



COYOTE HOWLER

June Events

June 1st - 3rd: 5th Grade Trip

June 3rd: Parent Play Day;
Popcorn Friday; Coyote Gear
Day

June 3rd: Movie Night at
7:00p

June 6th: Site Council at 3:30p

June 14th: 5th Grade Cast Off
at 8:45a

June 16th: Last Day of School

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

This last Howler issue of the school year highlights and recaps some of the amazing things our PTSA has accomplished throughout the year. From the spelling bee to the book fair and art walk to the fun run – please take a minute to read about what we've accomplished together.

My heartfelt thank you to the PTSA Board 2015-16 – thank you for braving new fundraising territory; for being flexible, patient and welcoming; for out of the box thinking; for generosity of spirit and deed; for stepping up to continually fill our volunteer gaps; and most importantly for your deep and genuine caring about enriching our students school experience! I am fortunate to have been in your company!

- Jaime Foreman
- Khristie Tobler
- Michelle Lyman
- Krystl McCandlish
- Jackie Mueller
- Carolyn Roberts
- Kanika Arora
- Ajita Gopikrishnan
- Stefanie Magnuson
- Angela Fischer

Thank you also Cascade Ridge Families – without whom PTSA would not have been able to assemble such an amazing slate of events, programs and activities for our students. Your enthusiasm to participate and support continually reminds how thankful I am to live in such a generous community.

Enjoy summer!

Kelly

Customize and Order Online Today!

Dear Parents,

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell prepackaged school supplies for the next school year through School Tool Box™. Place your order online and it will be **DELIVERED DIRECTLY TO YOUR HOME ADDRESS**. You will have the option to **CUSTOMIZE** your order by adding or removing items from the teacher-approved list. Already have a ruler or scissors? Remove them. Need an additional box of crayons for home or supplies for a sibling? Add them. It's that simple! **Order today!**

www.schooltoolbox.com

School Name:

Cascade Ridge Elementary
Sammamish, WA

Online Ordering Available:

Beginning May 26th

Orders ship within 10 days

Kindergarten A-L - \$60.24
Kindergarten M-Z - \$60.24
1st Grade - \$65.04
2nd Grade A-L - \$79.43
2nd Grade M-Z - \$77.74
3rd Grade - \$73.21
4th Grade A-L - \$87.16
4th Grade M-Z - \$87.16
4th Gr. Incl. Science Tech - \$76.44
5th Grade A-L - \$58.63
5th Grade M-Z - \$56.94
5th Gr. Incl. Science Tech - \$71.49
McLoughlin - \$68.43
Peerboom - \$57.01

