



COYOTE HOWLER

October Events

October 8: Box Tops Begin

October 10: General
Membership Meeting, 8:30a

October 10: Volunteer
Training, 9:30a

October 17: Eager Reader
Begins

October 20: Site Council,
3:30p

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Save the Date!

Mari Stevens, M.Ed is coming
to Cascade Ridge.

When: Thursday, November 13

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

More details to come!

WALK-A-THON RECAP

Mahalo Cascade Ridge community! Our Wiki Wiki Walkathon was a fantastic success, and it wouldn't have been so without all the hard work of our AMAZING team who brought an entirely new theme and ideas to fruition, all within the first month of the school year. Because of the generosity and dedication of our families, students, staff, sponsors, and volunteers, we met our \$53,000 fundraising goal! With the financial success of our primary fundraiser, we can now implement the planned funding for this year. Congratulations and thank you to everyone who was involved!

As communicated during the last month, nearly 95% of all our expenses are spent on programs, grants, and awards that directly benefit our children. Our primary expenditures are as follows:

- Staff Grants – ~\$17K
- Instructional Support – ~\$13K
- Art & Science Enrichment Fund – ~\$9K
- Art & Science Docents & Science Fair – ~\$7K
- Other Educational & Safety Support programs including: Eager Reader, Destination Imagination, Reflections, Math Club, Safety Patrol & Geography Bees – ~\$7K
- Community Events & Programs including: Caring Through Sharing, Parent Play Day, Great Kids, Birthday Celebrations for the students, Festival of Cultures, Talent Show, Fifth Grade End-of-Year Celebrations and activities, Parent & Child Education, Staff Appreciation – ~\$7K
- K – 5 Drama – ~\$5K

Our Wiki Wiki Walkathon week began on Monday, September 29th with PJ day at school. Students and staff continued to dress up in different themes each day and on Wednesday our lunchtime announcements and Hawaiian themed trivia took the excitement to a new level! On Friday, October 3rd, the school was a sea of teal and yellow as the entire CRE building sported their Wiki Wiki t-shirts. At 4pm, when students arrived back at school with their families, our DJ was spinning tunes to set a festive mood as the kids began completing laps around the school and snacking on treats! A visit from the Mariners moose provided extra incentive for the students to complete laps as they chased him around the course. Soon after the event began, the field games outside the school opened, silent auction items went up for bid and airbrush tattoos and balloon creations were a hit! Students were found concentrating and making their best guess at the candy guessing jars, others were dancing, and many enjoyed posing with their friends at the photo booth. The festivities continued with some outdoor inflatable fun and a live hula show and demonstration.

Parents, students and staff enjoyed homemade cookies, cupcakes, brownies, caramel apples and specialty beverages at the outdoor concession stands. Cascade Ridge Bakers provide the best for our concession stands time and time again. Almost \$2,000 of treats and beverages were sold by our weary concessions volunteers.

The Silent Auction in the Coyote Café raised over \$11,000! Many of the items and experiences were donated by Cascade Ridge's generous families and community members. The silent auction tables were abuzz with parents pondering their bids. And no Walkathon event would be complete without feeding the hungry participants. For the first time this year, we had food trucks onsite selling gourmet bites for dinner. Based on the feedback we've heard so far, the food trucks were a hit with the community.

As the sun set on our island themed event and families headed home (many with kids on sugar highs), we applauded the efforts of our many volunteers and gave a huge MAHALO to the entire Cascade Ridge community!

MAHALO!

The success of the PTSA Walkathon event is made possible, each year, by the countless volunteer hours carried out by a hard working crew.

A BIG thank you to Ann Brooks, Helen DiMeco and Kelly Huber for their countless hours making sure the Walkathon was a huge success. They could not have done it without an amazing group to back them up:

Michele Brady – Webmaster and Silent Auction

Blythe Mercer – Food Trucks

Angi Warner and Erica Dunn – Spirit Week

Jason Warner – DJ and Emcee

Tobi Roni - Walking Course

Khristie Tobler - T-shirts

Shannon Romanski - Outdoor Concessions

Krystal McCandlish - Pledge Management and Donor Wall

Michelle Lyman and Peggy Llort - Decorations

Erinn Chapman - Volunteers

Carol Schweitzer and Cassie Baker - Procurement

Mahalo Principal Fowler for your support and enthusiasm throughout the entire week of Walkathon!

Mahalo to our wonderful Teachers and Staff for your enthusiasm and involvement and for joining us for the Walkathon festivities.

