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November Events

November 1st - 3rd:

Reflections Entries Due

November 3rd: Popcorn

Friday and Parent Play Day

November 3rd: Picture Retake

Day

November 3rd: Family Movie

Night at 6:30p

November 6th: Site Council

Meeting at 4:00p

November 7th - 9th: Book

Fair

November 10th: No School**November 14th:** Vision and

Hearing Screening

November 15th: Reflections

Reception at 6:30p

November 23rd and 24th:

No School

November 27th - December

1st: Holiday Gift Barn

Collection

President's Letter

We often find ourselves thinking about things we are thankful for during the month of November. I want to take a moment and share all of the things I am thankful for at Cascade Ridge...

I am thankful for all of our volunteers who donate their talents and hours of their time working in the classroom, at events and behind the scenes. From art docents to color run volunteers, classroom volunteers to book fair volunteers - we couldn't do it without you!

I am thankful for our PTSA Board for all of the work they do to bring amazing programs and events to Cascade Ridge.

I am thankful for the Cascade Ridge Staff and their support of the PTSA.

I am thankful for the Cascade Ridge Community for making Cascade Ridge such an amazing place for all of our children!

We hope you take a moment this month to enjoy the Book Fair, have some family time at Movie Night and take the opportunity to give back during our Holiday Gift Barn Collection.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Jaime Foreman

PTSA, President

Geography Bee

Cascade Ridge will be hosting a Geography Bee on December 12, 2017. The National Geographic Bee is organized by the National Geographic Society with the intent to inspire a student's curiosity about the world. The Geography Bee is designed for students in the 4th and 5th grades.

For more information, please visit: <https://www.nationalgeographic.org/bee>

To **REGISTER** your 4th or 5th grader for the Bee, please visit: <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/GeographyBee/Home>

Registration is now open and closes on November 30, 2017.

Study materials for the Geography Bee are located on the National Geographic website under the section called "Study Corner."

For any questions about the Geography Bee, please contact: nigar.suleman@gmail.com

Is your K-3 student highly motivated and interested in world geography? If we have enough interest and volunteers, we may be able to host a Geography Bee for grades K-3. If you are interested in this possibility, please email: nigar.suleman@gmail.com.



Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to Cascade Ridge November 7th – 13th. The theme this year is **Wild West - Saddle Up and Read!** Students are invited to join in the celebration of reading with hundreds of fun, engaging, affordable books to be discovered. When children are given access to good books, and the opportunity to choose their own books, it motivates them to read more. All purchases benefit our school!

Tuesday, November 7th

3:40pm-8pm

Wednesday, November 8th

1:30pm-7pm

Thursday, November 9th

3:40pm-5pm

Monday, November 13th

3:40pm-6pm

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, cashier and clean-up. Check out <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080f44afaf2ea64-book> to sign up for a shift.

Thank you!

Questions? Contact Book Fair Chair Nathalie Fusaro nathaliefusaro@hotmail.com



Holiday Gift Barn

Cascade Ridge is once again collecting holiday gifts for Issaquah families in need. We are partnering with the Issaquah Food Bank to help fill their Holiday Gift Barn. The Food Bank will set up a 'store' at Pickering Barn where families can shop for needed items and holiday gifts. Holiday Gift Barn representatives will visit each classroom and share more information with your students. You can bring in an item from the classroom theme, OR donate a grocery gift card, OR donate gift wrapping supplies.

Grade Level Theme suggestions are as follows:

K and LRC: Baby supplies, Diapers, wipes, clothes, toys, bibs

1st grade: Art supplies/school supplies

2nd grade: pajamas, socks, underwear (all sizes boy or girl), purses and make-up/nail polish for teens

3rd grade: board games and bedroom decorations/wall art

4th grade: hats, gloves, scarfs in any size for boys and girls and Seahawks or Sounders clothing for teens

5th grade: Books, DVD's, video games for elementary and teens

Donations will be collected in the classroom the week of **November 27-December 1**. All items need to be **new and unwrapped**. Please bring items to your classroom and leave them in the designated Holiday Gift Barn boxes. Gifts will be delivered to the Gift Barn on December 4th! If you have questions please contact your classroom rep. Participation is optional, of course. Thank you, in advance, for your help in making the holidays brighter for so many local families!