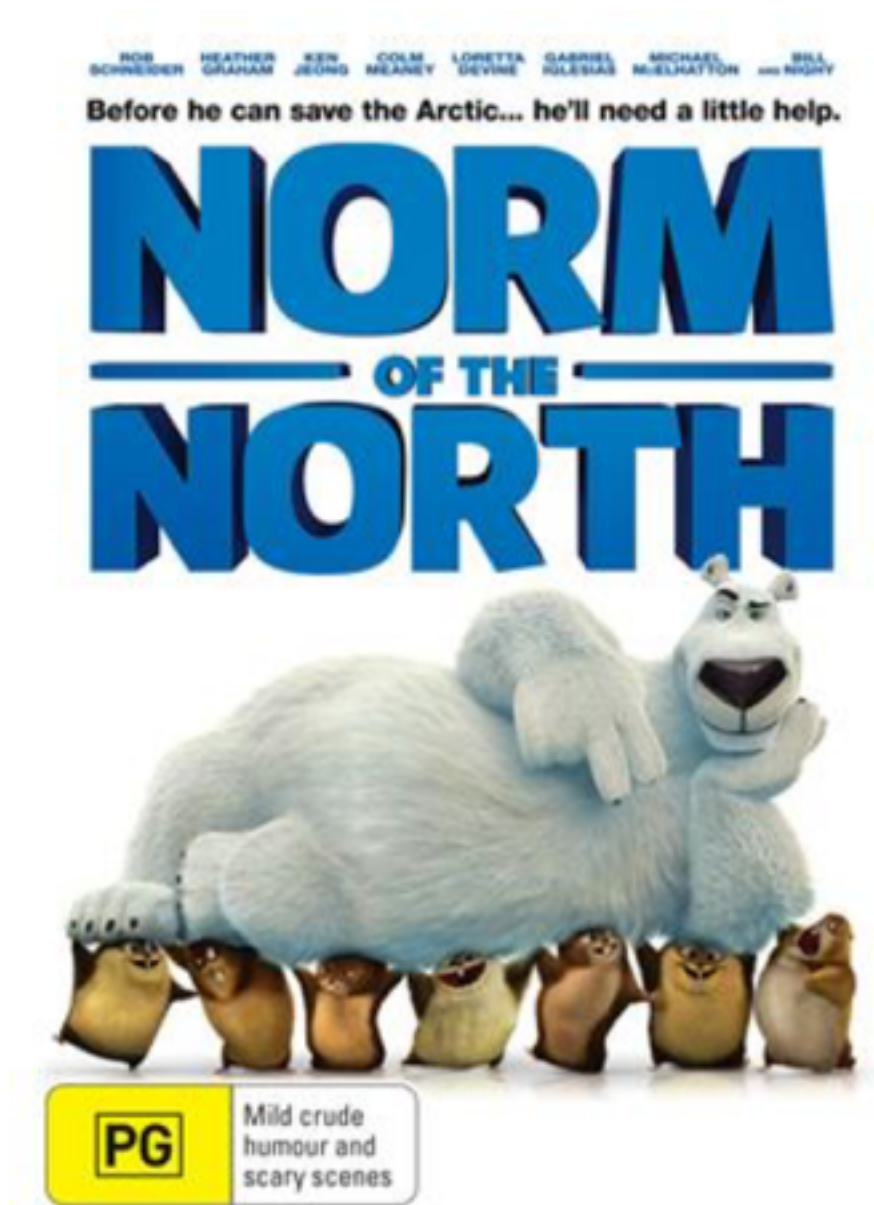



SCHOOL TOOL BOX
Help is here.



MOVIE NIGHT

Friday, June 3rd at 7:00p. \$3 per person or \$10 for the family. Includes drink, popcorn and sweet treat. Baked goods and Jamba Juice will also be available for purchase.



ART NIGHT RECAP

What a fantastically fun night at the Art Walk; thank you to all who came to join the festivities! A HUGE thank-you to our amazing Art Walk chair Carrie Tulloch and the parent volunteers for planning and organizing this great event, another huge thank-you to Ripal Shah and Ajita Gopikrishnan, our PTSA Reflections chairs, and endless thank-yous to PTSA art docent chairs Leah Chambers, Inna Paramonova, and all of our INCREDIBLE art docents. They have worked so hard throughout the year, planning, creating and inspiring such wonderful works from our students.

Did you know that your PTSA donations not only fund our before-and-after-school enrichment programs, but also events like this for the entire year? Science Fair, Art Night, Festival of Cultures, Eager Reader, Parent Play Day, Reflections, Holiday Gift Barn, Spelling Bee, Math Club... the list goes on and on! Thank you to our VP of Programs Carolyn Roberts for leading this integral part of our school community, and thank you parents for continuing to support PTSA!



FIFTH GRADE NEWS

5th Grade Newsletter –3rd Edition

Please find below a link to the third issue of our 5th grade newsletter. It contains everything you need to know about Camp Warm Beach, the Cast-Off Ceremony and the Lucky Strike Bowling Bonanza party.

<http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Doc/Fifth%20Grade/5thGradeNewsletterMay2016.pdf>

Please do not hesitate to contact Erinn Chapman erinnchapman@gmail.com or Erica Fewel erica_fewel@yahoo.com if you have any questions.

MATH OLYMPIAD RESULTS

Six 5th grade and five 4th grade teams of the Math Club participated in the Math Olympiad coordinated by Washington State Mathematics Council (WSMC) on May 7, 2016 at Maywood Middle School in Des Moines.

