



COYOTE HOWLER

November Events

November 2nd: Reflections entries due by 3:00p

November 4th - 6th: Book Fair

November 6th: Popcorn Friday, Parent Play Day, Coyote Gear

November 9th: Eager Reader starts

November 11th: No school

November 26th - 27th: No school

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Knock knock.

Who's there?

Orange.

Orange who?

Orange you glad our fundraiser was wildly successful?

Sorry - couldn't resist...

Thank you to all Cascade Ridge families and friends who contributed to this year's PTSA fundraiser! More than reaching our financial goal, you've sent a strong message of support for our children and school. Please look for a survey coming via email regarding your experience with Orange Ruler and your preference on next year's fundraiser. Good, bad or indifferent, please take a moment to complete a few simple questions.

In the spirit of the Thanksgiving season – thank you again for your support!

Kelly

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PS - There is so much coming up... please click [here](#) to check out the calendar on the PTSA website!



WE DID IT! WE EXCEEDED OUR GOAL!

CASCADE RIDGE "MEASURED UP & DARED TO BE ORANGE!"

A BIG "ORANGE" Thank You to:

Our parents, students and their families and friends for every dollar that was donated! You powered the PTSA to continue with classroom enrichment and PTSA programs!

Our wonderful Teachers who were involved every step of the way and showed a ton of enthusiasm! They also dressed up their pigs, made Classroom signs, dressed up in costumes and ran/walked with the students on Fun Run Day!

Donna Cleary and Lisa Lo for passing out student prizes and showing their "Orange Spirit!"

Kevin Folkman for setting up the projector so all the students could watch the Pig Race & Beauty Contest!

Shawna Carrigan and Jim Smith for assisting with set up and clean up!

Kim Evans, Lara Buis, Melissa Bortnick, Kristen Maginnis, Jean Zhou and Shilpa Sharma for passing out water and cheering on the students!

Marci Bartholomae, Emily Ma, Nathalie Fusaro, Melanie Carbon, Anamika Malhotra, Angela Fischer and Krystl McCandlish for capturing all the "Orange" moments for us to remember!

Megan Womack for letting us invade her space to collect the Orange Ruler envelopes!

Krystl McCandlish for keeping all the #'s straight!

Julia Yu for working with companies to receive Matching Funds!

Jackie Mueller & Nathalie Fusaro for updating our Facebook page daily!

Peggy Sicilia for updating the Reader Board daily!

Michele Brady for updating the PTSA website to everything Orange!

Erin Marsh for judging the Pig Beauty Contest!

The PTSA Board for showing their Orange spirit at the Honk & Wave's, Kick-Off Assembly and Fun Run!

A Huge "Orange" Thank You to Principal Fowler and Dean Sehlin for their support and enthusiasm during the Orange Ruler Fundraiser...especially for doing the Nae Nae for all the students!

ORANGE RULER PHOTOS



SILLY SPAGHETTI RECAP

Thanks to everyone who attended Silly Spaghetti, our first school wide family event on September 24th. We had over 340 people there to enjoy the festivities. The idea behind this event was to gather our Cascade Ridge community at the start of the school year to reconnect with friends and celebrate the beginning of another wonderful year at Cascade Ridge Elementary. This event was organized by the PTSA as a community building event and was not a fundraiser. All funds charged were used to cover only the costs to put on the Silly Spaghetti dinner. We had delicious food catered by Frankie's in Redmond, scrumptious desserts provided by our very own Cascade Ridge baking volunteers and excellent entertainment from 14 students in grades 2 thru 6. We were even able to show the classic Disney movie, Lady and The Tramp. It truly was a **Fantastico** evening! Thanks again to all of those who were able to join us and a very special thanks to all of the volunteers who made the evening possible. Please watch for details on our next school wide family event coming soon!



REFLECTIONS

We are delighted with the wonderful flights of imagination submitted for the Reflections Competition this year.

Please join us for a Reflections reception in recognition of our artists, November 19, at 6:30 pm in the Cascade Ridge Café.

Musical compositions, film and dance entries will be played in their entirety in a PowerPoint presentation which will be shown at 6:45 p.m. Visual Art, photography and literature entries will be on display. Award certificates will be presented to all participant and the entries advancing to the district level will be announced.