Cascade Ridge Volunteer Opportunities

We have a couple of events coming up and we'd love your help!

Vision/Hearing Screening is happening on November 14 at Cascade Ridge. We are still in need of two parent volunteers for the morning shift. If interested, please contact Jean Zhou at openheart4n@hotmail.com.

Calling All Cookie Lovers and Bakers! Our annual Teacher/Staff Cookie Exchange is taking place on December 14. We need A LOT of cookies for this special event! If you would like to help, please email Amy Ketcham at aketcham@me.com. Each volunteer will provide four dozen cookies, which will be gifted to our wonderful teachers and staff for the holidays.

Science Fair Chair Needed - This annual event, taking place on March 22, provides an important growth opportunity for students of all grades to perform experiments at home and present their results at school. There are also cool demonstrations at the fair. This is a very popular event and it cannot happen without a Chair! We welcome co-chairs if you prefer to buddy up! For more information, contact EnrichmentPrograms@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

VIS (Volunteers for Issaquah Schools) Committee Opening – This position distributes information about our upcoming levy. If interested, please contact Jaime Foreman jaimeforman@comcast.net.

Volunteer Procedures

We are very grateful to our volunteers who give their time and their 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 the application as soon as possible to avoid a delay in volunteering: <https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmlplus.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 26th to have your picture taken for free.

If you have any questions about volunteering with the PTSA, please contact Stephanie Middleton at stephwamsley@gmail.com.

Family Movie Night

Our first Family Movie Night will be on Friday, November 3rd. This is a great event open to all our students and their families. Come in your comfy clothes and bring blankets and pillows to cozy up with friends for Rock Dog and popcorn. Raffle at the end of the show. If you would like to help with this event please contact our Movie Night Chair, Michelle Challey, at mkchalley@gmail.com.

TIME: Doors Open 6:30, Movie Starts 7:00pm

WHERE: Coyote Café

FOOD: Don't have time to eat before the movie? No worries, we'll have pizza, drinks and baked goods available for purchase. Popcorn and drink included with every ticket.

TICKETS: \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Buy Tickets at the door.



Parent Ed Corner

Advocacy

Did you know? **PTA** is a powerful voice for children, a relevant resource for families, schools and communities, and an advocate for the well-being and education of all children. Locally, **The Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6** is advocate for students at both the local and state levels.

Like **The Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6** on and **Washington State PTA** on Facebook to stay updated on issues and member benefits.

Relationships

A great article on how your child can take the lead to be an “includer” of other children. <http://www.pbs.org/parents/expert-tips-advice/2016/06/be-an-includer/>

Math

A parents' guide to surviving math class all over again: valuable tools to help you help your your child with today's mathematics. <http://www.nea.org/home/59862.htm>

Support for Eureka Math <https://greatminds.org/math/parents>

From Parentwiser

Parent Education is becoming ParentWiser! Check out <http://parentwiser.org> for a current listing of parent education events, registrations, and resources across the Issaquah school district. Read about November's offering below...

iRules Workshop

November 8, 2017 11:30 AM [\[Register\]](#) **5:30 PM** [\[Register\]](#)

If you're like most families, you're concerned about how technology may be taking over your child's life. So, let's talk about tech! In this morning workshop we'll come together with Janell Burley Hofmann, creator of the original iPhone contract (featured in *SCREENAGERS*) and a thought leader in the space of digital mindfulness, to talk about raising the digital generation – and all of the challenges and joys it brings. Everyone will leave with a working set of iRules (tech agreements) to bring home and support their families. Come ready to participate and learn from each other. For parents only. Cost is free for PTSA Members of Issaquah District schools, \$10 donation requested of non-members.

Pickering Barn, Issaquah

Art Docent Program

Our Art Docent is a PTSA run and funded program and the team is excited to announce that we have started the year with great enthusiasm. A big thank you to all the volunteers who took up the job for each grade. They are an important and consistent part of the program.

New this year, we have a Facebook page, search for "Cascade Ridge Art Docent" and see all of the beautiful artwork our kids are doing each month! Please do visit, give us a like and appreciate all the hard work of our docents and students.