Mahalo to the Volunteers who were part of the Walkathon! This was truly a community event and not possible without the generous gift of your time and effort. The day of the event many of you worked on Set up, Clean up, First Aid, Concessions, Lap Stampers, Photographers, Field Games, Inflatables, Passive Fundraising, Silent Auction, donations of canopies and tables and helpers with everything in between! Mahalo!

Mahalo to our Community Supporters: Holland America Line – Tingey Orthodontics - Sports Clips – Nystrom and Associates – Bel Viso Spa – Issaquah Soccer Club – Washington Awards - Cathy Santiago/ Windermere – Walters & Wolf -- Benchmark Motoring – Lake Sammamish Family Dentistry – Sammamish Little League – Learning

RX – Grounded Landscape Design – Barre3 – Northwest Landscape Services – Storage Court – and many more who donated to our Silent Auction!

Last but certainly NOT least, thank you to all Cascade Ridge families who donated to such a worthy cause. We hope you had fun on our little island getaway!

PTSA PROGRAM VOLUNTEERS FOR THE YEAR

Thank you in advance to those that have signed up to volunteer for our PTSA programs this 2014-2015 school year. We appreciate all your time and efforts. These important programs could not be conducted without you! It's not too late to sign up! Join other parents eager to help make Cascade Ridge an even better school for our kids. Go to:

<https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Volunteer/SignInPacketPage/0>

The PTSA would also like to highlight a few key chair positions that are currently in need of chair people. This is a last call for these positions:

Reflections Chair(s) – If we do not have someone to chair this program by October 17th our school will not be participating in Reflections this year. However, if your individual student wants to participate you can find out more information on the Washington State PTSA Website: <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/index.html>

Math Club Chair – If we do not have a chair by October 17th we will not have Math Club this school year.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS

We love all of our volunteers who give their time and talents to our children and staff at Cascade Ridge. Please remember to get your Washington State Patrol Form filled out. This must be turned in before you volunteer at school! This includes volunteers in the classroom, at PTSA events, parents who attend Parent Play Day and anyone who is not just "visiting" the school (i.e. attending a one-time assembly, etc.). 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.

For the safety of our school community, all visitors and volunteers are asked to sign in at the office upon arrival and sign out when leaving. Volunteer Badges need to be worn and visible at all times.

EAGER READER

Eager Reader is a voluntary reading incentive program designed to foster a love of reading. Students read outside of school to earn prizes. Each minute spent reading counts towards both individual and class totals en route to fun prizes including: gift cards at participating merchants, books and more! Eager Reader starts October 17th and continues for four weeks. Look for an informational flyer coming home with your student(s) very soon with more details on this reading incentive program.



SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Cascade Ridge November 4th – 6th. The theme this year, **Sir Readalot's Castle – Enter the Kingdom of Books!**, surrounds students in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books for them to discover. Giving kids access to good books, and the opportunity to choose their own books, motivates them to read more. And, all purchases benefit our school!

Tuesday, November 4th from 3:00-7:00 PM

Wednesday, November 5th from 1:00-5:00 PM

Thursday, November 6th from 3:00-5:00 PM

We need your help to make it happen! Please share your talents and join us for a shift...or two. Volunteer opportunities include: set-up/decorations, cashier, and clean-up. Check out VolunteerSpot to sign up. <http://vols.pt/v3FpVr> Thank you!

Questions? Contact Book Fair Co-chairs Michele Brady brady1093@yahoo.com or Lauri Kinnan laurikinnan@yahoo.com.



IT'S CARING THROUGH SHARING TIME!

Cascade Ridge will once again be collecting much needed holiday gifts for Issaquah families in need. We will be partnering with the Issaquah Food Bank to help fill their Holiday Gift Barn. The Food Bank will be setting up a 'store' where families in need can shop for needed items and holiday gifts. Each classroom will be assigned a theme. You can bring in an item from that theme, OR donate a gift card for groceries, OR donate gift wrapping supplies. This is of course optional, I know many families have other groups they help and support. Donations will be collected in the classroom the week of December 2-5. Donations need to be new and unwrapped. If you have any questions please contact Chrisann Penz chrisannpenz@yahoo.com

BOX TOP CLASSROOM COMPETITION

It's Box Top submission time! Our goal this school year is to earn \$1,000. You can help us reach that goal by clipping, pasting, taping and turning in your collection sheets. If you aren't familiar with the "Box Tops for Education" program or want to see a list of eligible products, visit www.boxtops4education.com for more information.

It's so easy, simply follow these steps:

1. Clip, paste and or tape your Box Tops to the collection sheet found on the school website. (Be sure to check that the Box Top has not expired.)
2. Turn in your collection sheets to your classroom by **Monday, October 27th**.

