



COYOTE

June Events

June 2nd: Parent Play Day;
Coyote Wear Day; Popcorn
Friday

June 14th: 5th Grade Cast-off
at 8:45a

June 15th: 5th Grade Cast-off
Party

June 20th: Last Day of School

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As our year comes to a close, I hope you enjoy looking back at all the fun we had this year. From the Hawk-a-thon to Festival of Cultures and everything in between we hope you enjoyed the many events PTSA brought you this year. Thank you for supporting PTSA and the students at Cascade Ridge!

I would like to send out a HUGE Thank You to all of our committee chairs who volunteered countless hours putting together all the events that enriched your students experience at Cascade Ridge. Without them none of our events would happen.

Finally I would like to thank the 2016-2017 Executive Board – Sandy McNees, Krystl McCandlish, Stefanie Magnuson, Jackie Mueller, Carolyn Roberts, Ajita Gopikrishnan and Angela Fischer. Thank you for the many hours you have invested in Cascade Ridge!

Have a wonderful summer creating memories with your children and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Jaime Foreman

Cascade Ridge PTSA President

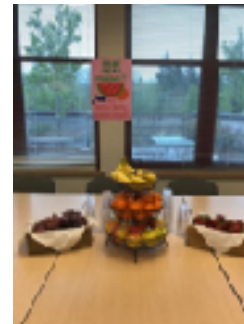
SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR 2017-18

School supplies boxes are available to order now. Avoid the crowds and hassle of buying supplies at multiple stores. One stop online shopping saves time and our school earns money from your order.

Our vendor is shipping supplies direct to your home! Each grade box is already 'built' for you (choose by grade and first letter, last name). Log on to <http://www.schooltoolbox.com>, click on "find boxes", enter Cascade Ridge Elementary and order all summer long!

STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK RECAP

Thank you to everyone that participated in Staff Appreciation Week in early May. In addition to the amazing notes and treats from the students, the entire staff was able to enjoy a treat in the Staff Lounge each day hosted by the PTSA. On Monday they were surprised with donuts and pastries, Tuesday we told them they were "All That and a Bag of Chips". Wednesday was fresh fruit day for our "One and a Melon" staff. On Thursday the 5th grade treated them to a delicious Cinco de Mayo lunch and on Friday it was all about letting them know they were "SODA Bomb" with cold drinks like Classic coke and flavored waters and juices.



WALK-A-THON 2017-18 COMMITTEE

We are looking for a group of volunteers to help plan our 2017-2018 Walk-A-Thon fundraiser. As you all know, this is our only major fundraising event of the school year and all the funds raised go right back into Cascade Ridge. This committee is chaired by our PTSA Fundraising Co-VPs Angela Fischer and Holly Briscoe. The committee will work together to come up with the theme and activities for the event that will be held at the end of September. In order to make the Walk-A-Thon a success and fun for the whole community the planning process must start over the summer. We will plan to meet as a group approximately 4 times throughout the summer. Once school starts we will continue to meet more regularly as the event approaches. **WE NEED YOU** and your ideas! Please contact Angela Fischer at afischer515@yahoo.com if you are interested.

WE NEED YOU!

Are you ready to get involved at Cascade Ridge? We would love to have you join the team! If you are interested in learning more about one of these important positions, please contact Stephanie Middleton at stephwamsley@gmail.com.

Website Co-Designer: Do you love graphics? We need you to help Shalini, our webmaster, with the design of our Cascade Ridge PTSA website. This is a job that is done from home at hours that are convenient for you.

Directory: Do your students love planning playdates but you don't want them using your contact list on your cell phone? This is a job for you! Using information gathered from the main office, you will format the school directory, send it to the printer and distribute to students. This will be done in October/November and is work done from home.

Parent Education: Are you interested in learning how to parent your students in today's world? This position distributes information about district wide parent education opportunities. You also write a monthly Parent Education article for the Howler sharing information parents are interested in. This is a job that is done from home.

