



# COYOTE HOWLER

## May Events

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**May 1st - 5th:** Staff  
Appreciation Week

**May 5th:** Parent Play Day;  
Coyote Wear Day; Popcorn  
Friday

**May 19th:** PTSA General  
Membership Meeting at 8:30a

**May 26th:** Volunteer  
Appreciation Brunch

**May 29th:** No School -  
Memorial Day

## President's Letter

The theme for May seems to be appreciation. Appreciation for our wonderful Cascade Ridge staff and appreciation for all of YOU! We appreciate all the ways YOU make our school community a better place. We appreciate your help in the classroom, your help setting up for events, your help running events, your help cleaning up after events, your help passing out popcorn, your help bringing art to our classrooms, your help in the library, your help with food for staff luncheons, your help at classroom parties, your help with pictures for the yearbook, your help ensuring our 5<sup>th</sup> graders have a memorable year, your help promoting school unity through coyote wear and your help creating a safe and fun place for all coyotes. I could go on, the list is endless. All we do at Cascade Ridge cannot happen without you, our amazing volunteers and we Thank You!

Sincerely,

Jaime Foreman

Cascade Ridge PTSA President

# Staff Appreciation Week

PTSA has planned fun activities for each day to show all our Cascade Ridge staff how much we love and appreciate them! Students can show their love each day, too. Participation is optional. When making your plans to recognize your child's teacher please also consider the staff and specialist they work with each week. Contact your Room Coordinator or PTSA Community Relations Board Representative, Angela Fischer ([afischer515@yahoo.com](mailto:afischer515@yahoo.com)) with questions.



## **Monday, May 1st** - Make Them Smile Monday

Students write a thank you note or a poem for their teacher and/or ANY staff member they feel connected to.

## **Tuesday, May 2nd** - **Treat Day Tuesday**

Students bring in a treat, homemade or store bought for their teacher and/or ANY staff member they feel connected to.

## **Wednesday, May 3rd** - **Wildly Colorful Wednesday**

Students wear their teacher's favorite colors (use the staff favorites link provided below to find your teacher's favorite color). This is also **Specialist Day**. PTSA will recognize each specialist/non-teacher staff member with a special gift in their mailbox.

## **Thursday, May 4th** - Book Dedication Thursday

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." ~ Garrison Keillor

Have your child dedicate their favorite grade level book to their teacher's library. The book can be new or gently used. The child can write a short dedication to their teacher on the inside cover and sign it. As an alternative, students can give teachers gift cards to purchase books (Amazon, Barnes and Noble, etc). Please ask the student to be mindful of what books the classroom library needs and to be sure they are donating grade level appropriate books. Also consider books by male authors or books with boys as the main character. It is a school wide initiative to build our libraries with more books for boys written by male authors.

## **Friday, May 5th** - Favorite Things Friday

Students bring their teacher and/or ANY staff member they feel connected to one of their favorite things from their favorite things page on the PTSA website. (<http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/TeacherFavorites/Main>)

## PTSA General Membership Meeting

Save the date for our final General Membership meeting of the year. Join us on **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am** in the Café as we vote in the interim budget for next year. All PTSA members are welcome and encouraged to attend!

## Nourish Every Mind

Don't miss Issaquah's event of the year! To commemorate the 30th anniversary of the Foundation, the 19th Annual *Nourish Every Mind* Luncheon will be at Meydenbauer Center. This is the event of the season to witness stories of impact from our students made possible by donors like you! Thanks to our generous Golden Apple Sponsors (Microsoft & Shelter Holdings) 100% of attendee's donations will go directly to support our students! To register email [kaylee@isfdn.org](mailto:kaylee@isfdn.org).