BOOK FAIR

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Cascade Ridge November 4th – 6th. The theme this year, **Monster Book Fair: Reading is So Much Fun You'll Get GOOSEBUMPS!**, 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!

Wednesday, November 4th from 1:00-7:00 PM

Thursday, November 5th from 3:00-7:00 PM

Friday, 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 <http://vols.pt/nFL4EV> to sign up or contact Krista Gale galesintheusa@gmail.com.

Thank you!

Questions? Contact Book Fair Co-chairs Nathalie Fusaro nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com or Krista Gale galesintheusa@gmail.com



EAGER READER

Our annual Eager Reader program begins Monday, November 9th. Eager Reader is a voluntary program designed to encourage students to read for their own enjoyment outside of school. Beginning Monday (November 9), students can read outside of school and earn prizes. Each minute spent reading counts towards both individual and class totals en route to fun prizes including: gift cards, books, and more! The program runs for 4 weeks, ending December 7. Watch for more information coming home with your student in November.

NEWCOMER COFFEE AND CAKE

Now that the school year is well on its way and hopefully you have started to settle in, let's have a little coffee and cake to catch up and make new friends.

Please join me at my home on **Thursday, November 12th at 9:30AM – 11:00AM** for a casual gathering to connect with other new school parents and meet some of our experienced Cascade Ridge parents who can answer all those questions you might have.



Hosted by PTSA Community Relations VP – Angela Fischer, 1840 271st Ave SE in Glencoe. Email: afischer515@yahoo.com with questions.

This is an open house, come with a friend, stop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour. And please feel free to bring along those babies and toddlers too.

CARING THROUGH SHARING

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' at Pickering Barn 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 **November 30 – December 4**. Donations need to be new and unwrapped. If you have any questions please contact Marci Bartholomae at kevin_marci@hotmail.com

LUNCH FOR THE BREAK

In place since last year to serve food-insecure students in the Issaquah School District, Lunch for the Break is a program that teams up with the Issaquah Food Bank to ensure that no child in the district will ever go hungry when school is not in session.

Food collection from our school communities was a huge success last year, but this year more distribution help is needed.

Serving the Clark, Issaquah Valley, Apollo, Maple Hills, Sunset and Briarwood Elementary schools, families can register for this program in early November. Food items will be collected during this month as well, then distributed before December break. Contact the Issaquah Food Bank for drop-off locations and for more information on how you can help! All service groups and individuals who are interested in helping with distribution can contact Cindy Silverstein at (206) 718-5300 or cindysilverstein@windermere.com; or the Issaquah Food Bank (rebecca@issaquahfoodbank.org).



WE LOVE OUR TEACHERS AND STAFF

Ever wonder when your teacher's birthday is, or what their favorite treat might be? How about which teams they root for or what kind of flowers make them smile?

Cascade Ridge teachers and staff were invited to share some things they love and things that they hold dear so we can shower them with joy and happiness throughout the year! All their favorites are conveniently posted on our PTSA website so you can access them anytime. The link can be found in the left column towards the bottom under "staff favorites".

<http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/TeacherFavorites/Main>

PTSA VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

The PTSA Board would like to “spotlight” Melissa Bortnick for her dedication to our school community!

Melissa is ever willing to help out. She has readily stepped up on various occasions this year when there was an urgent need for volunteer help.

At Silly Spaghetti, she was the MC for the entertainment program provided by the student musicians. She went above and beyond her role, creating a calm, nurturing atmosphere backstage, making the young musicians feel encouraged and recognized, and even managing to ease away a sudden bout of stage fright.

She was there for Vision and Hearing Day when we requested her at the last minute to help us out and was an instrumental member of the volunteer team on Picture Day.

It is always a pleasure to see her cheerful self around the school. Her spirit and caring personality make a difference at our various events. Thanks Melissa for being such a great asset to the school community!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Math Club Helpers

Do you have a 2nd or a 3rd grader? Are you thinking about volunteering as a Math Club Coach when your child is in 4th grade? If so, here is a great opportunity for you to get a head start!

The Math Club Classes have started and the coaches are looking for parents who could help with the following:

- Grading the homework
- Making copies of the homework for the next class
- Assistant Coaches to keep the class focused

Please contact Kanika: kanika.0810@gmail.com if you would like to sign up or if you have any questions.

