

# Coyote Howler

## Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



### President's Letter

Welcome back Cascade Ridge families! Did the summer fly by, or what?! We hope you all had an opportunity to relax and enjoy the beauty of the PNW.

We're back at it with a new edition of the Coyote Howler, which includes lots of good info to help you navigate the busy (but fun!) month of September. For new families, the Coyote Howler is the PTSA's monthly newsletter, which details upcoming PTSA activities, volunteer opportunities and other relevant information.

As a PTSA, we are always looking for new ways to connect with our awesome community of Cascade Ridge Families. You can find us on Facebook at Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA, and now on our brand-new Instagram feed, @CascadeRidgePTSA. Both are great resources for up-to-date reminders and information.

Our website is another great resource. Please check us out at [cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://cascaderidgeptsa.org) to view our calendar, get information about upcoming events, and find new volunteer opportunities.

Speaking of volunteers, none of our great programs can happen without you, our amazing community! There are many ways, both big and small, you can help continue to make Cascade Ridge a one-of-a-kind experience for our children. Please take a moment to go to the website and check out all the different ways you can volunteer.

Be on the lookout for information about our fall fundraiser, the Coyote Color Run, which will take place on Thursday, September 27th. This is our main fundraiser for the year and there are lots of ways you can lend a hand! We need color sprayers, snack vendors, set up and tear down teams, and more! New this year, is an online silent auction where you can view auction items in advance and do all your bidding from your home computer or smart device. The auction site will go live on August 20.

Coyote Gear is back with a brand new logo! The fall ordering window goes through September 17. Visit <https://cascaderidge.itemorder.com/sale> to order your gear for delivery on October 1!! Get your new gear now because the next ordering opportunity won't be until spring.

We look forward to seeing you all at Cascade Ridge this school year, especially at Curriculum Night on September 13th. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or feedback! We love to hear from you!

Welcome back Coyotes!

AJ Henderson and Stephanie Middleton



### September 5th

First Day of School  
for Grades 1 - 5

### September 7th

First Day of School  
for Kindergarten

### September 13th

Curriculum Night

### September 14th

Talk with Tia at  
9:15a

### September 27th

Color Run from  
4:30p to 6:30p

## Color Run

BE HEALTHY, BE HAPPY, BE YOU, BE A **COLOR** RUNNER!

Online registration will open for the **COYOTE COLOR RUN & COMMUNITY EVENT** on September 12<sup>th</sup>. New this year - we are going online to register and collect donations as well as offering online bidding for our silent auction.



Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun on **Thursday, September 27, 2018 from 4:30 – 6:30pm**. Watch for reminders and additional information in your inbox in the days leading up to the big celebration.

The Cascade Ridge Color Run is **THE** PTSA fundraiser for the 2018-19 school year. This year our goal is to raise \$78,000 to fund and support the many programs and activities at Cascade Ridge that we have come to know and love. **Our special focus for 2018-19 is to fund educational enrichment materials to be used by all students.** If our goal is met we will be able to purchase technology licenses for IXL, BrainPop and RazKids, provide supplemental materials for our new science and social studies curriculum and update our Book Room with books for reading groups in all grades.

Please help **Color Your Child's Education** by supporting our PTSA 2018 Color Run!

**Show Your Spirit!**

We will be having Spirit Days to in the weeks leading up to the Run so please mark your calendar and join in the fun!

**Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>** – Dress in Color (wear color by grade, K- Red, 1<sup>st</sup>- Orange, 2<sup>nd</sup>- Yellow, 3<sup>rd</sup> – Green, 4<sup>th</sup> – Blue, 5<sup>th</sup> – Purple)

**Thursday, September 20<sup>th</sup>** – Word on Your Shirt Day (wear a shirt with a message, remember to keep it school appropriate)

**Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>** – Colorful Crazy Day (crazy hair, crazy hats, crazy socks, mismatch – anything goes!)

**Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>** – Wear your Color Run T-shirt

### Celebrate!

This is our **ONLY MAJOR FUNDRAISER** of the school year. Bring the family and meet other Cascade Ridge families as we gather to kick-off the 2018-19 school year in **COLOR**! Kids will enjoy the Color Run Course and the entire family can enjoy the celebration with food trucks, concessions, games, face painting and tattoos, DJ dance party, cake walk and let's not forget our amazing **Silent Auction**!

Please contact our Color Run Chairpersons with questions.