Awards were presented to every team that met the following criteria:

Session 1 (Long Problem)	Session 2 (Short Problems)
Medal for 80-100%	Medal for 85-100%
Ribbon for 65-79%	Ribbon for 60-84%

Team 1 which consisted of 4th graders got a **score of 100% in session 2**. What an amazing performance!

Overall, we came home with a total of **6 Medals** and **11 Ribbons**! Way to go kids.

Each Cascade Ridge Team was a winner and we are so proud of all the kids who participated!

Congratulations for the awesome teamwork to ALL the students of the **11 participating teams!**

1. Ananth Krishnan, Haolin Cong, Srihun Sankepally and Ronak Kothari
2. Naveen Challa, Nakula Prabakaran, Varun Jayanth and Rishi Bhutpur
3. Pahal Thaker, Mira Chatterjee, Tanvi Shah and Bianca Druta
4. Richard Tan, Justin Park, Aditya Rana and Sunny Xu
5. Amal Masood, Nina Shetty and Vasudha Ravivarma
6. Kartik Arora, Caroline Zhuang, Mira Lee and Lina Joy Bartminn
7. Rio Koya, Senlin Sun, Shreyash Sinha and Atharva Kamat
8. Varsha Damodarsamy, Bryce Wang, Ananya Ajila
9. Emma Ferng, Li Xie and Navya Challa
10. Arana Pandey, Nathan Day, Srinija Stanam and Fiona (Yufei) Li
11. Veronica Lepekhina, Himaja Kotti and Parveen Kaur Sidhu

A BIG THANKS to ALL the parents and coaches for driving the carpools, for helping with scoring, grading, for accompanying the students to the competition and for always being their cheerleaders.



PARENT ED

The countdown to summer is on! If you are like me, you're looking forward to slower paced mornings, putting the lunch boxes away for awhile and making new memories during the weeks away from school.

If you're still looking for camps to fill the hours, here are a few resources:

<https://www.parentmap.com/article/fun-summer-camps-for-seattle-area-kids>

Don't forget, we now have the new YMCA and their summer programs right here in Sammamish:

<http://ykids.seattleyymca.org/sammamish-community-ymca/summer-camps/outdoor-day-camp>

Not looking for camps but for new and fresh ideas of "things to do"? Look here for some suggestions:

<http://redtri.com/seattle/75-things-to-do-with-the-family-in-seattle-this-summer/>

Lastly, the Parent Education program will look a little differently next year. It is becoming a bit more streamlined and cohesive across the district. The goal is to provide quality and relevant opportunities for all of our families in the Issaquah School District. Look for the exciting changes in the fall!

Happy Summer!!!!

LEADERS NEEDED - 2016/17

WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN OUR TEAM AND LEAVE YOUR MARK ON THE CRE EXPERIENCE?

	WANTED: Geography Bee Chair Organize and coordinate the Geography Bee.	
	WANTED: Movie Night Chair Organize PTSA sponsored evening movie screenings in the Coyote Cafe	
	WANTED: Matching Funds Chair Track and follow through with company matching funds that are indicated on donation pledges.	
	WANTED: Coyote Art Walk Chair Put together an annual evening to showcase the art created by the PTSA Art Decent program.	
	WANTED: Math Club Coaches Co-teach a weekly 4 th or 5 th grade Math Club Class. Prepare interested students for local math competitions.	

Please consider signing up for one of these open positions.
If interested, please contact [Ajita Krishnan](#), [Farzana Mogul](#) or [Angela Fischer](#)

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

It has been a pleasure serving as your PTSA Community Relations VP. I am very excited to continue in my role next year and hope to add to what is already a strong CRE community. This year I chose to put more focus on welcoming our new Cascade Ridge families. Whether it is the start of a new school year or you join halfway though, it is not easy to be the new kid and new family at a school. I personally have moved my family twice in the middle of a school year so I have a soft spot for newbies. I hope that those who were in this position this year felt welcomed. PTSA hosted the first ever New Family Playdate back in August just days before the start of the school year. Families were invited to the school playground where we played a few ice breaker games, checked out our teachers in the yearbook and made connections with other families both new and old. In November I hosted a Newcomers Coffee at my home where parents were invited to come meet other new parents as well as some of our PTSA board members. It was a very nice gathering. We also hosted a New Family Breakfast on the first day back after the Holiday Break. New families gathered in the Café for donuts and juice where they were able to chat, ask questions, see pictures of their teachers and meet a friendly face before they ventured off to class. Watch for these events again next year and if you know new families please encourage them to attend. It is our goal to make everyone feel welcomed at Cascade Ridge!