Passive Fundraising: Do you want to help Cascade Ridge continue to bring amazing events to our students? This position coordinates small fundraising opportunities throughout the year. Examples of past events are: Dining out for Cascade Ridge, Glassybaby, Mixed Bags. You are responsible for seeking out the opportunities and sharing them with the Cascade Ridge Community.

Art Docent Chair: We all know art is important for students and our classroom art docents bring amazing art into our students classrooms. We need a leader for the art docents. You are a point of contact to help with project ideas and information. You also coordinate the purchase of materials for the art docent program. This is a great opportunity for Co-Chairs.

Science Fair Co-Chair: Do you enjoy our Science Fair? This position will help Nadia Ali with the planning of our annual Science Fair.

Picture Day: Cheese! This position organizes volunteers (who sign up at the beginning of the school year) for the school picture day.

VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools): This position distributes information about our upcoming levy.

REFLECTIONS 2017-18

It's never too soon to start "reflecting" on ideas for a creative entry in the National PTA Reflections Cultural Arts Event.

This is your chance for each of our Coyotes to express who they are as an individual!

Consider getting a head start and begin your creations during the Summer Vacation.

Choose one or more of the following categories:

- Dance Choreography
- Film Production
- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Reflect on the 2017-18 theme:

Within Reach

and get creative!

Entries will be collected in October of the new school year - the exact date is yet to be determined. Students have the chance to represent Cascade Ridge in the District, State or even National Levels. Read more at <https://www.wastatepta.org/events-programs/reflections/> or email reflections@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

PTSA SURVEY

Hello Cascade Ridge families! We are already hard at work planning for next year, and we would love to know what's most important to you as we make decisions about programs and events. Please take a moment to complete this End of Year PTSA Survey and share with us any feedback and ideas you may have for our upcoming school year. As always, the survey is anonymous. We look forward to hearing from you! The survey will close on Friday, June 9th.

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRPTSA-2017>

Thank You!

Cascade Ridge PTSA

PARENT EDUCATION

All district sponsored Parent Education opportunities are completed for the year. Please check back the September Howler to learn about new events for families. Also, remember that you can watch recorded workshops by going to www.parentwiser.org/watch-online. Happy Summer!

FUNDRAISING RECAP

Thank you to each and every Cascade Ridge family who donated, attended, or volunteered for all of our fundraising efforts this year; including the Hawkathon, Corporate Matching Funds, Coyote Wear, School Toolbox Supplies, Brown Bear Carwash Tickets, Box Tops and Labels for Education, AmazonSmile, Corporate Sponsors, Glassybaby Roadshow, and Nights Out with Karate West. Thanks to your overwhelming generosity we were able to raise over **\$80,000** to help fund all the fun and exciting events, programs, and grants that your PTSA sponsors AND we were able to purchase the brand new play structure the kids are now enjoying. We couldn't do it without you!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

As the year comes to an end, we would like to take the opportunity to shine the spotlight on **Veena Rao and Jyot Kumar**. For the past 2 years, once every week, Veena and Jyot have been coaching the Math Club students who are currently in 5th grade. The guidance provided by Veena and Jyot has made an important contribution to the development of these young minds.

In addition to the weekly before school classes, Veena and Jyot have made time over the weekends to prepare the teams for various competitions including, Math is Cool, Math Olympiad, Math Championship and Math Bowl. Each one of these competitions requires students to work in teams. It is easy to form strong teams by grouping students of similar abilities together, but Veena and Jyot have looked beyond that and helped the students come together in a way they can not only learn from each other but also encourage one another to perform better. As a result not only did the teams do extremely well, earning them various medals and plaques, but the students have formed friendships that they will value as they begin their next level of education in Middle School.

Thank you Veena and Jyot for your exemplary dedication to the Math Club!!



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all of our chairs and volunteers for the 2016-2017 school year who volunteered countless hours! Cascade Ridge is an amazing school because of your support. We appreciate all you do.

Special thanks to....