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Silent Auction and Sponsors – Shelly McGraw  
[shellymcgraw27@gmail.com](mailto:shellymcgraw27@gmail.com)

# Open Volunteer Positions

## 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 Susan Ho at [sh97062@gmail.com](mailto:sh97062@gmail.com).

### Website Co-Designer

Do you love graphics? We need you to help Chandra, 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. If interested, please contact Swati Jain at [swatijainshah@yahoo.com](mailto:swatijainshah@yahoo.com)

### Art Docent Co-Chair

We all know art is important for students and our classroom art docents bring amazing art into our students classrooms. We need a co-leader to help 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 program. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at [tparker91@comcast.net](mailto:tparker91@comcast.net) or [aobert11@gmail.com](mailto:aobert11@gmail.com).

### Reflections Chair

Reflections is a national PTSA art competition that runs each Fall and challenges students to create an original work (in music, dance, visual arts, photography, literature, or film/video) that supports a theme. The Reflections chair promotes the program to CRE students, coordinates judging and sends the winning entries to the next round. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at [tparker91@comcast.net](mailto:tparker91@comcast.net) or [aobert11@gmail.com](mailto:aobert11@gmail.com).

### Coyote Art Walk Chair

If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at [tparker91@comcast.net](mailto:tparker91@comcast.net) or [aobert11@gmail.com](mailto:aobert11@gmail.com).

### Spelling Bee Co-Chair

If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at [tparker91@comcast.net](mailto:tparker91@comcast.net) or [aobert11@gmail.com](mailto:aobert11@gmail.com).

### Math Club Chair

For those who have kids who thrive with Math, this might be a great opportunity for you. We need a leader to oversee the Math Club program for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students throughout the entire school year. You'll be responsible for coordinating curriculum with teacher advisor as well as register for local competitions and coordinate club-wide participation. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at [tparker91@comcast.net](mailto:tparker91@comcast.net) or [aobert11@gmail.com](mailto:aobert11@gmail.com).

### Girls on the Run Chair

For those who participated in Girls on the Run from last year, we need your experience and enthusiasm to lead the program this year. More details provided when the program kicks-off in the Spring. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at [tparker91@comcast.net](mailto:tparker91@comcast.net) or [aobert11@gmail.com](mailto:aobert11@gmail.com).

### Popcorn Friday Chair

Popcorn Fridays is a fun offering that students look forward to at the beginning of each month. We need a leader to help make and distribute popcorn. This involves a 2-hour time commitment on the first Friday of each month. If interested, please contact Susan Ho at [sh97062@gmail.com](mailto:sh97062@gmail.com).

### Safety Patrol Liaison

If interested, please contact Paula Koransky at [paulakoransky@me.com](mailto:paulakoransky@me.com).

## Family Movie Night

Save the date for Family Movie Night on Friday, October 12th! Movie and more details to be announced soon. This is a great event open to all our students and their families. If you would like to help with this event please contact our Movie Night Chair, Michelle Challey, at [mkchalley@gmail.com](mailto:mkchalley@gmail.com).

## Parent Education

### ParentWiser

Welcome back to school!

Join [ParentWiser](#) for upcoming parent ed events this year. All events are free or discounted rate for Issaquah PTA/PTSA members.

Check out upcoming ParentWiser events [here](#). Past events have been recorded and can be viewed [here](#).

### 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.

## Cake Walk

Cascade Ridge will be hosting a Cake Walk at this year's

Color Run 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 one dozen

cupcakes, cookies or cake pops to be used at

this fun family event. All donations will be

collected the morning of Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> and should be delivered in a non-

returnable container, plate or pan. Please

contact Lisa Hudman at

[lisahudman@yahoo.com](mailto:lisahudman@yahoo.com) if would like to sign up. Please include your name and the type of baked good you will be donating. We would like to mark each donation with a label notating whether the item contains nuts, dairy or wheat. Please fill out a label to stick on the item you donate. Labels will be available when you drop off your baked good.



## Color Run Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering the day of our Color Run, Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. We can't do it without **YOU!** Last year we had over 100 parent, middle and high school volunteers that helped the day of our event. An event this size needs help from our whole community! Please follow the link below to sign-up. This is a great opportunity for middle and high school students to earn community service hours. Middle School and High School students can work any position except concessions.

Contact Angela Fischer with questions – [afischer515@yahoo.com](mailto:afischer515@yahoo.com)

## Silent Auction Donations

Our Silent Auction is slowly approaching September 27th, 2018! We will be located on the stage in the cafeteria during the Color Run. To make our Silent Auction a success we are reaching out to you, asking for donations.

Do you have a vacation home, sports tickets or gift cards/baskets to your workplace? Please consider donating and receiving a tax donation letter!

Email [shellymcgraw27@gmail.com](mailto:shellymcgraw27@gmail.com) with your donations or questions!