Beautiful Pumpkin Collage made by Kindergartners.

Art Docent : Stacy Gazjuk

Teacher : Ms. Schubbe

Community Relations

Can you believe it's November already? It was great to see so many of you at our fall PTSA social last month. We hope you enjoyed all of the "pumpkin spice and other things nice". Thank you to the Hospitality Committee for hosting. We would also like to thank our awesome 5th grade families for providing the food for the October staff appreciation lunch. Teachers and staff were treated to a "spooky " salad bar. Thank you to the Staff Appreciation Committee for coordinating the lunch and supplying all of the desserts. This month we will be hosting a soup and chili bar for staff, with food provided by the 4th grade. We hope you all have a great Thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday weekend with your families!

Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Kelly Mucha and Suzanne Stampfl

as our November Volunteers of the Month!

Kelly and Suzanne were the brains behind the Color Run operation! They planned the course map down to the last detail, sourcing the sprayers and testing the color in advance to ensure a successful run. They put a ton of time, effort and care into making the course safe and fun.

Kelly and her awesome family just moved to Sammamish from Portland, Oregon last year. They enjoy hiking, biking and swimming.



Suzanne and her active family love to camp and take trips to Alaska to go halibut fishing. Their crazy dog, Murphy, is always up for a trip to the dog park.



THANK YOU GIRL SCOUT TROOP #42130!



Thank you 5th grade Girl Scout Troop 42130 for planting flowers to brighten our front door and for picking up trash in the parking lot and on the playground. We appreciate your service to our school!

Fundraising Made Easy



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>



Karate West in Issaquah invites you to enjoy a Parent's Night Out. Drop the kids and go enjoy yourself! These events are for kids ages 6-12. Tickets are \$35 and include 3 hours of non-stop fun and a pizza dinner. You must pre-register online at karatewest.com and mention Cascade Ridge. 100% of the proceeds will be donated back to our PTSA! There is no martial arts experience necessary.

Dates: 11/10 and 12/1

Time: 6:00pm-9:00pm at Karate West Issaquah



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.



Bellevue Magic Season Ice Arena presented by Alaska Airlines Visa Signature® card

Mention Cascade Ridge Elementary at the admission counter and a \$3 donation will be made to our PTSA for each paid rink admission during the dates listed below. Admission: \$14, 8 & under \$10, price includes skates.

<p>Bellevue Downtown Park 10201 NE 4th St. Bellevue, WA 98004 (South of Bellevue Square)</p> <p>www.bellevuedowntown.com</p>	<p>Fundraising Dates: November 24th – December 15, 2017 and January 2nd -15th</p> <p>Hours of Operation during dates listed above</p> <p>Mon: 3pm-9pm Tues: 3pm-9pm Wed: 1pm-9pm Thu: 3pm-9pm Fri: 3pm-11pm (open at 11am on 11/24) Sat: 11am-11pm Sun: 11am-6pm (open until 11pm on Jan. 14th)</p>
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Order your Brown Bear Car Wash tickets today! Get a clean car, save money and earn \$\$\$ for Cascade Ridge PTSA! For every \$5 ticket purchased CRE PTSA earns \$3.50 (normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$8.00). PTSA Website: Now you can order your car wash tickets from the PTSA website with an option to pay via credit card or check. The tickets will be delivered to your child through their classroom, within a few days after payment is received. We have 4 packages available online: • 1 for \$5 • 4 for \$20 • 10 for \$50 • 20 for \$100 <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Package/PassiveFundraising> Please direct any questions to nicbrenner@yahoo.com



Cascade Ridge Coyotes – Get your Gear!

Cascade Ridge PTSA is excited to offer these new sports socks for just \$12 a pair. You can order online via the Passive Fundraising icon on our website and a portion of each sale comes back to the PTSA. The socks will be delivered to your child's classroom once payment is received. Please direct any questions to nicbrenner@yahoo.com

Stay tuned for more easy opportunities to support Cascade Ridge PTSA. We have a Glassybody Road Show coming your way soon as well as local restaurant dining nights.

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 3rd

December 1st

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>

