

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

Happy Fall, Everyone! A huge thank you to all who came out and supported and donated to our Cascade Ridge Color Run last week. It was great to see so many Cascade Ridge families out there having a blast and raising money to support our students! Because of your generosity, the Cascade Ridge PTSA is able to fund several important academic enrichment opportunities this year, such as technology licenses, supplemental materials for the new Social Studies and Science curriculums, and books to update the school book room. Your money also goes towards grade level grants, the Art Docent program, Engineering Night, Festival of Cultures, Science Fair and so many other things!

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our first general membership meeting of the year on Friday, October 12th at 9:15am in the Coyote Cafe. We will be voting on our 2018-2019 PTSA Budget and learning about all the fun upcoming events at Cascade Ridge. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please join the PTSA via our website (cascaderidgeptsa.org) under family registration. In addition to all the extra programs we fund, did you know your PTSA membership gets you discounts at area businesses? Currently there is a discount for Great Wolf Lodge! On our website, you can also find many opportunities to volunteer at different PTSA events.

We welcome you to contact us with any comments, questions or concerns at PTSAPresident@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Thank you again!

AJ Henderson and Stephanie Middleton



October 5th

Parent Play Day and
Popcorn Friday

October 8th

No School

October 12th

PTSA General
Membership
Meeting at 9:15a

October 12th

Family Movie Night
at 6:30p

October 23rd

Vision and Hearing
Testing

October 26th

Vision and Hearing
Testing

Math Club

Come to our Math Club Information night this Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30 pm in the Coyote Café.

Any Cascade Ridge 4th and 5th graders who are interested in taking their math skills to the next level are invited to join the Cascade Ridge Math Club. The Math Club will meet 2 mornings per week before school.

Math Club students will be exposed to advanced math concepts. Some of the many topics we discuss are algebra, geometry, probability, and statistics. Students will be given weekly homework assignments that consist of a few challenging problems that often require out-of-the box thinking.

Most of our Math Club meeting time is spent reviewing the solutions to the homework problems, discussing new concepts, and sometimes playing math games. In the spring, Math Club students can choose to participate in one or more statewide math competitions where they get a chance to show off their abilities against students from other nearby elementary schools.

Math Club is a PTSA sponsored program and students will be coached by dedicated PTSA parent volunteers.

We hope to see you Wednesday night!

Please contact us if you have any questions.

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Color Run Thank You

What a COLORFUL way to start our 2018-2019 school year! Once again our amazing community came together to support our children and our school – raising \$79,000 in donations and corporate matching. We couldn't have done it without the support of our parents, students, teachers, staff, family members, friends, and other community partners. It is also impossible to pull off an event like this without the help of many volunteers; we had over 100 parent, middle school and high school volunteers at the event. We thank you all for your time and dedication to our children and to Cascade Ridge Elementary! Special thanks to the Color Run committee that worked through the summer to plan the event: Holly Briscoe, Angela Fischer, Sandy McNees, Amy Hayes, Susan Ho, Lisa Hudman, Paula Koransky, Peggy Llor, Michelle Lyman, Krystl McCandlish, Shelly McGraw, Kelly Mucha, Jeff Mucha, Amy Passalacqua, Claire Raphael, Lisa Righetti, Shannon Romanski, and Suzanne Stampfl, this team and their committees put in countless hours to make the Cascade Ridge Color Run the amazing event that it was. THANK YOU!

We won't be wasting anytime putting the funds to work! Because we were able to meet our goal we can now update our Book Rooms with new literature for our kids, purchase technology licenses for RazKids, IXL and BrainPop and

provide supplemental materials to go along with our new Science and Social Studies curriculum. Stay tuned for more details.

The class competition results are as follows.

Overall Winner – A FULL SIZE thanks goes out to this team for being the top class in the school and have 100% participation! They will be spinning the Candy Wheel for a FULL SIZE treat next week!

Team Rauch

Top in each grade – These teams worked together to make it to the top in their grade. They will be rewarded with a T-shirt Tie-Dye party in the coming weeks!

K: Rauch

1st: Norton

2nd: DeRemer

3rd: Shawver

4th: Roark

5th: Schaffer

Congratulations everyone!!

Online Auction

Thank you for your support of the Cascade Ridge Online Auction. With your generous help, we were able to raise \$18,190, between our Sponsors and Online Auction! We appreciate your fundraising efforts and recognize that we could not have reached our goal without you. A special thanks goes out to our Cascade Ridge Families who were Sponsors

to the Color Run or Donors to our Online Auction; Brenner Family, Briscoe Family, Cebull Family, Challey Family, Chapman Family, Farhad Family, Hixson Family, Koransky Family, Mehling Family, Middleton Family, Tran Family and Wright Family!

