

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

Dear Coyote Families,

Welcome to a year of Change, Acceptance and Hope. We have each endured and accomplished so much over the past few months, congratulations and well done! One perspective on our days ahead is- how fortunate we are to be given the opportunity to play such an integral role in shaping the future.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us and share your voice, as we work together to support Cascade Ridge and our children at our General Membership meeting on October 9th at 6:30pm via Zoom. This is also a great opportunity to hear what our wonderful principal, Jennifer Sehlin, has to share.

We will be supporting our school, the amazing teachers and staff and parents who are doing their very best to offer our children the education they deserve in the best way possible. We are truly lucky to be a part of this amazing village to raise our kids in, this Cascade Ridge Community. Our PTSA dollars will impact our children by funding accessories to aid distance learning and up soon are proposals to add books to the school which benefits an inclusion and diversity mindset. Thank you for the offers of support and assistance, and if you have not joined PTSA yet, you may click on the link below: <https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Package/Join/FamilyInfoPacketPage/0>

A special thank you to our amazing teachers and to all the volunteers working behind the scenes to keep our community informed and motivated. A special shoutout to Claire Raphael and Sandra Vanderzee, your tireless dedication is truly inspiring and appreciated.

Stay Connected! Use these sites for reminders, upcoming events and volunteer opportunities:



September 1st - First day of School (Virtual) Grades 1 - 5

September 4th - First day of School (Virtual) Kindergarten

September 8th & 9th - Materials Distribution

September 16th - Curriculum Night at 5:30 for Grades 1 - 2

September 16th - Curriculum Night at 6:30 for Grades 3 - 5

- [Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA](#) on Facebook
- [@CascadeRidgePTSA](#) on Instagram
- [PTSA website](#)
- We would love to hear from you! Message us at community@cascaderidgepts.org with your ideas, inspiration and how we can improve.

We have recently shared some pictures of some of the ways in which we offered gratitude to our wonderful teachers and staff, as well as information regarding a wonderful incoming Kinder initiative.

Be on the lookout for more on an exciting Coyote Community Challenge. A great initiative to bring us together in spirit and Grade level Facebook groups for support.

Let's work together to make this as memorable and as happy as we can for our children and each other. We are after all, One Team with One Goal.

Heartfelt Regards,

Shivani Bhana and Amy Hayes

CRE PTSA's Co-Presidents

Volunteers

Just like school this year, volunteer opportunities will be different as well. As our school year comes into better view, so too will our volunteer opportunities. These opportunities will be virtual – just like school. The following opportunities are immediately available for the coming year. We would love your help!

Site Council

We are looking for a representative from each grade (K, 1, 2, 3, 5) to be a part of 2020-2021 Site Council. The four meetings this year will be held over zoom.

What is Site Council? The Site Council is comprised of parents, staff members and the principal. The purpose of the Site Council is to ensure our students' success by helping advance the District mission through collaborative planning, communications and decision-making. Specifically, 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.

Please contact Sandra Vanderzee
thevanderzees@gmail.com

Reflections Chair

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! The PTSA Reflections program provides training and information to chair Cascade Ridge's program. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact Shanna Collins at shannalynncollins@gmail.com

Science Fair Co-Chair

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 we need a Co-Chair! For more information, contact Shanna Collins at shannalynncollins@gmail.com.

Enrichment Corner

Several enrichment providers that have taught at our school have taken their classes online! Please click on the links below or this Sway Page for more information.

Grasshopper Enrichment public speaking and creative writing classes

<https://grasshopperenrichment.com/>

Chess on the Hill

<https://www.chessonthehill.com/what-we-offer>

Foreign Language for Youth Spanish, French, Mandarin, Japanese classes

<https://www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org/>

Techventures online coding classes

<https://techventurekids.org/summer-kid-code-camps-online/>

Museo Art (20 percent off for Cascade Ridge
Students – see flyer)

<https://www.museoart.com/>

Eastside Drama Kids

www.dramakids.com/wa1

~Cascade Ridge PTSA Enrichment Programs

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SAVE THE DATE

OCT 5TH-9TH

CASCADE RIDGE COYOTE CHALLENGE

*Our fall community event will get us
outdoors and moving our bodies.*

Details coming soon!!

