

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

The theme for May seems to be appreciation. Appreciation for our wonderful Cascade Ridge staff and appreciation for all of YOU! We appreciate all the ways YOU make our school community a better place. We appreciate your help in the classroom and at our many events throughout the year. All we do at Cascade Ridge cannot happen without

you, our amazing volunteers and we Thank You!

On May 17th we will have our last general membership meeting following Talk with Tia at 9:15am in the Café. This is an important meeting where we will vote on the interim budget as well as the executive board for next year. We look forward to seeing you there! Speaking of our new executive board, thank you to our Nominating Committee – Tiffany Parker, Swati Jain and Laura Gehman for your tireless work putting together a great slate of officers for next year!

Also, on May 17th we will host our first Bingo Night at Cascade Ridge, we hope you can join us for this fun family event!

As a valued member of the Cascade Ridge PTSA, your opinion matters, and we want to hear from you! Please complete our PTSA community survey as thoroughly as possible, as we will use this information to plan and make improvements for next year (see below for the link). This is YOUR PTSA, so please let us know how we can best support the needs of our children, Cascade Ridge and the community.

Lastly, please consider lending your voice to our Fundraising Committee as we plan for the fall. Be a part of the decision-making that will keep our programs going for 2019-20. Did you know PTSA pays for many great programs like Art Docent, Art & Science Enrichment, Drama, Science Fair, Eager Reader, Festival of Cultures, and grants for grade levels and staff? All the more reason why fundraising is VITAL to Cascade Ridge. Help us plan NOW for next year's success! Contact PTSAPresident@cascaderidgeptsa.org for more information.

AJ Henderson

Cascade Ridge PTSA President



May 3rd

Parent Play Day and
Popcorn Friday

May 6th

Site Council Meeting at
4:00p

May 7th

Kindergarten Concert at
6:30p

May 6th - 10th

Staff Appreciation Week

May 17th

Talk with Tia, PTSA
General Membership
Meeting, New Board &
Budget Vote at 9:15a

May 17th

BINGO Night at 6:00p

May 20th

Kindergarten Info Night
at 5:30p

May 23rd

3rd Grade Concert at
6:30p

May 27th

No School - Memorial
Day

Nominating Committee Report

The 2018-2019 Cascade Ridge Nominating Committee proudly submits the following slate of nominees to the general membership for election to the 2019-2020 PTSA Executive Committee.

Co-President	AJ Henderson
Co-President	Amy Hayes
Executive Vice President	Paula Koransky
Treasurer	Kerri Shek
Secretary	Sandy McNees
Co-VP Communications	Claire Raphael
Co-VP Communications	Lloyd Raphael
Co-VP Programs	Tiffany Parker
Co-VP Programs	Andrea Obert
Co-VP Volunteers	Susan Ho
Co-VP Volunteers	Holly Briscoe
VP Community Relations	Laura Gehmen

Please join us at our next General Membership meeting in the Coyote Cafe on Friday, May 17th at 9:15am when we will elect the 2019-2020 PTSA Executive Board. Also, thank you to this year's PTSA nominating committee: Laura Gehmen, Swati Jain, and Tiffany Parker.

We are still looking for a VP Fundraising. Do you have experience? Know someone who does? Even if you don't have experience but would like to help, we'd love to talk! Please email Tiffany at tparker91@comcast.net

Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Iris Leal

as our May Volunteer of the Month!

We chose to highlight Iris because Iris stepped forward to help co-chair one of the most widely attended events at Cascade Ridge, the Science Fair. Although Iris isn't new to volunteering, she was eager to seek a new volunteer leadership challenge and enthusiastically teamed up with her co-chair to organize and deliver a very successful Science Fair! Iris also volunteers for Coffee with the Principle, Baking Committee, Staff Appreciation, classroom holiday events and she led the Mexico Booth at Festival of Cultures.

Iris's family includes: Iris Leal, Erich von Hauske, Ian von Hauske and Emma von Hauske. Emma is in 3rd grade and Ian is a 6th grader at Beaver Lake Middle School. In her spare time, Iris enjoys taking on new experiences across a variety of activities. Iris is a black belt at Tae Kwon Do, she ran a half marathon (having no experience prior), studied to become a private airplane pilot, coached a kids team for Odyssey of The Mind and won at the Nationals level. Iris is also in process of finishing her Project Management Certificate at

UW. Next year, her goal is to perhaps start carpentry classes!