Be sure to write your teacher's name on the sheet! Look for information coming this week from your Room Coordinator.

The classroom that turns in the most Box Tops will receive a Yo Plateau class party!

Questions? Contact our box top chair Khristie Tobler at: krt17@comcast.net



SAFETY CORNER



from Pamela Franklin, PTSA Safety Patrol Liaison

A new school year = a new Safety Patrol Team. Mrs. Paula was thrilled to be able to have a team of 13 amazing 5th graders as her Safety Patrol Trainers. These dedicated 5th graders started off the first 2 weeks of school year by working on the Safety Patrol team. The following week our dedicated team of 13 started the process of training the newly recruited 37 team members. By Friday, October 10, our entire Safety Patrol team of 50 members will have served at least one week's worth of duties, and will have been trained in a variety of positions on the team.

A huge THANK YOU to our dedicated 13 trainers, to the newly recruited 37 members, and to their families for making the commitment to help get their Safety Patroller to school early, and stay late. WE APPRECIATE ALL OF YOU!

"Many hands make light the work"....

Although we have a dedicated team of student volunteers, we still find that we are in need of parent volunteers to help in during the morning drop off in these areas:

1. Keeping the traffic flowing in the parking lot
2. Re-directing those who try to turn left out of the parking lot

It is simple, supports our hard working patrollers, and is fun to do with a friend!

- It is a 20-minute commitment (8:10a-8:30a).
- We are flexible.... volunteer once a month, once a week, or once every 2 weeks, or ?? – we are flexible!
- It will make a BIG impact on traffic flow, and safety.

Please email me at psfranklin@comcast.net if you can support our team, and i will ensure you are trained, scheduled according to your availability, and supplied with a fashionable Safety Patrol vest, too.

Each month the Safety Corner will communicate safety tips / feedback from the community/ and address safety questions and concerns. Your feedback and questions are welcome! Contact: psfranklin@comcast.net.

HOW WE RAISE MONEY THROUGHOUT THE YEAR!

Last Chance!! - Jamba Juice "Buy One, Get One Free" Punch Cards

Do your kids love fruit smoothies? Don't miss this opportunity to purchase Jamba Juice punch cards for only \$10. The card entitles you to buy one smoothie or other Jamba Juice menu item and get another of equal or lesser value FREE. The punch card is good for 8 smoothie purchases and 2 other menu item purchases. 50% of the proceeds go to CRE PTSA. This is a great way to save money while raising money for your school. These cards will be available for purchase until Friday, October 17th. Contact Helen DiMeco at hdimeco@comcast.net to take advantage of this fantastic very limited time offer.

Brown Bear Car wash tickets are back! Get a clean car, save money and earn \$\$ for Cascade Ridge PTSA! For every \$5 ticket purchased CRE PTSA earns \$3.50 (normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$6.39). To purchase tickets email Joelle Riley at joellemriley@gmail.com and provide the following information:

Your name

Your email address

Your child's name

Your child's teacher

Number of tickets you would like to purchase

Place a check (\$5/ticket) payable to CRE PTSA in the black PTSA box located in the school foyer. Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom within a week of your payment being received.

Campbell's Labels for Education is another great fundraiser. Families can earn points which can be redeemed for our school's equipment needs. Two great ways to help:

Clip - Clip and save UPCs and beverage caps from participating products. Drop these in the designated box in the school's foyer. Go to <http://www.labelsforeducation.com/Earn-Points/Participating-Products> for a list of participating products.

Register online - You can also earn additional points electronically for qualifying products by enrolling your shopper's cards online. Participating stores include QFC, Fred Meyer, Albertsons and Safeway. Once you have registered online, Cascade Ridge will

automatically receive points for qualifying items from your purchases at checkout. Register today at http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage.

PTSA THANK YOU'S!

Thank you to Kellie Berndt for another great year of managing the ordering and delivery of our school supplies.

A HUGE thank you to Michele Brady and Rajeev Goel for coordinating the First Day Packet!

Thank you to Helen DiMeco for restocking the Emergency Preparedness supplies for each classroom.

Thank you to Juli Kubicki and Angie Lukens for making the Popsicle Social a big success again this year. Also, a very special thanks to the Klahanie QFC for their generous donation to the event year after year.

A big thank you to Juli Kubicki and Angie Lukens for putting together the Teacher Back to School Luncheon and our PTSA Board Members for providing the delicious food. Also for organizing Coffee with the Principal and for hosting a great Coffee and Cake Social.

Our kids will have another year of looking great in Coyote Wear thanks to Nicole Brenner.