# Help wanted! Open Positions

Are you ready to get involved? Are you ready to make a difference at Cascade Ridge? We are looking to fill the following positions for next year:

**School Directory:** Work with the school office to gather student information then coordinate the printing and distribution of the school directory. Timeframe: October/November

**Parent Education:** With help from the Issaquah PTSA Council, distribute information about district wide Parent Education Opportunities. This position also submits a monthly Parent Education article for the Howler Newsletter. Timeframe: throughout the year

**Passive Fundraising:** Help promote ways people can earn money for Cascade Ridge. Past examples are special dining nights out at local restaurants, mixed bags and sports tickets. Timeframe: throughout the year

**Art Docent:** Work with the art docents to bring art to the classroom. You provide help and assistance to art docents when needed as well as keep art supplies stocked for art docent use. Timeframe: throughout the year

**Engineering Night:** Coordinate with the district the different stations and supplies for Engineering Night at Cascade Ridge. You are responsible for putting on this event with a group of volunteers to help with set up and execution of the event. Timeframe: the month leading up to the event. Event date TBD.

**Picture Day:** Help coordinate the volunteers needed for picture day, both individual and classroom. Timeframe: This is a two-day commitment. Dates TBD.

**Website Co-Designer:** Help our webmaster with designing different aspects of our website.

Interested in learning more? Please contact Jaime Foreman, [jaimeforeman@comcast.net](mailto:jaimeforeman@comcast.net) or Sandy McNees, [sandy\\_mcnees@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy_mcnees@hotmail.com)

## Parent Ed Corner

Our Parent Education opportunities are winding down for the school year but there is still one event for you to look into. Check it out!

Monday, May 22nd at 7PM: The Gift of Failure – Fostering Intrinsic Motivation & Resilience in Kids

Join our book discussion on the national best-selling book "The Gift of Failure" by Jessica Lahey. Read a copy in advance if you can, and come exchange ideas on how together we can implement a cultural change in raising resilient, self-motivated kids. Author Jessica Lahey talked to parents about her research and advice on April 25th in the Issaquah school district. Whether you attended her talk or not, you can participate in this debrief discussion to provide insight on our own local society to enable all ages of kids (and parents?) to learn, grow, and succeed from their mistakes.

Location: Swedish Issaquah Café 1910 (Main Floor) 751 NE Blakely Drive

Register at: <http://ParentWiser.org> Event is **FREE** to ISD parents!

Also, remember that you can watch recorded workshops by going to [www.parentwiser.org/watch-online](http://www.parentwiser.org/watch-online).

## Site Council Members Needed

Are you interested in serving on Cascade Ridge's Site Council for the 2017-2018 school year? We are looking for a primary (K-2nd grade) parent representative. Site councils are intended to foster continuous improvement of the school's educational program, blend the values and perspectives of the community, staff, and students in school-wide decisions, and foster effective communication among all stakeholders in the school. Sometimes decisions are made at Cascade Ridge that community members might wonder about or question. Site Council is a great avenue for community members to direct questions, provide feedback and have their concerns heard. Site Council consists of the Principal, Cascade Ridge Staff, a PTSA Executive Board representative and parent representatives for the CRE community. Site Council meets about 5 times a year. If you are interested in finding out more about Site Council please contact Sandy McNees at [sandy\\_mcnees@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy_mcnees@hotmail.com).

## New Board Members

Congratulations Incoming PTSA Executive Board Members! Thank you to everyone who was able to attend last month's PTSA General Membership Meeting. Our membership elected the following individuals to the 2017 - 2018 PTSA Executive Board.

Congratulations and thanks to each and every one of these members who so willingly give their time and energy to our school and community.

President	Jaime Foreman
Executive Vice President	Sandy McNees
Treasurer	Lisa Righetti
Secretary	AJ Henderson
VP of Communications	Swati Jain
VP of Community Relations	Paula Koransky
Co-VP's of Fundraising	Angela Fischer and Holly Briscoe
VP-VP's of Programs	Darlene Baker and Viji Vasu
VP of Volunteers	Stephanie Middleton

# Science Fair Recap

Thank you!!! Cascade Ridge students, teachers, exhibitors and the PTSA for making the Science Fair 2017 a success.