Coyote Art Walk

A Chairperson is needed to coordinate an Art Walk to exhibit the beautiful creations of our coyotes. The work is cut out for the Volunteer. The art work will be created under the guidance of the Art Docents. All you need to do is create an art gallery to show case the work of the young artists!

The PTSA is only as strong as its volunteers. Plenty of support is available and the work is very fulfilling. Grab a friend and be co-chairs! If you are interested, please contact Carolyn Roberts at tycar74@hotmail.com

THANK YOUS

Thanks to Angela Fischer for coordinating the Silly Spaghetti Dinner and to the team of volunteers who made this social evening a success.

Our heartfelt thanks to Kanika Arora, Navanshu Arora, Kristy Bloom, Melissa Bortnick, Michele Brady, Lara Buis, Leah Chambers, Nancy Chen, Brooke Daggett, Mamatha Damodarsamy, Jaime Foreman, Krista Gale, Kristen Gehrett, Mi Goelkel, Ajita Gopikrishnan, Kevin Grady, Kelly Huber, Shuling Huber, Laurie Jones, Stacey Koya, Maricor Lim, Walter Lim, Michelle Lyman, Krystal McCandlish, Sandy McNees, Marcus Naylor, Carolyn Roberts, Kathy Schroeder, Carolyn Scurrrell, Khristie Tobler, Lara Tolbert, Khanh Tran, Jessica Tran, Kirsten Vienneau, Lora Wendl, Natalie Wilcox, Kavya Yerramilli and Sien Zhou - would not have happened without you!

We appreciate the efforts of Maddie Roberts, Parker Satenberg, Kaiden Vienneau, Brielle Vienneau and Lexi Wendl who came to help out on a school night.

Bravo to our musicians - Ella Matias , Morgan Bortnick, Chloe Bortnick, Rio Koya, Eric Lyubarsky, Melanie Chen , Alina Popovciuc , Lex Martinkosky, McKenna Maffett, Caleb Bartholomae, Sophie Gehrett, Ananth Krishnan, Dhruv Arora, Kartik Arora and Ayush Talreja - who provided the live entertainment. And a shout out to Melissa Bortnick for coordinating the concert.

And extra special thanks Natalie Fowler, Jennifer Sehlin, Hallie Sehlin, Jim Smith, Sharon Yamamoto, Shawna Carrigan, Kevin Folkman and Bret Dunham for your tireless and enthusiastic support before and during the event.

On **Picture Day** we were glad to see:

- ✦ Angela Fischer
- ✦ Brooke Daggett
- ✦ Diane Pattillo
- ✦ Ivy Tian
- ✦ Kayo Stone
- ✦ Khristie Tobler
- ✦ Melanie Carbon
- ✦ Melissa Bortnick
- ✦ Michelle Lyman
- ✦ Nancy Zener

Thank you for making Picture Day successful and for making the kids smile. A special mention for [Diane Patillo](#) who got us started on time and kept things moving. Thanks Diane!

We couldn't have completed the **Vision and Hearing Screening** without your help:

- ✦ Anamika Malhotra
- ✦ Anne Zhang
- ✦ Carolyn Roberts
- ✦ Debbie Hung
- ✦ Elana Clayton
- ✦ Jiayin Yu
- ✦ Jyoti Bhana
- ✦ Karla Rager
- ✦ Kirsten Vienneau
- ✦ Kristen Morrissey
- ✦ Melanie Carbon
- ✦ Melissa Bortnick
- ✦ Michelle Lyman
- ✦ Nathalie Fusaro
- ✦ Neena Rana
- ✦ Nigar Suleman
- ✦ Ooma Palaniappan
- ✦ Peggy Llort-Sicilia
- ✦ Ripal Shah
- ✦ Ritu Bhatia
- ✦ Sameera Goteti
- ✦ Sandhya Kumar
- ✦ Stacey Shiho Koya

- ✦ Vanessa Mehta
- ✦ Ying Zheng
- ✦ Zhaoan Li

Your presence made everything work like clockwork and in a smooth and orderly manner. Thank you for spending all those hours at the school helping us out! A special thanks to those who filled in at the last minute and to [Sandhya Kumar](#) who was at the school for the entire day!

Thank you for popping in on **Parent Play Day** to help with our very own popcorn stand. The kids love to see you on those special Fridays!