In addition to the above we added Family Movie Nights this year. In January families were invited to watch Minions in the Café. The second movie night is scheduled for Friday, June 3rd where we will be showing Norm of the North. Please come in your comfy clothes, bring a blanket and settle in next to a friend or two for a fun night out. We will have crafts, concessions, and Jamba Juice. Hope to see you there!

Some of the other events that PTSA Community Relations headed up in the 2015-2016 school year include:

- Silly Spaghetti
- Coffee with the Principal
- Talent Show
- Staff Appreciation Week

Watch for all these are more again next year. If you are interested in being involved with the Community Relations events please contact me. I am always looking for volunteers! Afischer515@yahoo.com.

FUNDRAISING

This year's fundraising consisted of:

School Toolbox School Supplies

Corporate Sponsors

Orange Ruler

Corporate Matching Funds

Book Fair

Coyote Wear Clothing Orders

Brown Bear Carwash Tickets

Box Tops/Labels for Education

Dinner Out at Five Guys

Jamba Juice Punch Cards

Seattle Sounders Tickets

Dinner Out at Hop Jack's

Glassybaby at our Science Fair

Dinner Out at Zeek's (on June 6!)

Jamba Juice (on June 3 & 16)

Thank you for your generosity, our school raised well over **\$72,000** to support all our programs!



PTSA SPOTLIGHT

The PTSA Board would like to “spotlight” ALL the individual class **Art Docents** for their dedication to our school!

Our amazing Art Docents have spent many hours *every month* to make sure all students get an opportunity to express themselves through art. You will see many examples of their work while walking in the school hallways. They not only guide and inspire students to draw, color, paint or sculpt, they also share their passion for art. Thanks to their dedication and hard work we had many beautiful pieces to exhibit during our Art Walk in May.

Shine on Art Docents! ***You guys ROCK!***

Alyssa Miikki

Anne Miller

Mrs. Betty Gillstrap

Connie Jackson

Dakota Krueger

Darlene Baker

Diane Meehl

Inna Paramonova

Jackie Mueller

Jaime Foreman

Jerrae Staples

Jessica Tran

Kellie Gazzard

Kim Evans

Kirsten Vienneau

Krista Gale

Krystl McCandlish

Leah Chambers

Lisa Grady

Marissa Schulz

Melanie Kusmik

Melissa Bortnick

Nancy Chen

Nathalie Fusaro

Paula Koransky

Ripal Shah

Shilpa Sharma

ShirlyShemesh

Teresa Marshall

Zak Martinkosky

THANK YOU

Thank you Amy Simpson, Ana Malloy, Jaime Foreman, Jen Belding, Karla Rager, Kellie and Lara Buis for providing popcorn corner during the final Parent Play Days of the school year.

Our sincere gratitude to Angela Fischer and Melissa Bortnick for stepping at the last minute to co-chair the Talent Show with veteran chair Angela Nicola. We so appreciate all you have done to give a chance for our kids to showcase their talents and for the community to appreciate their diverse accomplishments.

Thanks a million to Carrie-Ann Tulloch for creating such a fine Coyote Art Walk. You are the very definition of grace under fire. We are sure to remember this fun and well-planned event for years to come.

It is our sincere endeavor each month to thank by name each of our hardworking volunteers. Despite our best efforts, we might inadvertently omit to mention some volunteers. If you notice an omission, please do let us know so that we can make it right.

DINE WITH CASCADE RIDGE AT ZEEK'S PIZZA

Monday, June 6th - All Day

Here's one last opportunity to not have to cook **AND** support Cascade Ridge PTSA!