The fair kicked off with a Scientific Show titled "Volts & Jolts" by Pacific Science Center which captured the imagination of our students. It also laid the foundation for building lots of excitement in the students about science and how it touches our lives everyday in so many ways.

We had a total of 255 Students who participated in the science fair with their creative and interesting experiments. Each experiment was explained to the judging team by our young scientists and based on that they were each awarded the blue ribbon in four categories...Terrific Topic, Dazzling Display, Magnificent Topic and Remarkable Result Award.

The students and the teachers voted for their favorite experiments under the following categories and we are pleased to share the names of the students who won under each:

AWARD	Grade 3 -5	Grade K – 2
Coollest Display	Cambell Brooks	Andrew Bell
Most Unique Topic	Lex Martinkosky	Nolan Koranski & Elliott Prudente
Most Disgusting	Vasudha Ravivarma	Neilan Juarez
Most Useful in My Everyday Life	Tanner Jones	Sathvik Nair
"The Green Award" – Greatest Impact in Helping the Earth	Yasmin Farhad	Nikhil Shetty

To make it a special event for the students, these awards were given out to the students at the fair in the evening in front of the parents and other fair attendees - a proud moment for the students.

This year we had over 17 external exhibitors who made the evening session of the fair a great learning experience for our students and families. These exhibitors performed scientific experiments and demonstrated live animals to engage audience of all ages.

In the end Science Fair 2017 turned out to be a well-organized, learning and fun filled experience for everyone who was involved. A big thank you to the Cascade Ridge students and teachers for making this an important part of their learning.

This event would not have been possible without relentless efforts on part of the Science Fair committee members – Ajita Gopikrishnan, Anamika Malhotra, Carol Folkman, Chandra Polisetti, Darlene Baker, Kerri Shek, Nadia Ali, Shalini Sivakumar, Sandhya Kumar and the PTSA for their unconditional support. A huge thank you to the volunteers and the families for showing up in large numbers and encouraging our budding scientists.



# Math Club

The Math Club students have been busy with **3 competitions in 10 days!** Representing Cascade Ridge in their bright red T-shirts, the students have had a wonderful experience. Learning math in a fun way and toward a common goal, the kids have finished strong! We are proud of our Coyotes!

## Math is Cool Results

**On April 21**, the 4th grade students of the Math Club participated in Math in Cool held in Des Moines. The 6 CRE teams participated in division "i" and competed against teams 20 other schools in the same division. Cascade Ridge Elementary earned a **12<sup>th</sup> place** and has been invited to compete at the Masters level of Math is Cool!

**Micah Mok** was awarded the trophy for scoring the **14<sup>th</sup> highest score** among almost 400 students who competed! A remarkable achievement. Good job Micah!

Also, Richard Wang was among the top 25 students! Well done Richard!

We are very proud of all our Math Club Students for their hard work! Congratulations to all the students for taking Cascade Ridge to the Masters level:

Aesha Desouky, Aly Desouky, Austin Wang, Claire Hsu, Dave Yoon, Dhruv Arora, Eva Chao, Geethika Menon, Jonathan Li, Krish Marwaha, Lucas Srinivasan, Micah Mok, Murtaza Bootwala, Nadia Sukoco, Nevin Tamilselvan, Palash Singhal, Richard Yang, Rihan Rahman, Sandilya Parimi





## Middle School Math Olympiad Results

On April 29, the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade **35 Math Club students comprising 10 teams** participated in The Math Olympiad which is coordinated by the Washington State Mathematics Council at the Seattle University. This is a **Middle School** Olympiad with fairly complex problems and our 4<sup>th</sup> graders compete at the 5<sup>th</sup> grade level. forming 10 teams

Out of the 5 total medals that were awarded, 4 medals were earned by the Cascade Ridge Teams. That is quite an achievement!

