also volunteered for the Book Fair and Talent Show, and helps with Popcorn Fridays and the Baking Committee!

**Thank you Stacy for all you do for Cascade Ridge!**



# Science Fair

*"Imagination is more important than knowledge." -Albert Einstein*

Cascade Ridge Science Fair:

Thursday, March 22, 2018 6:00-8:00 PM



The Cascade Ridge science fair is right around the corner and we're excited to bring you an evening celebrating the wonders of science! There will be over 200 student projects to enjoy, as well as awards for the Coolest Display and more. We have some exciting exhibits lined up, from the Pacific Science Center to Skyline's STEM and Robotics clubs. Bring the family to this great Cascade Ridge tradition and enjoy a fun filled night with pizza, scientific snacks, drinks and sweet treats for sale.

Grades K-4 registration deadline is March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Registration is open now! Visit <http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org> to register, order a colorful project display board, and find all kinds of information to help you with your experiments!

We need volunteers to pull off this great event!

Please sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities for this event:

- Set-up
- Judging (No science background necessary!)
- Concessions
- Science Fair Event Support
- Tear-down

Sign-up when registering your student for the science fair or contact [sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org).

Capture your scientist in action!

Send us photos and videos of your scientist working on their project, and we will add them to our slideshow for the evening. Please submit the pictures to [lloydraphael@hotmail.com](mailto:lloydraphael@hotmail.com) by March 16, 2018.

# Parent Ed Corner

From Parentwiser:

Visit <http://parentwiser.org> to find: current listing of parent education events, registrations, and resources across the Issaquah school district.

## Upcoming Parentwiser Events

ANGST Documentary: Raising Awareness Around Anxiety

**January 30, 2018 7:00 PM, Liberty High School**

Stress on the Rise

***How to support your child's successful development***

**February 7, 2018 7:00 PM, Issaquah High School**

Peaceful Parent, Happy Kids

***How to help children WANT to cooperate without yelling, bribes, threats or punishment***

**May 16, 2018 7:00 PM, Skyline High School**

Peaceful Parent, Happy Siblings

***How to Stop the Fighting and Raise Friends for Life***

**May 17, 2018 10:00 AM, First Stage (Kidstage) Theatre, Issaquah**

## Advocacy

Did you know? **PTA** is a powerful voice for children, a relevant resource for families, schools and communities, and an advocate for the well-being and education of all children. Locally, **The Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6** is advocate for students at both the local and state levels.

Like **The Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6** on and **Washington State PTA** on Facebook to stay updated on issues and member benefits.

## PTSA Service Award Nominations

Our wonderful Cascade Ridge community is extremely generous with volunteer time. This school year, we will have had hundreds of volunteers involved in the many events and programs sponsored by the PTSA. All that we do throughout the year would not be possible without this active involvement.

The Washington State PTSA Council honors outstanding volunteer service for children by awarding the following award(s) annually to PTSA volunteers.

### **Outstanding Advocate**

Recognizes and honors an individual for continued and dedicated service to ALL children, and a demonstrated commitment to helping create strong policies relating to the health, welfare, safety, and education of children and youth. Volunteers who try to change things for the benefit of children at a local unit (school), district, state or national level are advocates.

**Award:** The recipient receives a plaque and pin and a \$75 scholarship is given in the recipient's name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Foundation.

#### *Honorary Lifetime Membership*

An Honorary Lifetime Membership is awarded to an individual as recognition of distinguished service to children and youth. The purpose of the Honorary Lifetime Membership is to honor an individual who has made significant contributions to the development and growth of PTA local unit (school) or council.

**Award:** The recipient receives a Life Membership pin, congratulatory card, and an Honorary Life Member card.

### **Golden Acorn**

Recognizes the contributions of an individual that has gone above and beyond in their volunteer efforts at Cascade Ridge Elementary, and within our local community. Volunteers that demonstrate an outstanding personal commitment to improving the lives of children and youth through their service to the school, district, and community are awarded the Golden Acorn.

**Award:** The recipient receives a certificate and pin and a \$65 scholarship is given in the recipient's name to the Washington State PTA Financial Grant Foundation.

If you would like to nominate someone for one of these awards, please click on the survey link below. We will be accepting nominations until February 28.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CR-GA2018>

Questions : Stephanie Middleton [stephwamsley@gmail.com](mailto:stephwamsley@gmail.com)

# Box Tops for Education

Hey there everybody! It's time to get cutting and save those Box Tops! Box Tops for Education is a fun and easy way to help support Cascade Ridge! All you have to do is clip Box Tops coupons from hundreds of family products from brands like Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Juicy Juice® and more!



Our school will be sending in the Box Tops we've collected by **February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018**. Remember, our goal this year is to earn **\$1000**. You can help us reach that goal by sending in your Box Tops as soon as possible.

All classes will compete to collect the most Box Tops. The **top 3 winning classrooms will win a candy party**, and so will their teachers!!

What do YOU need to do? Simply cut those Box Tops and turn them in! That's it! Each room will have a collection box and students will simply deposit their coupons in the box. Boxes will be gathered on the deadline date for each contest to be counted.

HERE ARE A COUPLE OF TIPS TO HELP MAKE SUBMITTING BOX TOPS EASIER:

1. Bundle your Box Tops in groups of 10 or 50 using an envelope or rubber band;
2. Tape, glue or staple your Box Tops on a collection sheet – available [here](#).

**THANK YOU for supporting Cascade Ridge Elementary School!!**

## Dine Out and Parent Night Out

Join your friends from CRE community at an upcoming *Dine Out* this school year! Have a delicious dinner (without cooking) and raise money for our school in the process. Each Dine Out will give a portion of sales back to Cascade Ridge Elementary. Please mark your calendars and join us for dinner out!

**The Ram** - Dine out and support Cascade Ridge Elementary at the same time. Mention Cascade Ridge while you dine **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>**.



**Hop Jack's** - Dine out and support Cascade Ridge Elementary at the same time. Mention Cascade Ridge while you dine **Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**.



**Parents Night Out** - Karate West. Don't let your kids miss out ages 6-12 you can drop off your child for a Parent's Night Out. Kids will enjoy fun filled games and cool karate. No experience necessary 100% of the proceeds come back to Cascade Ridge. Price is \$35 for 3 hours, fun and pizza dinner. Dates 2/2, 3/9, 4/6, 5/4, 6/1. [Pre-registration online required.](#)



## 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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**February 2nd**

March 2nd

*Play date times are as follows:*

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| 11:20 - 11:45 | 1st and 4 <sup>th</sup> |
| 11:45 - 12:10 | 2nd and 3 <sup>rd</sup> |
| 12:10 - 12:35 | K and 5 <sup>th</sup>   |
| 12:15-12:40   | Science Tech            |



## 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>