On Monday, June 6th Zeeks Pizza in the Issaquah Highlands will donate 20% of sales to Cascade Ridge's PTSA. This offer is good **all day** and applies to deliveries, pickup orders and in-restaurant dining. There's no flier to give the staff at Zeeks...simply mention the Cascade Ridge fundraising event! So easy!

Mark your calendar and plan to take the day off from cooking!



VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Thank you to all of our chairs and volunteers for the 2015-16 school year!

Each moment you generously give has enriched the lives of our students and the Cascade Ridge Community .

We so appreciate all you do!

Special thanks to...

- **Julia Yu**, Matching Funds Chair, for her persistence and attention to detail. As a result of her tireless efforts, we received \$16,000 in funds!
- Our Site Council this year Ann Brooks, Brian Eccles, Callie Greenfield, Jaime Foreman, Jen Belding, Jennifer Sehlin, Kari Klosterman, Lisa Lo, Lynette Springborn, Natalie Fowler, Stefanie Magnuson, Stephanie Wright, and Toni Osotio
- **Jackie Mueller** for spearheading all the different means of disseminating PTSA news.
- **Dan Miller**, returning to serve as the faithful editor and publisher of the Howler each month.
- **Stefanie Magnuson** for keeping us abreast of all PTSA information in each edition of the Coyote Connection.
- **Teresa Marshall Kovach and Emily Ma** for creating a wonderful yearbook, preserving treasured memories for all of our students.
- **Michele Brady and Shuling Huber**, our creative, committed, dependable webmasters!
- **Nathalie Fusaro and Jackie Mueller** for keeping the CRE Facebook page current, engaging and informative.
- **Erinn Chapman** for creating her signature bulletin boards that inform with flair!
- **Peggy Sicilia** and **Michelle Lyman** for promptly updating the reader board announcements, a saving grace for busy families as we drive past the school.
- **Krystl McCandlish** for organizing the trusty CRE Student Directory.
- **Jen Belding** for arranging educative Parent Education evenings, and keeping families abreast of useful resources in the community.
- **Kim Vivash** for her hard work on Labels for Education and on eScript, as well as our first ever Movie Night Series.

- **Michelle Lyman and Khristie Tobler** for conducting innovative and successful fundraising ventures throughout the year with trademark levity.
- **Nicole Brenner** for raising our school spirit by providing our Coyote Wear, and additionally for coordinating Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets
- **Lisa Grady** and **Emily Ma** for providing parents a convenient and affordable option to purchase school supplies online
- **Elana Clayton** and the **Box Top Classroom Reps** for their work to convert trash to cash by collecting, counting and double-checking the expiration dates on all of those box tops clippings.
- **Leah Chamber** and **Inna Paramonova** for their leadership, creativity and endless support of our wonderful classroom Art Docents.
- **Jennifer Sehlin** and **Lisa Lo** for coordinating Parent Play Day, so enjoyed by kids and families each month.
- **Kanika Arora**, our dedicated and spirited Math Club Chair and all **the math club coaches** for sharing their love of math with the kids.
- **Kristin Hunter**, our fabulous library coordinator returning again this year to lead her tireless **team of library volunteers**.
- **Dulcy Hixon** and **Tobi Roni** for arranging birthday celebrations each month – a fun and honored tradition for the kids.
- **Dafna Tarlowe** for ably directing our fine team of **Room Coordinators** who help pull together PTSA activities in the classroom.
- **Loretta Brownlee** and her **crew of bakers** for providing such delicious spreads at our PTSA events.
- **Lara Buis** and all of the **Popcorn Friday volunteers** for the warm popcorn and the smiles!
- **Ann Brooks, Carol Schweitzer and Diana Pugh** for their adept coordination of festive Teacher Appreciation luncheons each month.
- **Angela Fischer** for her commitment to community relations, finding ways to welcome new families to the community, and hosting various events throughout the year including coffee with the principal. Thanks also for pulling together Teacher Appreciation Week.