- **Stefanie Magnuson** for keeping us informed through the PTSA section of the enews.
- **Lisa Porter** for creating a wonderful, colorful yearbook preserving memories for all of our students.
- **Shalini Sivakumar** for countless hours keeping the website up to date.
- **PJ Maffett** for keeping us informed via the PTSA bulletin board.
- **Krystl McCandlish** for making sure we can all get in touch via the school directory.
- **Jen Belding** for informative Parent Education evenings and information.
- **Peggy Sicilia** for always keeping the reader board current and informative.
- **Nathalie Fusaro** for keeping us up to date with Facebook while we wait in our cars.
- **Jane Chen**, Matching Funds Chair, for her persistence and attention to detail.
- Our Site Council this year: Staff Members – **Lisa Lo** (Principal's Secretary), **Toni Osotio** (Kindergarten), **Lynette Springborn** (4th), **Kari Klosterman** (EA), **Tia Kleinkopf**, **PJ Maffett** (Parent), **Ann Brooks** (Parent), **Stefanie Magnuson** (Parent), **Stephanie Wright** (Parent), **Kelly Huber** (Parent)
- **Nathalie Fusaro** for organizing a successful Book Fair.
- **Nicole Brenner** for keeping us stylish in our Coyote Wear and for coordinating Brown Bear Car Wash tickets.
- **Krystl McCandlish** for bringing us the Hawk-a-thon.
- **Lisa Grady and Emily Ma** for providing parents an easy way to purchase school supplies.
- **Meixia Liu** and room representatives for counting and double-checking the expiration dates on all of those box tops!
- **Leah Chambers and Inna Paramonova** for their leadership and support of the Art Docent program and all the **art docents** for bringing amazing art opportunities into our classrooms.
- **Tiffany Parker** for organizing another great year of Eager Reader.

- **Marci Bartholomae and Michelle Lyman** for helping us give back to the community through Holiday Gift Barn.
- **Anamika Malhotra and Ajita Gopikrishnan** for organizing the Reflections program.
- **Sandhya Kumar** for engaging our scientific minds at the Science Fair.
- **Reham Shehata** for helping us become better spellers through the Spelling Bee.
- **Kanika Arora** and all the **Math Club coaches** who have volunteered many hours.
- **Kristin Hunter** and all of the library volunteers helping Ms. Moore.
- **Melissa Zurcher and Stephanie Scott** for helping each and every student celebrate their birthday.
- **Dafna Tarlowe** and all of the Room Coordinators for keeping us informed.
- **Paula Koransky** and her crew of bakers for keeping us well fed!
- **Darlene Baker** and all of the **Popcorn Friday volunteers** for putting smiles on the faces of the kids during 2nd recess.
- **Kelly Huber** and the rest of the Golden Acorn committee.
- **Michelle Lyman and Khristie Tobler** for coordinating amazing monthly Teacher Appreciation luncheons.
- **Kanika Arora, Ms. Paula** and the entire Safety Patrol Team for getting us to and from school safely.
- **Ramya Krishnan and Reham Shehata** for helping us celebrate our uniqueness at the Festival of Cultures.
- **Melissa Bortnick and Angela Fischer** for showcasing the talent at Cascade Ridge through the Talent Show.
- **Melanie Kusmik** for bringing families together with movies at our Family Movie Nights.
- **Tara Farhad** along with the entire **5th Grade Committee** for planning the 5th grade Castoff.
- **Tia Kleinkopf** and the **Cascade Ridge Staff** for supporting our PTSA 100%.

MATH CLUB RECAP

The Cascade Ridge Mathematicians participated in the final competition of the year on May 20 at Lake Moses High School.

5th Grade was represented by **Haolin Cong, Vasudha Ravivarma, Rayn Ramzi and Ronak Kothari** who all performed really well with **Haolin** being tied for 12th place with 2 other students! Way to go team!

Not only the 5th graders, but our 4th grade students were also invited to the masters. Representing the 4th grade of Cascade Ridge were, **Austin Wang, Richard Yang and Nevin Tamilselvan**. Good job boys!