Iris enjoys volunteering because she believes in creating opportunities and experiences for children to help them discover and realize their abilities and passion. We are so fortunate to have volunteers such as Iris take on new challenges at Cascade Ridge and realize all of her wonderful abilities and skills!



PTSA Membership Survey

Hello Cascade Ridge families! We are already hard at work planning for next year, and we would love to know what's most important to you as we make decisions about enrichment, programs and events. Please take a moment to complete this End of Year PTSA Survey and share with us any feedback and ideas you may have for our upcoming school year. As always, the survey is anonymous and this year it will close on Wednesday May 15th.

This year, the class with the most parent participation in the survey will win root beer floats for their class and an Amazon gift card for their teacher! Please be sure to enter your child/children's grade level and teacher, so we can keep an accurate count!

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CR_Community2019

We look forward to hearing from you!

Festival of Cultures



On April 25th, Cascade Ridge PTSA celebrated the diversity of our school community and

hosted its most loved community event, the Bi-Annual Festival of Cultures. **During this fun filled 2 hour** event, we celebrated our school's and community's diversity and learnt about our different cultural backgrounds through games, entertainment, tasting flavors from around the world and entertaining performances from a wide variety of cultures that included a **Fusion dance from India** representing 3 traditional forms of dances, to the famous **Dabka dance from Palestine** and the ever popular **Chinese Taichi show** and **Martial Arts** to name a few. The finale of the evening had our very own Cascade Ridge students adorn traditional outfits that depicted their culture of origin walking the ramp for us.

As they say it takes a Village to pull off something of this scale and size. We would like to take this opportunity to Thank the following individuals who contributed their time and effort in making the Festival of Culture a success.

Country Representatives: Bolivia: **Olivia Gorostiaga, Giuliana Cassado** Chile: **Leticia Watson** China: **Meng Yang, Zheng Chen, Jean Zhou** Colombia: **Ana, Thomas & Juliana Malloy** Czech Republic: **Rachelle, Cory & Matthew Hrcirik** Egypt: **Reham Shehata, The Badran Family, Samah Desouky, Nermeen Youssef, Noha Ashour** Germany: **Christie Jucht Family, Carolyn Santos Family** Hungary: **Gabriella Szilágyi & The Deme Family** India –**Anupama Motamarri, Shivani Bhana, Neha Panwar, Navreen Malik, Indu Tiwari, Ramya Ramakrishnan, Devi Dharmesh & Nair family,** Iran: **Aryan & Julie Taheri** Mexico: **Iris Maldonado, Erich Nakagawa** Netherlands: **Michelle & Ava Lyman, Lotte Goede, Tuyet & Marloes Duong** New Zealand: **Spurway Family & Leonard Family** Pakistan: **Nigar Suleman** Palestine: **Asmaa Saifan & Aiman Qannan** South Korea: **Hyesang Yoon & Hyunju Lee** UK: **Beth Robertson Family** Vietnam: **Khanh Tran & Tran Tran.**

Cultural Fashion Show Organizers – Thank You **Indira Bhowmick, Priyanka Goswami Sharma** and **VishnuPriya Dasu** for putting together a fabulous finale act for the event.

Event Photographers: Thank You **Jyothish Nair** and **Chandra Polisetti** for capturing memories from the event.

Event set up and Miscellenous Help: Thank you **Amy Hayes, Indu Sharma, Shama Bildikar, Jiagnan Zhao** for jumping in to help with anything and everything that we needed help with during the event.

Passport Completion Booth: Thank you **Anamika Malhotra, Darshana Dave** and **Sachin Jain** for taking charge of the booth and

distributing goodies to all kids with completed passports.

Welcome Table: Thank you to the middle schoolers and 5th graders **Anvesha Jain, Ishita Vig** and **Ishir Vig** for handing over the passports and raffle tickets to all kids. You guys did an amazing job handling the large number of people - all with a smile.

PTSA Concessions Table: **Amy Hayes**

Post Event Clean up: **Amy Hayes, Chandra Polisetti, Indira Bhowmick, Anamika Malhotra, Michelle Lyman** and families of all Country hosts.

Show performers and Cultural Fashion Show participants: Thank you to all the 75+ kids from Cascade Ridge who participated in the cultural performances and Fashion Show. You all made us proud!