- ✦ Ana Malloy
- ✦ Carol Folkman
- ✦ Joyce Zheng
- ✦ Karla Rager
- ✦ Kellie Gazzard
- ✦ Marcie Steven

Thank you to Khristie Tobler and Michele Lyman for their fundraising efforts via Orange Ruler.

Thank you Dafna Tarlowe for organizing the efforts of the Room Coordinators

Thank you to Kanika Arora for coordinating the Math Club and getting the program off to a fantastic start. We have 70 students participating this year in four separate classes led by our amazing Coaches who are ready to talk Math early in the morning!

- ✦ Ajita Gopikrishnan
- ✦ Jyot Kumar
- ✦ Ripal Shah
- ✦ Ritu Bhatia
- ✦ Olga Lepekhina
- ✦ Veena Rao

Last but not the least, Thank you to Dan Miller for this edition of the Howler

PARENT ED CORNER

Happy November! I hope everyone survived all the pumpkin patches and Halloween celebrations!

I came across this great website in one of my continuing education courses and thought I'd pass it along! It has great suggestions for each age level (through high school) and talks about various aspects of social-emotional development:

<http://www.parenttoolkit.com/index.cfm?objectid=50A8EC10-32D8-11E4-B03B0050569A5318>

Also, don't forget to mark your calendar for our first parent education night in December!

Be Keen on your Tween's Safety!

Tuesday, December 8th at in the Cascade Ridge Elementary Coyote Café

Join Kim Estes from Savvy Parents Safe Kids for a parenting workshop for parents of kids ages 8-12

This workshop will cover topics such as:

- * Cell Phones –tool or tricked out toy?
- * What you need to know about sleepovers
- * When your Tween becomes a babysitter
- * Staying home alone. Are they ready?
- * Tweens and body safety
- * Out & About: School and neighborhood safety
- * What safety tools work and which ones don't?
- * The questions every parent should be asking.
- * Why now is the time to step up your game plan!

We all want to keep our kids safe... and if you have a child between 8-12 be sure to join us and learn easy tips and tools that make safety fun not scary.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Collecting and turning in box tops is an easy way for you to help earn money for our school. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$1,000 again this year. You can help 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.bboxtops4education.com for more information.



You can help raise money for our school in 2 easy steps:

1. Clip, paste, and or tape your Box Tops to the collection sheet found on the school website at http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Doc/PassiveFundraising/BoxTop_BackToSchool.pdf , or simply place Box tops in an envelope.
2. Bring your collection sheets/envelope to your classroom teacher now until the end of February.

The classroom that collects the most box tops by the end of February will win a prize, so be sure to include your teacher's name with all Box Tops you turn in. Please remember that Box Tops that are expired or are missing the expiration date do not qualify.

Questions? Contact our box top chair Elana Clayton at: elanaclayton@gmail.com

SITE COUNCIL

Please welcome our 2015-2016 Site Council Members!

Staff Members:

Natalie Fowler (Principal)

Callie Greenfield (Student Support)

Kari Klosterman (Educational Aide)

Lisa Lo (Principal's Secretary)

Toni Osotio (Kindergarten)

Jennifer Sehlin (Dean of Students)

Lynette Springborn (4th Grade)

Parent/Community Members:

Jen Belding

Ann Brooks

Brian Ecceles

Stefanie Magnuson

Stephanie Wright

PTSA Representative:

Jaime Foreman (Executive Vice President)

Site Council is intended to be an avenue for communication between the community and the school. If you have any comments or concerns that you would like addressed, please contact a member of site council or email sitecouncil@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

CASCADE RIDGE PTSA: WE'RE ONLINE, ALL THE TIME!

Did you know you can have school and PTSA events automatically added and updated into your calendar app of choice? Checkout the details at: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Event/ViewElsewhere> (you'll need to be logged into your PTSA account.)

Another way to stay connected: "Like" us on [Facebook](#)! Get the most up to date information on all upcoming school and PTSA events, Spirit Days, late-breaking news and everything else relevant to our school community right in your news feed. If you like our page already but aren't seeing our news on your feed, make sure to check our page every Monday for new posts. Don't forget to tell your Cascade Ridge friends to like us too!



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>



COME OUT AND PLAY!

Don't forget to 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. The kids love to see their loved ones during the school day. 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. Upcoming dates are...

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November 6th

December 4th