## Raising money for CRE

### CONTRIBUTE TO CASCADE RIDGE WHILE YOU SHOP

There are a few ways that you can contribute to Cascade Ridge while you shop! Spend a few minutes setting up your information and you will be supporting your school PTSA all year long. We will also be sharing fun dine-out events, shopping events, and more throughout the year.

#### **Bartell Drugs**

If you have a Bartell Drugs 'B' Caring card, you can contribute up to 4% each time you shop!

Here is how:

- Sign-up for a 'B' Caring card <https://secure.escrip.com/signup/index.jsp?cid=300404&ct=63>
- Register your card and select CASCADE RIDGE

- Use your card or phone number each time you shop!

#### **Amazon Smile**

Do you shop on Amazon? Did you know that the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price from your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to a charitable organization of your choice?

Here is how:

1. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com)
2. Select **Cascade Ridge PTSA** as the charitable organization that you would like to receive donations.
3. Set up a book mark to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) on your web browser so that you remember to use it when you shop!

## Join the PTSA

When parents are involved with their child's education, the child is more likely to succeed. Joining the PTSA demonstrates your support of the mission and goals of the PTSA and entitles you to "voice and vote". Each year, we aspire to attain 100% membership which means we have an adult PTSA member for every Cascade Ridge student. Remember:

- Joining does not obligate you to do anything more than that. Please join and show that you care and are invested in the welfare of our children.
- You are not required to volunteer – but we'd love it if you did!
- 100% membership gives credence to our PTSA voice in advocating for our children

with the Legislature and sends a message to Olympia that our school and district are made up of parents who are concerned and involved.

- PTSA is the largest child advocacy group in the United States.
- Added bonus: All PTSA members receive a copy of the Cascade Ridge Student Directory.

A portion of your membership dues are sent to Washington State PTSA and help offset administrative costs. PTSA Programs at Cascade Ridge are made possible through our fundraising efforts.

### How do I join?

To join the PTSA, complete the information in the [Online First Day Packet](#). If you have any questions, free free to [contact us](#).

## 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!

## Site Council

Do you want a seat at the table? Join the Cascade Ridge Site Council! We're looking for 2-3 parent representatives to join Site Council for the 2018-2019 school year.

This year our meetings will take place from 4-5pm on the following dates:

November 5<sup>th</sup>, January 7<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> and May 6<sup>th</sup>

The Site Council is comprised of parents, staff members and the principal. The purpose of the Site Council is to ensure our students' success by helping advance the District mission through collaborative planning, communications and decision-making. Specifically, 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.

If you have any questions or would like more information, email Amy Hayes at [triluna99@yahoo.com](mailto:triluna99@yahoo.com).

## 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 14<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. This is the first of two "Talk with Tia" coffee dates where she will be sharing what is happening at Cascade Ridge this school year.



## Editor's Note

Welcome to the 2018-19 edition of the Howler. For those of you that are past readers you will notice the format has changed. The design has been modernized and the font has been updated for easier reading. If you have feedback, don't hesitate to send a note to [danm@danmiller.net](mailto:danm@danmiller.net).

## After School Enrichment

The PTSA partners with several vendors to offer specialty classes to our students before and after school. These classes provide a great opportunity to further enhance learning and fun. Our fall 2018 schedule will be posted soon at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org) under "Enrichment." Contact [leticia.watson@gmail.com](mailto:leticia.watson@gmail.com) for more information.

## Art Docents

The Art Docent Program is a PTSA funded program that helps to encourage and expand our students' horizons in the world of art. Age-appropriate projects are developed by the art docent board and are then taught by parent volunteers in each classroom on a monthly basis. This program teaches students about famous artists and their various works. The projects allow them to explore several different artistic concepts and techniques. Oil pastels, tempera paint, watercolors, clay, and wire are just some of the media our students will learn to explore.



We're getting ready for an exciting year! Help us spread the word in our community about becoming an art docent volunteer. Our goal is to have anywhere from 1-4 docents per classroom. Tell your friends to join us - no art experience required. Positive energy, organization and reliability are all we need!

Please do like our Facebook Page "Cascade Ridge Art Docent" where we have photos of the students' masterpieces!

Want to be an Art Docent Volunteer?

Questions? Please contact:

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Priyanka Sharma-

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## 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>

# Coyote Gear

All Coyote Gear orders are due by September 12th. You can place your order at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org).



Fall 2018 Cascade Ridge Elementary Spirit-Wear

**Deadline:** Monday September 17th, 2018 (11:59pm PDT)

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OCT 1st  
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RIDGE**  
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FYI: orders placed before August 20th can be  
picked up September 10th at Cascade Ridge

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