- **Pamela Franklin, Ms. Paula** and the entire **Safety Patrol Team** for getting us to and from school safely
- **Eric Chapman** and **Erica Fewel** along with **Michele Lyman, Dafna Tarlowe** and **Sandy McNees** for all the planning that goes into the 5th grade camp, the cast off end of the year party and the service project.
- **Natalie Fowler** and all the amazing **Cascade Ridge Staff** for supporting our PTSA 100%.
- Last but not least - our consummate PTSA president, Kelly Huber and the PTSA Board Members, Jaime Foreman, Jackie Mueller, Carolyn Roberts, Angela Fischer, Krystl McCandlish, Stefanie Magnuson, Michelle Lyman, Khristie Tobler, Kanika Arora and Ajita Krishnan - who devote many hours throughout the year to bring together the PTSA programs, events, services and educational support to our school and community.



MATH CLUB RECAP

After 23 weekly sessions, 23 sets of homework, 4 Math Competitions, a 2nd place award, a 3rd place award, 6 Team Medals for Superior performance, and 11 Team Ribbons for Excellent performance, and a fantastic turnout for the end of the year pizza and cake party, our year of Math Club has come to an end!

Our 5th Grade Coaches **Olga Lepekhina and Ritu Chatterjee** will be moving on to Middle School with their kids. They have put in countless hours in this program and we cannot thank them enough. Thanks Olga and Ritu for your time and effort over the last 2 years. We'll miss you tremendously!

A special thanks to **Elsa Curro** who jumped in as a coach her first year in the country and is now on her way to another adventure in another country. We'll miss you Elsa!

THANK YOU **Ajita Gopikrishnan, Ripal Shah, Reham Shehata, Veena Rao and Jyot Kumar** for a great year. We look forward to having you as coaches for the future Math Club Classes!

Thanks to **Kanika Arora** for chairing and coordinating a group of 66 students and 8 coaches!

Thanks to ALL parents for encouraging all kids, helping with homework and for all your support. Thank you for presence at the of the year party and for the thoughtful flowers and gifts. **Thanks Julia Yu and Stacey Koya** for coordinating the parents' efforts for the wonderful gifts!

A special thanks to **Shauna Carrigan** for bearing with our innumerable requests of tables and chairs every morning for the classes and for her help at the party!

Most importantly thanks to each and every kid who persevered and woke up early in the morning to attend the Math Class.

We wish **our 5th graders** best wishes for a great future and hope that their love for Math continues into Middle School and beyond. Good luck **Ananya Ajila, Kartik Arora**, Rishika Arun, Lina Joy Bartminn, **Mira Chatterjee, Lucianna Colindres**, Varsha Damodarasamy, Bianca Druta, Himaja Kotti, **Miracle (Mira) Lee, Veronica Lepekhina**, Aditya Rana, Tyler Shek, Anjili Sita, **Senlin Sun, Richard Tan, Jeewoo Yoon, Seohyun You**, Atharva Kamat, Parveen Kaur Sidhu, **Rio Koya, Alexander Nankov, Justin Park, Niveditha Pravind**, Tanvi Shah, Shreyash Sinha, Pahal Thaker, **Bryce Wang, Sunny Xu, Jason Zhang** and Caroline Zhuang.

We look forward to seeing our **4th graders'** eager faces back again next year. Strong work this year **Naveen Challa, Navya Challa, Emma Ferng, Nathan Fischer, Armaan Gill, Jaden Goelkel, Aidan Henle, Varun Jayanth, Ronak Kothari, Ananth Krishnan, Rachel**

Maginnis, Amal Masood, Jyotika Pathath, Nakula Prabakaran, Vasudha Ravivarma, Nina Shetty, Li Xie, Jackson Buis, Shrihun Sankepally, Abby Arroyo, Yusuf Badran, Noor Badran, Rishi Bhuthpur, Garrett Chen, Haolin Cong, Miguel Rosa Curro, Nathan Day, Truman Lau, Yufei Li, Alexandru Negroiu, Arana Pandey, Rayn Ramzi, Elani Rocker, Sreenija Stanam, Claire Yang

Last but not the least **A SINCERE THANKS** to the **CRE PTSA** for their generous support of Math Club! We could not have done it without our AMAZING PTSA! Happy Summer everyone!







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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June 3rd