And last but not the least-The amazing **Cascade Ridge Staff** who was there to help and step in every time we needed them. Thank you **Ms Kleinkoff, Donna Barnes, Tammy Kurtis, Kevin Folkman** and **Shawna Carrigan**. We appreciate your partnership and help in running these PTSA events.

Thank you all! We couldn't have done it without YOU!

Swati Jain & Reham Sehata

Festival of Cultures Co-chairs

Staff Appreciation Week

May 6th to 10th

This year our theme for Teacher and Staff Appreciation week is Harry Potter. PTSA has planned some “magical” activities for each day to show all of our Cascade Ridge teachers and staff how much we love and appreciate them. Students can bring some “MAGIC” to their week too. Participation is optional. When making plans to recognize your child’s teacher, please also consider the staff and special-ists they work with each week. Below is a suggestion for each day. Please feel free to bring things any day of the week, if it works better for you or your student. Teachers love and appreciate their gifts no matter what day they receive them!

Monday, May 6th

Make much needed supplies magically appear! Students bring a school supply for their teacher. Your Room Coordinator will let you know what your teacher needs the most.

Tuesday, May 7th

Awe them with your best Muggle art! Students bring in pictures, drawings or paintings for their teacher and/or any staff member.

Wednesday, May 8th

Greet them wearing their favorite Hogwarts house colors! Your Room Coordinator will let you know your teacher’s favorite house (Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff, or Slytherin) and its colors.

Thursday, May 9th

Inspire them with your words! Students bring in letters, thank you cards, or poems for their teacher and/or any staff member.

Friday, May 10th

Conjure up some of their favorite things! Students bring a gift to their teacher and/or any staff member. For ideas, visit the Teacher and Staff Favorites list on the PTSA Website.

Thank you in advance for your help making next week “magical”! If you have any questions, please contact your Room Coordinator or PTSA Community Relations Board Representative, Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com.

Parent Ed Corner

From Parentwiser

What is your biggest parenting challenge? Please help the ParentWiser committee plan for next year's speaker series by responding briefly to our very short Annual Parenting Survey [HERE!](#) And we are always seeking volunteers, if you would like to join our team contact parentwiser@issaquahptsa.org . Thank you!

Visit <http://parentwiser.org> to find a current listing of parent education events and resources across the Issaquah school district. Check out the upcoming Parentwiser events below...

Challenge Success

Reduce Academic Stress without Sacrificing Achievement

For parents of grades K-12.

May 6, 2019 7:00 PM

Skyline High School, Theater 1122 228th Ave
SE Sammamish, WA 98075

[Register](#) for May 6th Session

May 7, 2019 10:00 AM

KIDSTAGE First Stage Theatre

120 Front Street North Issaquah, WA 98027

[Register](#) for May 7th Session

Based on the Well-Balanced Student by CHALLENGE SUCCESS, a Stanford University think-tank of educators, psychologists and parenting professionals, speaker Mary Hofstedt, School Program Director for Challenge Success, shares research based insights on how to reduce academic stress without sacrificing achievement.

When we are too focused on grades and performance, we deny our children the time and energy they need to tackle the demanding work of growing up. In this presentation, you'll learn how you can establish a healthier home environment for your school-aged child, reduce academic stress without sacrificing achievement, and increase your child's resilience, creativity, and well-being.

This presentation is an interactive workshop coupled with opportunities for personal reflection, audience participation, and brief discussion. Parents leave with practical strategies for home and school.

Meet and discuss with author of The Turning, Emily Whitman, as she shares writing

strategies, research adventures, and what it means to belong. This event was rescheduled from April 4.

Thursday, May 30 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the
ISD Administration Building Board Room

Math Club

Another successful year under the wrap for the PTSA sponsored Cascade Ridge Math club for 5th and 4th grade math enthusiasts. 5th Grade Math club is on Monday and Thursday mornings with total of 28 students and 4th grade on Tuesday and Wednesday with a total of 25 students

In addition to learning advanced math concepts in the math club, kids have an opportunity to participate in statewide team math competitions. This year the kids participated in 3 State wide competitions, Math is Cool, WSMC and Blaine. Kudos to all the kids for all the hard work and practice in preparation for the competitions. Coming for classes at 8 AM one day a week throughout the year rain, hail or shine is not easy and we appreciate your love and passion for the subject. Each Cascade Ridge Kid was a winner and we are so proud of all the kids. Here are participants list:

5th Graders:

Anarghya Polisetti, Anvesha Jain ,Chloe Elaine Zhu, David Negroiu, Ethan Qin, Eva (Xiaoyi) Qiu, Haiyue Ma, Henry Wei, Ishir Vig, Ishita Vig, Jagan Nair, Jeremy Luo, Justin Xie, Meghna Ramesh, Muthu Sethuraman, Nishka Karram, Nitya Johar, Olivia Yang, Riya Shah, Ruhan Chaudhary, Varnika Vainavi Dokka, Vedanth Ramesh, Yuchen Xia

4th Graders:

Aairah sofi, Cenke Tao, Elora Foland, Emily Shang, Jessica Charles, Manyada Alapaty, Meiling Hou, Richard Li, Rithivi Tamhane, Rohan Patil, Zhen Zhang, Zimeng Zhou

Below is a quick summary of the Competitions the kids participated in along with the results

Math is Cool Competition:

Six 5th grade teams of Math Club Students participated in the Math is Cool Competition on Friday March 1, 2019 and the 3- 4th grade teams participated in the Math is Cool Competition on Friday March 22, 2019.

Each of the CRE teams had their own strengths, which earned them the top 11th and 12th place in the state. Well done! We are proud to announce that one of the 5th grade team is invited for master's level completion in Moses Lake on May 18th, 2019. We wish them ALL THE BEST!!

Washington State Mathematics Championship (Blaine):

Three 5th grade teams participated in Washington state math championship competition in Blaine on March 23, 2019. One of our team won 13th place (out of 48 teams) and a trophy for our school. Congratulations!

WSMC Math Olympiad:

Six 5th grade teams and two 4th grade teams participated in the Math Olympiad coordinated by Washington State Mathematics Council (WSMC) on April 27, 2019.

Every Cascade Ridge Team was a medal winner and 4 teams received two medals for their superior performance (highest ranking in the competition) for both the sessions

Way to go kids! Congratulations for the awesome teamwork.

We cannot thank enough for our parent volunteer coaches. They have put in countless number of hours in this program. Thank you so much for all your hard work coaches - Ripal Shah, Tony Luo, Pinky Johar, Chandra Polliseti, Jiana Liu, Eyun Zhang and Li Chen. Special thanks to Ripal Shah for her guidance to parents, coaches and chairs.

Thank you to PTSA for their continued generous support of Math Club.

Regards,

Alamelu Ramesh, Neeraj Johar, Amit Kumar

Math Club Chairs



Family BINGO Night

TICKETS ON SALE UNTIL MAY 13th

How do you spell fun? BINGO!!! Join the Cascade Ridge PTSA on Friday, May 17th from 6-8:30pm in the Coyote Cafe for our first Family Bingo Night! Tickets must be purchased in advance. Registration is open now until May 13th. REGISTER TODAY on the [Cascade Ridge PTSA Website](#)! If you prefer to pay by cash or check, contact Darlene Baker or Paula Koransky (contact information below).

Ticket price is \$3/person and includes four bingo cards plus one raffle ticket. Four bingo games (multiple winners per game) will be played. Fun prizes and special guest callers! Doors and concessions open at 6pm. Bingo games start at 6:30pm. Water, soda, chips, candy and yummy goodies provided by the PTSA Baking Committee will be available for purchase at the event. Pizza can be pre-ordered online when you register. Cheese and pepperoni pizza available for \$2/slice or \$15/whole large pizza. Plan ahead and order pizza for your whole family!

As with any great event, we are in need of volunteers to help with set-up, the check in table, concession sales, bingo checking, prize tables and cleanup. If you can help, please SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER!

If you have any questions about Bingo Night, feel free to email Darlene Baker at darlene_baker2005@yahoo.com or Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com.

Talk with Tia

Join us for “Talk with Tia” on Friday, May 17th at 9:15 am in the Coyote Cafe (General PTSA Membership Meeting immediately following). This is a great opportunity for conversation and coffee with Principal Kleinkopf (yummy goodies provided by the baking committee too)!

Donuts with Dads

Friday, June 7th in the Coyote Cafe from 8:30-9am.

Block you calendars and save the date!