



COYOTE HOWLER

June Events

June 8th: Donuts with Dads at 8:30a

June 20th: Last Day of School

President's Letter

As our year comes to a close, I hope you enjoy looking back at all the fun we had this year. From the Color Run to the Science Fair and everything in between we hope you enjoyed the many events PTSA brought you this year. Thank you for supporting PTSA and the students at Cascade Ridge!

A round of applause goes to all of our committee chairs that volunteered countless hours putting together all the events that enriched your students experience at Cascade Ridge. Without them, none of our events would happen. And to all the volunteers that helped during the events, your contributions did not go unnoticed.

I would like to give a huge SHOUT OUT to the 2017-2018 Executive Board – Sandy McNees, Lisa Righetti, AJ Henderson, Swati Jain, Angela Fischer, Holly Briscoe, Darlene Baker, Viji Vasu, Stephanie Middleton and Paula Koransky. Thank you for the many hours you have invested in Cascade Ridge! This year would not have been a success without all of your hard work.

Finally, I want to thank the Cascade Ridge community. My two years as PTSA President have come to a close and I want to thank you for all of your support, encouragement and kind words.

Have a wonderful summer creating memories with your children and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Jaime Foreman

Outgoing Cascade Ridge PTSA President

Community Relations

It has been a pleasure serving as your PTSA Community Relations VP. I have really enjoyed this position and look to continuing in this role again next year!

This year we added summer play dates and Kinder Connect to the PTSA program. I moved here a few months before my son started kindergarten at Cascade Ridge and had the opportunity to connect with a few families at a summer playdate coordinated by another mom via Nextdoor. My son and I both made a lot of great friends that day. It was such a positive experience for us, I wanted to make sure other incoming kindergarteners and new families had the same opportunity. We had an amazing turnout at both of the summer playdates we hosted last year. I hope those of you who attended had a great experience and will encourage others to attend this year. We have two summer playdates for incoming kindergarteners and new students tentatively planned already. Mark your calendars and help spread the word. We will be at the Cascade Ridge playground on July 27th at 10:30am and August 19th at 3pm.

In addition to the summer playdates, we hosted a Tears and Cheers breakfast for kindergarten parents on their first day of school, and a New Family Breakfast on the first day back to school after winter break. We had several students starting school for the first time in January. I was so happy to meet each and every one of them and their families at the breakfast! We served pastries, juice and coffee and families had the opportunity to chat, ask questions, and meet a friendly face before they ventured off to class. Keep an eye out for these events again next year, and if you know of any new families please encourage them to attend. It is our goal to make sure everyone feels welcomed at Cascade Ridge!

Some of the other events that PTSA Community Relations headed up in the 2017-2018 school year include:

- Family Movie Nights
- Talent Show
- Talks with Tia
- PTSA Socials
- Monthly Staff Appreciation Lunches
- "Super" Staff Appreciation Week
- 1st Annual Donuts with Dads (**June 8th in the Coyote Cafe from 8:30-9am**)

We will be bringing back all of these events and adding a Family Bingo Night next year! A big thank you to the Community Relations chairs who headed up these events and to all of our amazing volunteers! If you are interested in being involved with the Community Relations events please contact me at paulakoransky@me.com. We are always looking for volunteers! Have a great summer!

Dads & Donuts

It's time for our first annual Dads and Donuts event! Please join us for complimentary coffee, donuts and juice in the Coyote Cafe on June 8th from 8:30am until the students line up for class at 9:00am. All students are welcome to attend with their dad, grandpa, or special family friends. This is a great time to socialize with other kids and adults while enjoying a special treat! We hope to see you there! Please RSVP!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRE_DadsDonuts

Parent Education

Now that the *ParentWiser* speaker series has wrapped up for this school year, please tell them your thoughts so they can keep giving you more of what YOU want in parent education. Take a moment to share your input? [Just click here](#) -- thank you!

Be on the look out for *ParentWiser* events in the September Howler to learn about new programs for families in the 2018-2019 school year. Also, remember that you can watch recorded workshops by going to <http://parentwiser.org/past-events>. Happy Summer!

Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Carrie Lam

as our June Volunteer of the Month!

Carrie is our Parent Education Chair and our Room Coordinator Chair, as well as our PTSA legislative representative. She also volunteers on our Baking Committee, helped out with our Color Run and is a classroom Room Coordinator, Party Coordinator and Art Docent.

Carrie, her husband, Erich, and their two girls, Emi (Grade 3) and Kenzi (Grade 1), are Washington natives. They love to cheer on the Huskies, ski, and spend time outdoors when the sun is shining.

Thank you, Carrie, for all you do for Cascade Ridge!



Color Run Committee

Back by popular demand - Cascade Ridge will have the Color Run for our Fall Fundraiser next school year. Please consider joining the planning team so we can make this event even better than the last! Holly Briscoe, Angela Fischer and Sandy McNees will co-chair the 2018/19 Color Run. They are looking for a group of volunteers to help. As you all know, this is our only major fundraising event of the school year and all the funds raised go right back into Cascade Ridge. The committee will work closely with the co-chairs to plan and orchestrate all aspects of the event that will be held on Thursday, September 27, 2018. In order to make the Color Run a success and fun for the whole community the planning process must start over the summer. Volunteers should plan to meet as a group approximately 4 times throughout the summer beginning in early July. These are casual meetings typically held at a park so the kids can play while the meetings take place. Once school starts the committee will continue to meet more regularly as the event approaches. **WE NEED YOU** and your ideas! Please contact Angela Fischer at afischer515@yahoo.com if you are interested.

New Climbing Wall - Thank you

The new climbing wall is finally here! Thanks to you and your generous support of our 2017/18 Color Run our children are enjoying the new and improved climbing wall in the gym.



GIRLS ON THE RUN!

Congrats to our Girls On The Run team for completing the annual GOTR 5k on Sunday. Coaches Amanda Lombard, Stefanie Magnuson, and Raelyn McKnight are so proud.

Thank you to PTSA for bringing this great program to Cascade Ridge!



Open PTSA Committee Chair Positions

If you're looking for a way to get more involved at Cascade Ridge, please consider one of the following positions within PTSA. We would love to have you!!

Website co-chair

- The web admin maintains the PTSA home page and ensures the information is current.
- Key duties include responding to PTSA emails from parents, sending e-blasts as needed, creating registration pages for school events, customizing menu icons and adding volunteer positions as needed.
- This position does not require prior web experience.

Coyote Wear co-chair

- This person works as a liaison between the students/parents and the online vendor to create new selections and samples for purchase. This role promotes and sells gear during the school year at various PTSA events.

Reflections

- This program is an arts program administered by the national PTA. As chair, you will oversee implementation of this program at CRE. Responsibilities include: establishing a program timeline and promoting it through flyers/newsletters, recruiting committee members and volunteers, collecting student entries, coordinating the judging process and hosting recognition reception.

Coyote Art Walk

- The Art Walk allows students to showcase the artwork they've been creating all year long in a fun and lively way. The halls of CRE will come alive with color, creation and artistry. Activity tables are setup to allow the kids to explore different elements of art. The Art Walk Chair will coordinate and lead this event, working with the Art Docents and local vendors.

Spelling Bee co-chair

- The most fun student event! You will be co-chairing this event with an experienced Spelling Bee co-chair. New ideas are welcome! Your job will include publicizing the Bee to parents/students, ordering medals and trophies, printing participants' certificates, and recruiting volunteers to help during the event. Commitment to a 3-day event in February.

Math Club

- You do not have to be a math whiz to chair this popular before-school club. You can work from home most of the time! Responsibilities include: not teaching math , recruiting math coaches (parent teachers), reserving classroom space, organizing Fall info night, working with web admin to oversee registration, ordering club t-shirts, registering for 2 math competitions and organizing end of year party.

Popcorn Fridays

- Spread the popcorn love on Popcorn Fridays! Commitment is one day per month (first Friday) for a few hours. This position also handles ordering of popcorn supplies.