Thank you to Diane Pattillo for another year of Popcorn Fridays. Thank you also to the volunteers for the first Popcorn Friday of the year: Laurie Jones, Kellie Gazzard, Michelle Lyman, Cathryn Cline and Lorie Piper.

Thank you to Michelle Lyman for keeping us all up to date with the Reader Board.

Thank you to all our volunteers for Picture Day! We couldn't have done it without Kristen Morrissey, Dafna Tarlowe, Khristie Tobler, Cecilia Villalobos, Krista Gale, Michelle Lyman, Deveaux Philpot, Sriharsha Patil, Lauri Kinnan, Angie Lukens, Stefanie Magnuson.

Thank you to all of our Vision and Hearing Volunteers – we could not conduct this important service without you – Khristie Tobler, Julie Clark, Jennifer Belding, Nancy Zener, Elana Clayton, Kristen Morrissey, Sravani Cheeti, Nicole Montgomery, Stephanie Scott, Carolyn Roberts, Jennifer Raines, Mary Jo Webb, Lisa Grady, Neena Rana, Kristen Gehrett, Ripal Shah, Michelle Lyman, Shannon Romanski, Diana Pattillo, Ritu Bhatia, Jean Zhou, Ajita Gopikrishnan, Marci Bartholomae, Stefanie Magnuson and Jen Rohleder.

EMAIL CORRECTION

In the September Howler, we misspelled the email of our PTSA Treasurer, Krystl McCandlish. Her correct email is krystlm@hotmail.com

COME OUT AND PLAY!

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. 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.

Dates are...

October 3

November 7

December 5

January 9

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

Cascade Ridge 2014-2015 Year-At-A-Glance

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Meet the Teacher, 9:00-10:00am
- Popsicle Social, 9:30-10:30am
- 3 First Day of School
- 4 First Day for KG
- 12 Coffee w/ the Principal, 8:30am
- Volunteer Training, 9:30am
- 12 1st Day Packet Paperwork Due
- 18 Curriculum Night for 3rd-5th,
Mrs. McLoughlin, LRC1, 5:30-6:15pm
- Staff Intro & Welcome, 6:15-6:45pm
- Curriculum Night for K-2, LRC2,
6:45-7:30pm
- 5th Grade Parent Mtg., 6:45-7:30pm
- 24 Curriculum Night for SAGE 3rd
Grade Parents and Reading Explorers,
5:30-6:15pm
- Volunteer Training, 6:30pm
- 26 Coffee and Cake Social, 9:30am
- 26 Coyote Wear Orders Due
- 30 School Picture Day

OCTOBER

- 3 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 3 WAT, 4:00-6:30pm
- 7 Vision and Hearing Screening
- 13 Teacher In Service - NO SCHOOL
- 10 General Membership Mtg, 8:30am
- Volunteer Training, 9:30am
- 17 Eager Reader Begins (4 weeks)
- 20 Site Council, 3:30pm

NOVEMBER

- 3-6 Book Fair, time TBD
- 7 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 7 Picture Re-take Day
- 11 Veteran's Day - NO SCHOOL
- 13 Parent Ed - Speaker Mari Stevens
6-8pm
- 14 Eager Reader Ends
- 27-28 Thanksgiving Break - NO SCHOOL

DECEMBER

- 3-4 Conference Day - NO SCHOOL

- 5 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 8-12 Caring Thru Sharing
- 15 Site Council, 3:30pm
- 22-31 1st Winter Break - NO SCHOOL

JANUARY

- 1-2 1st Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
- 5 School Resumes
- 9 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 19 Martin Luther King Day - NO SCHOOL
- 27-28 Geography Bee, 5pm
- 29 Festival of Cultures, 6-8pm

FEBRUARY

- 6 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 6 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am
- General Membership Mtg, 8:30am
- 9 Site Council, 3:30pm
- 16-20 Second Winter Break - NO SCHOOL
- 26 Parent Ed - "Race to Nowhere"
6-8pm

MARCH

- 6 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 9 Site Council, 3:30pm
- 25-26 Non-Fiction Book Fair, time TBD
- 26 Science Fair, 6-8pm

APRIL

- 3 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 6-10 Spring Break - NO SCHOOL
- 29-30 Talent Show Rehearsals, time TBD

MAY

- 1 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 6-7 Talent Show, 6:30-8pm
- 15 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am
- General Membership Mtg, 8:30am
- 18 Site Council, 3:30pm
- 25 Memorial Day Weekend - NO SCHOOL
- 27-29 5th Grade Camp

JUNE

- 5 Parent Play Day on the Playground
- 17 Last day of school