



COYOTE HOWLER

We're Going Back To School



September Events

September 1st: First day of school (1st - 5th graders)

September 5th: No School - Labor Day

September 7th: First day of school (Kindergarteners)

September 9th: Family registration paperwork due

September 9th: Talk with Tia at 8:30a

September 27th: Picture Day

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome back Cascade Ridge families! I don't know about you, but summer flew by way too fast for me! Don't worry though, we have lots of great things happening at Cascade Ridge to keep the fun going starting with our annual walk-a-thon in September. This is a fun-filled event for the whole family and we look forward to seeing you there!

The September edition of the Coyote Howler includes great information to help you get through the often chaotic (but fun!) month of September. I want to take a moment and remind you of all the great ways PTSA communicates with you, our Cascade Ridge Families. Our website is a great resource. Check us out at cascaderidgeptsa.org for volunteer opportunities, our calendar, and information about upcoming events. Speaking of volunteers, all of our great programs can't happen without you, our amazing community! There are small ways and big ways that you can help continue to make Cascade Ridge an amazing place for our children. Take a moment to go to the website and

check out different ways you can volunteer. Please take a minute to "like" us on Facebook at Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA. This is a great resource for up-to-date information. Also be on the look out for this monthly newsletter.

I look forward to seeing everyone throughout the school year, especially at Curriculum Night on September 15th. Please contact me with any questions, comments or feedback!

Welcome Back Coyotes!

Jaime Foreman,

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TALK WITH TIA

Start this school year off informed and involved! Please join Principal Tia Kleinkopf in the Coyote Cafe for conversation and coffee on Friday, September 9th at 8:30am. This is the first of three "Talk with Tia" coffee dates where she will be sharing what is happening at Cascade Ridge this school year.



WELCOME BACK COYOTES

Don't forget to fill out your Family Registration (First Day Packet) by September 9th! Did you remember to order your Coyote Wear? A great selection of logo items are available for purchase via the website until 10/07/16, and each purchase raises funds for the PTSA and supports programs and events at Cascade Ridge. Just go to "Family Resgistration" on our website to order: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Home>

Thank you for supporting our school!



HAWK-A-THON

CASCADE RIDGE 12s ARE YOU IN?

It's coming! The Cascade Ridge HAWK-A-THON and Family Tailgate Party! Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 29, 4:00-6:30pm (note date change). Come enjoy the walking course, obstacle course, carnival games, face painting, food, and more! This is the biggest fundraiser of the year that will help raise funds for PTSA sponsored programs and events including Eager Reader, Science Fair, Spelling Bee, Festival of Cultures, and Class and Staff Grants. In addition, we are raising funds to purchase a new play structure to replace the 'spider web' that was removed from the lower playground last spring. Be on the lookout for your HAWK-A-THON envelope coming home with your child on September 15. It's going to be HAWKSOME!

HAWK-A-THON

CAKE WALK



Cascade Ridge PTSA will be hosting a Cake Walk at this year's walk-a-thon and we need your beautiful baked goods to help make it a success. If you or someone you know enjoys baking, please consider making a donation of a full cake, or 1 dozen cupcakes, cookies, or cake pops to be used at this fun family event. All donations will be collected the morning of Thursday, September 29th. Please contact Angela Fischer at afischer515@yahoo.com if you'd like to donate.

PTSA LEADERSHIP

Our PTSA leadership team has been working hard this summer planning programs and events to benefit our school community. If you have a question, idea, compliment or concern, feel free to contact anyone on the team.

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ENRICHMENT AND ENJOYMENT

Cascade Ridge PTSA sponsors a variety of programs throughout the school year. There are many opportunities to volunteer for any of these programs. Whether big or small, one time or ongoing – our programs only happen with volunteer support. For more information, please contact

Carolyn Roberts at tycar74@hotmail.com.

Keep checking the PTSA website and newsletters for more information!

Reflections

Start creating! '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. The theme for 2016-17 is 'What is your story?'. Deadline for submissions is in early November.

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 toward both individual and class totals en route to fun prizes. Eager Reader will start on January 9th and continue for four weeks.

Art Docent

Led by parent volunteers in each classroom, the Art Docent program teaches students about famous works of art, artistic concepts and techniques through the completion of hands-on monthly projects.

Math Club

Numbers your thing? 4th and 5th graders interested in honing their math skills are invited to join the Cascade Ridge Math Club. Our talented mathematicians meet once a week before school en route to a regional Math Olympiad in the spring. Watch for an informational meeting in October.

Holiday Gift Barn Collection

Holiday Gift Barn Collection supports our community by offering a collection point for gifts and groceries during the holiday season. Each classroom needs a parent-volunteer coordinator and is assigned a category (for example – pajamas or art supplies) and families are asked to participate by donating items. The event starts on November 28 and culminates in a caravan delivery to the Issaquah Food Bank in early December.