**1 of the above 4 medals** was for the Long Problem portion of the contest and the Cascade Ridge Team was the only one to earn a medal in that category.

**Congratulations Haolin Cong, Li Xie, Spencer Mundel and Navya Challa** for your **superior performance** in Session 1 and Session 2 and for earning medals in both sessions! God job!

**Out of the 14 total ribbons, 5 Ribbons** were again bagged by the Cascade Ridge Mathematicians for their **excellent performance!**

Each Cascade Ridge Team emerged as a winner for taking on the challenge, stepping out of their comfort zone and we are very proud of all the participants.

Congratulations for the awesome teamwork to **ALL** the students of the 10 teams.

Team 1: Haolin Cong, Li Xie, Spencer Mundel and Navya Challa

Team 2: Ronak Kothari, Naveen Challa, Srinija Stanam and Shrihun Sankepally

Team 3. Aran Pandey, Vasudha Ravivarma and Fiona Li

Team 4: Claire Yang, Noor Badran and Nina Shetty

Team 5: Truman Lau, Steve Ling, Bailing Hou and Yusuf Badran

Team 6: Dhruv Arora, Dave Yoon and Keishi Chirillo

Team 7: Abdullah Ali, Attiya Ali, Rihan Rahman and Eva Chao

Team 8: Nevin Tamilselvan, Sandilya Parimi and Micah Mok

Team 9: Claire Hsu, Geethika Menon, Austin Wang and Krish Marwaha

Team 10: Zaarah Arif, Aesha Desouky and Winter Chiu

We are grateful to all our **parent volunteers** who helped with scoring, grading, proctoring and for helping out in their special ways! Thanks to the **Math Club Chair Kanika Arora** for keeping everyone organized.

A **HUGE thanks** to the **4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>** grade coaches for sharing their passion with the students. Math Club would not be possible without the time and commitment of the parent volunteers who coach the math classes.

4th Grade Coaches	5th Grade Coaches
Jyot Kothari	Ram Parimi
Veena Rao	Yamuna Tamil
Michelle Yip	Kanika Arora
Reham Shehata	Guarav Marwaha
	Wahida Arif
	Elizabeth Chiu

Last but not the least, we are grateful to our **PTSA** for the generous support to the program! All the competition fee is paid from the PTSA grant to the Math Club.



## Washington Student Math Association Math Bowl Results

The day after the Math Olympiad, on April 30, 3 teams participated in the Math Bowl for the first time. Competing against 8<sup>th</sup> graders, Cascade Ridge students earned a **5<sup>th</sup> place** in the 5/6 grade division.

Congratulations Ronak Kothari, Aran Pandey, Vasudha Ravivarma and Emma Ferng! We are proud of you.

A shout out to Haolin Cong, Li Xie, Shrihun Sankepally, Fiona Li, Varun Jayanth, Ananth Krishnan, Nakula Prabakaran and Srinija Stanam for undertaking yet another challenge.

A special thanks to **Jyot Kumar** and **Veena Rao** who have been coaching the a class of the Math for the last 2 years and preparing the students for the various competitions. Their dedication to the Math Club is exemplary.

Good luck to our Math Wizards for the final competition of the year: "Math is Cool: Masters"

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Coaches Needed for 2017-18

Do you like numbers? Do you want to share your love for Math with young minds and at times watch the young minds calculate at lightning speed? Would you like to be part of the Math Club Team?

The present 4<sup>th</sup> grade coaches will be moving on as the 5<sup>th</sup> grade coaches. The math club is only successful when we have parents who volunteer to coach. This is a weekly commitment. Classes start in October.