Open Volunteer Positions

Are you ready to get involved at Cascade Ridge? We would love to have you join the team! If you are interested in learning more about one of these fun and important positions, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at tparker91@comcast.net or aobert11@gmail.com

Kiln Co-Chair

We are in need of 1 to 2 volunteers to run the kiln after clay art projects have been completed. Training will be provided. This will require work during school hours at school for several hours throughout the year depending on what projects are completed

Holiday Gift Barn Chair

Coordinator will be the primary contact for Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Gift Barn program in late November/early December. Much of the work can be done on email with a small amount of time at school. Responsibilities include facilitating/coordinating delivery of donations to Pickering Barn.

Coyote Art Walk Chair

We are in need of a volunteer to work with art docents to plan and coordinate a fun and family friendly event in the spring.

Spelling Bee Chair

We need a volunteer to help coordinate our yearly event for our students to improve their spelling. This event is February 4-7. No work at school during school hours is required. Spelling Bee occurs in the evenings at school.

Girls on the Run Chair/Co-Chairs

We need one or more coaches to help kick-off a Girls on the Run program. This program is for girls grades 3-5 to train for a 5K run over the course of 10-12 weeks. This is a great opportunity to share your love of running and mentor 3rd-5th grade girls. Running occurs after school.

Safety Patrol Liaison

If interested, please contact Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com.

Enrichment Programs

Enrichment programs are coming to Cascade Ridge the first week of October! There are still spots available in several classes!

Mondays: Speak Easy, Manga Art, Eastside Drama Kids!

Tuesdays: Spanish, Lego Jr. Robotics, Dance & Yoga!

Wednesdays: Create with Code, Village Theatre Adventures with Moana and Friends, Village Theatre Magical Creature Creation!

Thursdays: Lego Jr. Engineering, Mixed-Media Art, Karate!

Fridays: Drawing & Painting!

Sign up and info at: [Cascade Ridge PTSA Enrichment](#)



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Family Movie Night

Mark your calendars and save the date! Our one and only family movie night will be on Friday,

October 12th this year. Come in your comfy clothes and bring blankets and pillows to cozy up with friends for "Hotel Transylvania 3"!!! It's going to be a "spooktaular" event with a raffle at the end of the show! If you would like to help out, please contact our Movie Night Chair, Michelle Challey, at mkchalley@gmail.com.

TIME: Doors Open 6:30, Movie Starts 7:00pm

WHERE: Coyote Café

FOOD: Don't have time to eat before the movie? No worries, we'll have pizza and drinks available for purchase, along with a variety of yummy treats from the Cascade Ridge Baking Committee. Freshly popped popcorn and drink included with every ticket.

TICKETS: \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Buy your tickets at the door.

Fundraising Made Easy

Parents' Night Out at Karate West
October 5th 6-9pm

Date night for you, fun for your kids, and fundraising for Cascade Ridge! Sign your kids up for Parents' Night Out at Karate West. The first night out of the year is Friday October 5th from 6-9pm at Karate West in Issaquah. Kids age 6-12 can enjoy a night of games, pizza, and fun for \$35 per child. Mention Cascade Ridge Elementary during registration and 100% of the proceeds will go to our PTSA!

Register online: <http://www.karatewest.com>

Community Relations

We hope you are off to a great start this school year! It was fun to see so many of you at our new family playdates, popsicle social, and Talk with Tia in September. A big thank you to April Gregory and Andrea Obert for hosting the summer playdates, and to Maria Velasco, our Popsicle Social Chair! Please join us in thanking the Klahanie QFC for providing the popsicles we enjoyed after Meet the Teacher. We really appreciate their support and generous

donation. Also, a shout out to our new Talk with Tia Committee for your help and the delicious treats you provided! Up next is our Fall PTSA Social in October. Hope to see you there!

Fall PTSA Social

It's that time
of year
again...



Please join us
for pumpkin
spice and
other things
nice!

Friday, October 26, 2018

10am - 11:30am

at the home of Paula Koransky, PTSA
Community Relations VP

This is a casual gathering for all parents. Whether you are new to Cascade Ridge and looking to connect with other parents or have been here all along, we would love for you to join us

- Just to socialize
- To meet the PTSA Board and put a face with a name
- To find out more about our volunteer opportunities and how you can get involved

Please RSVP directly to Paula at paulakoransky@me.com by Wednesday, October 24th.