Kiln co-chair

- The Kiln co-chairs are the leads for class clay projects created within the art docent program. The co-chair will work with a partner to help review, design and create new clay projects for classes, fire the projects in the kiln and conduct art docent clay training as necessary.

For more information or position-specific questions, please contact Stephanie Middleton. stephwamsley@gmail.com

Site Council Members Needed

Are you interested in serving on Cascade Ridge's Site Council for the 2018-2019 school year? We are looking for a primary (K-2nd grade) and secondary (3rd-5th) parent representatives. Site councils are intended to foster continuous improvement of the school's educational program, blend the values and perspectives of the community, staff, and students in school-wide decisions, and foster effective communication among all stakeholders in the school. Sometimes decisions are made at Cascade Ridge that community members might wonder about or question. Site Council is a great avenue for community members to direct questions, provide feedback and have their concerns heard. Site Council consists of the Principal, Cascade Ridge Staff, a PTSA Executive Board representative and parent representatives for the CRE community. Site Council meets about 4-5 times a year. If you are interested in finding out more about Site Council please contact Amy Hayes at triluna99@yahoo.com.

Spanish Classes at Cascade Ridge Next Year

Foreign Language for Youth will be offering Spanish classes to students at Cascade Ridge Elementary beginning the week of October 15th, 2018 and ending in Spring of 2019.

Tuition for the year is \$429 (\$16.50 per 1-hour class). A \$25 Pre-registration deposit before June 30 secures your space and gives you a \$25 tuition discount.

If you are interested, please visit us at <https://www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org/find-us/>

PLEASE NOTE: While we anticipate offering this class at Cascade Ridge during the 2018-2019 school year, we cannot confirm the class prior to September 2018.

Staff Appreciation Week Recap

Thank you to everyone that participated in "Super" Staff Appreciation Week this year. In addition to the amazing notes and treats from students, the entire staff was invited to stop by "Hero Headquarters" (the staff lounge) each day for a daily dose of "Super Power" provided by the PTSA. On Monday they were surprised with a Super Charged Breakfast (yogurt bar and a new Keurig brewer for the staff lounge). Tuesday they enjoyed a Hero Sandwich Bar. Wednesday they were treated to a "Pop"corn Bar. Thursday they had Power Snacks, and on Friday they braved the

Dangerous Desserts Bar. Special thanks to the Baking Committee for providing the delicious desserts on Friday and to everyone on the Staff Appreciation Committee and PTSA Board for all of their help with set-up and clean-up each day. A huge thank you to my decorating crew too! We had an amazing display outside the front of the school and a super fun shoutout board in the Coyote Cafe. It was a great week and our Superhero teachers and staff felt very loved and appreciated!



School Supplies for 2018-19

Order your school supply boxes **now** and you can choose to hold delivery until just before school begins in September. Check an item off your to-do list and don't think about it again!

New this year - order before June 20th and save \$\$\$! Prices go up on June 21st so don't delay. You will still be able to order through August 15th and ensure delivery by the start of school.

Avoid the crowds and hassle of buying supplies at multiple stores. One-stop online shopping saves time and our school earns money from your order.

Our vendor is shipping supplies direct to your home! Each grade box is already 'built' for you (select by your child's *upcoming* grade and the first letter of their last name).

Log on to www.schooltoolbox.com, click on 'Find boxes now', enter Cascade Ridge Elementary and order away!

Questions? Contact Emily at emifma@yahoo.com or Lisa at lisa_grady@outlook.com

Summer Box Top Collection

This year, we are having a Summer Box Top Collection contest. Over the summer collect as many box tops as you can. Students who collect 25 or more Box Tops will be entered to win a gift card! Be on the look out for your Summer Box Top Collection Bag which will be coming home with your student in the beginning of June.

Kendra Scott

A big thank you to Kendra Scott for hosting a PTSA fundraiser for Cascade Ridge. We earned over \$300 toward our school and looking forward to another date next year!

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>



That's a wrap for 2017-18! See you all next year!