



COYOTE HOWLER

November Events

November 7: Parent Play Day!

November 7: Picture Re-take Day

November 7: Popcorn Friday

November 11: No school!

November 13: Mari Stevens at Cascade Ridge; 6:00p - 8:00p

November 14: Reflections Entries Due

November 14: Eager Reader Ends

November 27-28: No school!

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Happy November!

We are two months into this school year and I don't know about you, but I feel like we've already completed a marathon! With the funds raised from our Wiki Wiki Walkathon, your PTSA is now hard at work implementing our many programs and planned school expenditures. A few highlights during October and November include our Eager Reader program, the start of our Math Club, the Reflections competition, our Fall box top drive and the Scholastic book fair. Thank you to the many chairs and volunteers who made these programs possible and stay tuned for more planned events in the coming months.

I'm excited to announce that we have filled the vacant Vice President of Fundraising position on our Executive Board. Michelle Lyman and Khristie Tobler have agreed to co-chair this very important position for the remainder of the school year and we could not be happier to welcome them to our leadership team. Both Michelle and Khristie were part of this year's walkathon committee and have served in other chairperson roles within the PTSA. In their new role, they will be a board liaison to Kim Vivash (passive fundraising), Joelle Riley (car wash tickets), Julia Yu (matching funds) and Nicole Brenner (Coyote Wear), our mighty fundraising team! They will also be exploring ideas for a Spring fundraiser and helping to recruit a new School Supplies chair for the next school year. Michelle and Khristie will be formally voted in at our next General Membership meeting in early February.

I hope you all have a wonderful November. As always, please reach out to me at any time with your questions and feedback!

~ Ann Brooks, PTSA President





FALL BOX TOP CLASSROOM COMPETITION RESULTS

Congratulations to Ms. Perry's 1st grade class! They collected and turned in over 800 Box Tops to win the coveted Yo Plateau class party! In 2nd place was Ms. Goree-Ndiaye's class, with 684! 3rd place was Ms. Page's class with 641!

Thank you to all the students and parents who took the time to find, clip and tape or paste the Box Tops onto the collection sheets. You turned in over 7,000 Box Tops, which translates to over \$700 towards our school and PTSA programs!

Also, big thanks to the Box Top Reps who collected the sheets from each classroom and to the volunteers who helped with sorting and counting.

Keep on clipping those Box Tops! Our next collection will be in February.



LAST CALL FOR CRE ARTISTS TO ENTER THE REFLECTIONS CONTEST!

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and WSPTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of the program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Each year a new theme is chosen and the theme for the 2014-15 school year is "The World Would Be A Better Place If..."

Students may enter up to three pieces in any combination of the six art areas, which include Literature, Music Composition, Photography, Visual Arts, Film/Video and Choreography/Dance. Only original pieces, tailored to the theme "The World Would Be A Better Place If..." will be accepted.

Go to: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Doc/Ptsa/Reflections.pdf> for the Student Entry Form, Project Label and Submission Rules. There are specific rules for each of the

categories so please read the rules carefully – entries that do not conform to the rules will be disqualified! No registration necessary. The project deadline is November 14th at 3pm sharp. Entries should be placed in the “Reflections” box outside the main office.

Questions? Contact reflections@cascaderidgeptsa.org for more information.

OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING RECAP

Thank you to everyone who attended our first General Membership Meeting held on October 10th. If you were unable to attend, here is a quick recap of what you missed:

We introduced the Executive Board for the 2014-15 school year.

- We shared financial results from the Wiki Wiki Walkathon and solicited feedback on the event.
- We discussed and approved our operating budget for the 2014-15 school year.
- We heard committee reports from all board members and discussed upcoming events and volunteer needs.

Meeting Minutes from the May 2014 GMM were reviewed and filed.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We did it again! We are now at 100%+ and counting for our PTSA

General Membership! That means every student at Cascade Ridge is represented by a dues paying PTSA Member to advocate on their behalf!

One of our goals this school year is increasing the per family membership percentage from last year. We still need YOU! If you haven't joined yet, [CLICK HERE](#).

PARENT ED CORNER

Parent Ed Speaker on November 13th, 6-8pm

Mark your calendars now for our first PTSA sponsored Parent Ed speaker of the school year on Thursday, November 13th from 6-8pm in the Café. We will be welcoming local parent educator, Mari Stevens, to our school for a relevant, fun, and inspiring workshop called “Motivating Your Kids without Losing Your Mind”. There is no charge to attend! Take the time to come; you will be glad you did!

Other Parent Ed Information

Looking for parenting and family information on a daily or weekly basis? Check out a few of these pages on Facebook. If you find them to be a good match for you and your family, “like” them and receive updates: • Sound Discipline

- Savvy Parents Safe Kids
- Madeline Levine
- Positive Parenting Solutions

Next, this article focuses on “mean girls” but I think the advice is great for BOTH genders!

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/katie-hurley/want-to-stop-mean-girls-r_b_5856290.html

Are you feeling like you’re fighting the “electronic device” war at your house? Check out this book for practical advice and tips for setting boundaries...not just for your kids but for the adults in your house as well:

<http://www.amazon.com/Growing-Up-Social-Relational-Screen-Driven/dp/0802411231>

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

ALL ABOUT VOLUNTEERS!



All volunteers at Cascade Ridge must complete the Washington State Patrol Forms each year. 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.). There are five forms that are quick and easy to complete. The forms can be downloaded

from the Cascade Ridge Elementary School website at: <http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/cascade/parents/m/cascade-parent-forms/185272.aspx> and then returned to the office when complete. If you are not sure whether or not you have already completed the forms for the 2014-15 school year, please call the office and we would be happy to let you know. Student safety is a top priority at the school and we do not want to have to turn away parent volunteers because the forms have not been completed. Thank you very much!

Thank you **Khristie Tobler** for managing the first box top submission & all of her box top classroom reps!

Thank You **Michele Brady** and **Lauri Kinnan** for co-chairing the book fair! Lots of great books were purchased and it wouldn't have been possible without you!

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...

November 7

December 5

January 9

February 6

March 6

April 3

May 1

June 5

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>