Caring Coyotes

Caring Coyotes is a yearlong program designed to reinforce the importance of community involvement and the spirit giving. Once each month the club meets after school to perform various community service projects. Students decide what local community initiatives to support – usually 3-5 outreach events per year.

Science Fair

The Science Fair is always a much-anticipated event. It allows students to explore a topic of their choice. Students work on their project over several weeks and proudly display their work. Join all our budding scientists on March 30, 6-8 pm for a spectacular scientific show!

Spelling Bee

Historically, Cascade Ridge has held a Spelling Bee every other year, alternating with the Geography Bee. This year, due to overwhelming demand, the Spelling Bee will return again. It will be held March 7-9. This is a great way to help students improve their spelling and increase their vocabulary in a fun and supportive environment.

But wait, there's more...

While most of our programs are led by volunteers and therefore free to any/all students, some programs are offered in a classroom atmosphere either before or after school and are offered by outside vendor/professionals. While we are still confirming logistics, the following classes are slated for the 2016-17 school year:

Yoga

Robotics/Technology

Language Lessons

Art

PLUS... there are some additional programs in the works... so stay tuned to both the next issues of the Howler and check the PTSA website frequently for updates and new additions!

CASCADE RIDGE VOLUNTEERS

Cascade Ridge PTSA does many things for our school community throughout the year, but cannot do so without YOUR HELP! Connect with our CRE Community and be an important part of the student experience; consider one of the positions below:

Treasurer, PTSA Board - Good with numbers? We need a person to work with our annual budget, run reports, and perform other general accounting duties. For a full description: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/PtsaJobDescription/Treasurer> . If interested, contact Ajita Gopikrishnan, ajitagk@gmail.com.

Movie Night Chair – Plan nights of fun at Cascade Ridge! Looking for someone who wants to organize our two Movie Nights, held in November and February. For more information, contact Angela Fischer, afischer515@yahoo.com

Art Walk Chair - Work with our art docent volunteers to plan our fun and family-friendly Coyote Art Walk! For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts, tycar74@hotmail.com.

Spelling Bee Chair - Looking for someone to create some “buzz” around our annual Spelling Bee! For more information, contact Carolyn Roberts at tycar74@hotmail.com.

Walkathon Volunteer – We need a LOT of volunteers to pull off our biggest fundraiser of the year! This is an excellent way to get involved and have a LOT of fun while helping out! For more information, contact Krystl McCandlish at krystlm@hotmail.com

Other Opportunities – There are plenty of other volunteering opportunities, from taking pictures for the yearbook, baking cookies for events, and countless other ways you can help! If you are interested in ANY of the above positions, please go to the “Family Registration” button on our homepage and click through to the “Volunteers” page, where you can sign up. Any volunteer questions can be directed to Ajita Gopikrishnan, ajitagk@gmail.com, or Farzana Mogal, farzana_6@yahoo.com. Thank you for your support! We love our CRE Volunteers!

VOLUNTEER PROCEDURES

We are so proud of our volunteers who give their time and talents to the students and staff at Cascade Ridge! Please remember to get your Washington State Patrol Form filled out. All volunteers must complete an online application. Please complete as soon as possible to avoid a delay in volunteering: <https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmplus.net/> . All new volunteers are required to attend a mandatory Volunteer Orientation: dates will be announced soon, so please watch for those!

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. If you do not have a Volunteer Badge with your picture on it, please come to Picture Day on September 27th to take your free picture.

NEW FAMILY PLAYDATE

The second annual New Family Playdate was a huge success! We are welcoming about 80 new K-5 families to Cascade Ridge this school year and on Sunday, August 28th we had **28** new students and their families come out to mingle and meet a friendly face before the first day of school. With the help of some current and graduated CRE students we were able to play some fun games and lead them on a Scavenger Hunt around school grounds. Check out our silly team photos. Welcome to Cascade Ridge everyone!



FUNDRAISING



Do all your online shopping through Amazon Smile! The link below will take you directly to the Cascade Ridge PTSA sponsor page. Shop as you normally would, using your regular or Prime account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of eligible AmazonSmile purchases directly to the PTSA.

Start shopping: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/91-2113434>



Collecting and turning in box tops is an easy way for you to help earn money for Cascade Ridge PTSA. We are hoping to reach our goal of \$1,000 again this year. Start collecting your box tops today and keep an eye out for turn-in dates and class competition details.

If you aren't familiar with the "Box Tops for Education" program or want to see a list of eligible products, please visit www.boxtops4education.com.



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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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October 7th

November 4th

December 2nd