We applaud your persistence, hard work and courage representing CRE to the Masters. It was indeed a battle among the top Math teams of Washington. All our students are winners for undertaking this challenge!

Our sincerest thanks to **ALL coaches and parents** who drove the students to the venue and for encouraging them every step of the way. All Math Club students and coaches celebrated their hard work on May 22 with an end of the year celebration in the Coyote Café!

It has been a wonderful 3 years chairing the Math Club and we have had some wonderful experiences while learning Math. A great team of coaches and enthusiastic students made the role very fulfilling! The chair for the next school year is one of the amazing coaches **Reham Shehata** and I am excited to pass on the baton to Reham. A huge thanks to all parents, students and coaches with whom I had the pleasure of working in the past 3 years.

-Kanika Arora

4th 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 4th grade coaches will be moving on as the 5th grade coaches. The math club is only successful if 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



PROGRAMS RECAP

It has been my (Carolyn Roberts) pleasure to serve as the VP of Programs for the Cascade Ridge PTSA for the last two years. I am passing the torch to the capable hands of Darlene Baker and Viji Vasu. I am certain they will continue to strive to bring fun and educational events to our school to help our kids learn to love learning! We hope that you have enjoyed the many programs that the PTSA has sponsored throughout the year such as:

- Eager Reader
- Holiday Gift Barn
- Reflections
- Science Fair
- Spelling Bee
- Math Club
- Engineering Night

Last, but not least, the Art Docent Program is also funded by the PTSA. Leah Chambers has this to say about the program and her team:

This year's Art Docent Program was hugely successful and made possible by the dedicated art docent volunteers that taught art history, concepts, and techniques and inspired students throughout the school to create amazing pieces of art. We had fun creating Giacometti inspired sculptures, water color resist paintings, yarn paintings, scratch art, clay projects and many more. We learned about positive and negative space, perspective, and other art elements, as well as famous (and not so famous) artists. A very special thank you to Elana Clayton who worked tirelessly throughout the year to make sure that clay and glazes were stocked and every clay project was carefully fired (twice) in a timely manner. The Art Docent Program wouldn't be possible without the support of all the volunteers. Thank you Carrie Lam, Pamela Kortrey, Fan Yang, Darlene Baker, Viji Vasu, Paula Koransky, Neha Mathur, Anju, Ramya, Camille Jones, Betty Gilstrap, Vicky Thind, Swati Jain, Ripal Shah, Teresa Kovach, Nathalie Fusaro, Bernadett, Budaine Galantai, Wahida (Luna) Arif, Nathalie Fusaro, Lindsay Lang, Amy Ketcham, Jessica Tran, Marissa Shulz, Nancy Chen, Marloes MacRae-Oomes, Zak Martinkosky, Sophie Huang, Kirsten Vienneau, and Amanda Lumbard

COMMUNITY RELATIONS RECAP

It has been a pleasure serving as your PTSA Community Relations VP for the past two years. I will be passing the role on to Paula Koransky for the 2017-18 school year and she has some very exciting plans in the works for our Cascade Ridge Community.

This year I continued to focus on welcoming our new Cascade Ridge families. Whether it is the start of a new school year or you join halfway through, 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 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, went on a scavenger hunt around the school and made connections with other families both new and old. 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 and more 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 continued our Family Movie Nights this year. In November families were invited to watch Jungle Book in the Café. The second movie night was held in February and we showed The Secret Life of Pets. Students came in their comfy clothes and hung with their friends while watching the movies and enjoying pizza and treats. We plan to continue these popular events next year.

Some of the other events that PTSA Community Relations headed up in the 2016-2017 school year include:

- Back to School Popsicle Social
- Coffee with the Principal
- Talent Show
- Pastries with the PTSA
- Staff Appreciation Week

If you are interested in being involved with the Community Relations events please contact Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com. None of this is possible without the support and help from our amazing volunteers!

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 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>