If interested, please contact the Math Club chair for next year: Reham Shehata at [mathclub@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:mathclub@cascaderidgeptsa.org)

# Book Swap Thank you!

*Over 186 students contributed over 1,700 Books!*

Thank you Cascade Ridge families for your enthusiastic support of the 3rd Annual Book Swap! Gently used books were collected before school on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> then students had fun hunting for “new to you” titles during second recess. Teachers were invited to choose titles for their classroom libraries and the remaining books were donated to local charities (Treehouse Foster Care Support and Eastside Baby Corner).



Special thanks to the students who donated 20+ books each (**Avery Clayton, Charlie Brady, Maggie Brady, Sophie Gehrett** and **Leela Singh**) and to our Librarian, **Zana Moore**, for donating 130 books from her personal library. Way to go **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Class** for the most participation!

Many thanks to **Dean Kathy Keegan** and all the adult and student volunteers who made this event possible!

## **Adult Volunteers**

Melanie Kusmik, Ajita Gopikrishnan, Tina Lackshin, Emily Ma, Anne Miller, Jackie Mueller, Sandhya Kumar and Shalini Sivakumar

## **Student Volunteers**

Maggie Brady, Charlie Brady, Gracie Brenner, Lindsey Kusmik, Alexandra Lackshin, Joseph Lackshin, Gabbi Perino, Devin Satenberg and Anna Schmidt,

**Keeping saving those books (K-6<sup>th</sup> grade reading level) and look for the Book Swap to return again next year!**

# Festival of Cultures

A BIG Thank You to Reham Shehata and Ramya Krishna for chairing this year's Festival of Cultures! Thank you for the dedication, time and effort you put into this event. Your attention to every detail made for a wonderful, fun-filled event for our community. A heartfelt thank you to all of our gracious and magnificent host families, who created a truly amazing evening of color, cuisine and culture!

<b>Brazil</b>	Gorostiaga, Guimaraes	<b>Iran</b>	Geller, Taheri
<b>Chile</b>	Watson	<b>Israel</b>	Shemesh, Ostfeld, Barak
<b>Colombia</b>	Mallarino, Malloy	<b>Japan</b>	Lam, Smick
<b>Egypt</b>	Desouky, Ortiz, Youssef, Badran, Mostafa	<b>Moldova</b>	Stone
<b>England</b>	Scurrall	<b>Netherlands</b>	Lyman
<b>Finland</b>	Milikki	<b>Norway</b>	Vienna
<b>Germany</b>	Jucht	<b>Pakistan</b>	Suleman, Masood
<b>India</b>	Mathur, Thind, Malhotra, Patel, Arora, Kumar, Krishnan, Shalini	<b>South Korea</b>	Hwang, Lee, Yoon
<b>UK</b>	Robertson	<b>Taiwan</b>	Ko, Huang

A special thank you to our wonderful performers and sponsors for their generous support and commitment to our community:

<b>China Performances</b>	<b>India Performances</b>
Tai Chi - Zhang, Lu, Hou, Lin	Navrang Dance School - Ramakrishan, Kataria
Chinese Zither (Gu Zheng) - Emma Hou	My Dance World Academy - Mittal
Shaolin Kung Fu - Leo Zhang	Star Sangeet Music School - Peri
	Ojasvi Dance School - Since
<b>Middle East Performances</b>	
Zulaika	

Thank you to our incredible set up/clean up and sound crew who worked quickly behind the scenes so that we could all enjoy the evening: Kevin Folkman, Jim, & Shawna. Student volunteers: Srihari Krishnaswamy, Thevina Dokka, Shananda Dokka, Shemce Bisht, Noor Badran & Yusuf Badran.

A very big thank you to our fabulous Cascade Ridge Staff, PTSA Board, parent volunteers, and student volunteers for all their support and hard work to make this event a success. Thank you all for coming!



## Thank you Troop 46770!

Thank you **Sally Lowery, Andrea Reeder** and the **2<sup>nd</sup> grade Girls Scouts of Troop 46770!** The new flowers in the front door planters are beautiful and we appreciate your service to our school. You brightened our day!





## 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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**May 5th**

June 2nd

## 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>