Ski Bus

Did you know that there is a ski bus in the winter on Wed afternoons for Cascade Ridge students? This will be our 5th year of having a ski bus that picks students up outside Cascade Ridge at 1:45 on Wednesdays.

The program starts January 9th and runs for 6 weeks. The kids will have 2 1/2-hour ski lessons at Snoqualmie Pass and then the bus brings them back to the school around 6:45 pm. Lessons are taught by Snow Sports Consulting Service with thirty-five years of teaching experience in the greater Seattle area. This is offered for kids in 2nd-5th grade (kindergarten and 1st grade by special permission).

Enrollment is secured on a first come, first served basis and registration must be accompanied with payment to secure your space. Seasons passes and ski rentals are not included in this tuition. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, November 20, 2018.**

This program is not affiliated with the PTSA or Cascade Ridge. No ski equipment may be brought to school, someone must meet students outside after school on Wednesdays with their gear.

For more information and to print a form for registration, please visit <http://snowsportsconsultingservice.com/student-forms.html>.

Other questions may be directed to Sandy McNees at sandy_mcnees@hotmail.com. We are looking forward to having your kids join us on the snow this year!

Yearbooks

School yearbooks are a great way for your student to remember their year and all the fun they had. Yearbooks are delivered to students the last week of school.

Here is the link to order to order your Cascade Ridge yearbook: <https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Yearbook/ProductsPacketPage/>

Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Susan Ho

as our October Volunteer of the Month!

Susan, her husband, Tim, and their daughter, Ella, moved to Trossachs last year from Sandy, UT. They are originally from Portland and are huge Ducks fans! As a family they love to travel, beach comb and hang with family and friends.

We chose to spotlight Susan because she is a full-time working (and often traveling) mom who has found time in her hectic schedule to volunteer at Cascade Ridge and for her daughter's Girl Scouts troop. In Ella's first year at CRE, Susan volunteered for the Color Run, Popcorn Fridays and she was Party Coordinator for Ella's class. This year, she is giving even more of herself by chairing the Color Run t-shirts/banners, taking on the Room Coordinator role, and joining the PTSA board as VP-Volunteers! Susan is proving you can do it all, and always with a warm, smile on her face.

Her advice to new families..."Jump in with both feet and get involved with volunteer activities! Even if you work, it's a matter of making the

effort to set aside an hour or two in your schedule. There's truly no other better way to meet other families and get a good sense of the community and support."

A huge thank you to you, Susan, for all you do for Cascade Ridge! We are so happy to have you!



Washington State PTA Reflections Art Competition



Calling all Coyotes to unleash your creative talents, be inspired and express imaginatively through your original works.

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition.

The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative

talents by expressing themselves through their own original works.

The theme for 2018-2019 school year is "Heroes Around Me".

A student may submit an entry in any of the art areas listed below.

Only original works of art are accepted.

The art areas are: Visual Arts, Photography, Literature and Music Composition

The grade divisions are:

Primary: Kindergarten – Grade 2

Intermediate: Grades 3 – 5

For more detailed information please visit:

<https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/>

To register please visit:

<https://ptareflections.fluidreview.com>

Entry forms that must accompany all works of art:

<https://www.wastatepta.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/18-19-Reflections-Theme-Search-Entry-Form-revised-1.pdf>

All works of art and entry forms are due between

Wednesday October 31st and Friday November 2nd by 4pm to the front office at Cascade Ridge Elementary.

Students from all grades and abilities have the chance to represent Cascade Ridge in the District,

State or even National Levels.

Please contact Michelle Woods at michellekwoods@me.com with any further questions.

Boxtops for Education

Help us earn money for Cascade Ridge through our Fall Box Tops Classroom Competition. Start collecting Box Tops now to help your student's classroom win. The teacher of the winning classroom will receive an Amazon gift card they can use to purchase something fun or needed for the classroom. In order to help you, print off a collection page and put it in your pantry for easy collecting.

Box Tops will be due Wednesday, November 21st.

<https://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>

Parent Ed

ParentWiser

Check out upcoming ParentWiser events and other parent education offerings in the area [here](#). You can also access archives of past ParentWiser events [here](#).

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.

Site Council

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 representative. 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 4 times a year and our first meeting is Monday, November 5th from 4-5pm. If you are interested in finding out more about Site Council please contact Amy Hayes at triluna99@yahoo.com.

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>

Color Run Photos



Click [here](#) to view more pictures from the Color Run!

