

# Coyote Howler

## Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



### President's Letter

Along with the return of the rain, November brings with it the season of gratitude and we want to extend our most sincere thanks to you, our Cascade Ridge community! In just the first two months of school, we have already held our major fundraiser of the year, the Color Run, provided two staff appreciation luncheons, hosted a family movie night, two parent play days, and a Style Social Shopping fundraising night at Evereve. We've also begun the job of putting your generous donations to work by fulfilling the big school 'asks' for technology licenses and supplemental materials for the new Social Studies and Science curriculums. We could not do ANY of this without our ever-supportive volunteer army! So, thank you!!

This month we will celebrate the Reflections competition, host our annual Scholastic Book Fair, and we will begin our Holiday Gift Barn Collection, where we teach our children the importance of giving to those less fortunate.

Again, thank you for the many contributions of both your time and your money.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Best wishes,

AJ Henderson and Stephanie Middleton



#### November 5th

Site Council at  
4:00p

#### November 6-8

Book Fair at 9:00a

#### November 7th

Reflections  
Reception at 6:00p

#### November 12th

No School

#### November 22-23

No School

#### November 26-30

Holiday Gift Barn

## Thank You

PTSA wants to extend a sincere thank you to all of our volunteers! We could not possibly accomplish all that we do without your time and effort. Special thanks to the following individuals and teams:

### Popcorn Friday

Many thanks to Paula Koransky, Jean Zhou, and Darlene Baker for helping with our first Popcorn Friday this year. The students absolutely look forward to Popcorn Fridays and we greatly appreciate your help.

### Hearing/Vision Testing

Many thanks to Jean Zhou, Kathy Lee, Liping Xia, Lu Ruan, Li Chen, Rachelle Hrcirik, Letchmi Kanasu, Haishan Huang, Rachel Xiu, Lingyan Anderson, Dafna Tarlowe, Ripal Shah, Animika Malhotra, Julie Webster, Susan Ho, Stephanie Middleton, and Swati Jain for all of your help with hearing/vision testing. This year's effort was very smooth and seamless due to all of your flexibility and help!

### Movie Night

Many thanks to Michelle Challey for organizing an incredible Movie Night featuring Transylvania 2. Also, many thanks to Paula Koransky, Susan Ho, and Jean Zhou for volunteering to help with set up and popcorn. It was an amazing record attendance from families and everyone had a great evening.

### PSTA Social

Many thanks to Paula Koransky and our Hospitality Co-Chairs (April Gregory and Pamela Hohman) for hosting a wonderful PSTA Social. Paula always seems to organize the best parties!

### Classroom Volunteers

Many thanks to all of the parents who signed up to volunteer as the Room Coordinator, Party Coordinator, Art Docent, Eager Reader, Holiday Gift Barn and/or Yearbook Photographer for your child's classroom. These are important positions that make a difference within each classroom. A huge thank you in advance for the time and effort it takes to help in these roles.

It is very important to us that we personally thank you for your volunteering efforts each month. If we have inadvertently missed a name or team from this list, please let Susan Ho know at [sh97062@gmail.com](mailto:sh97062@gmail.com) and we will rectify in the next Howler.

## Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight the entire **Color Run Committee** as our October Volunteer of the Month!

Cascade Ridge's primary fundraiser of the year, Color Run, is a huge event that requires endless hours of planning, organizing, communicating, collaborating and executing. As a matter of fact the Color Run Committee begins meeting early summer as the school closes down for the year in order to be prepared for the Color Run to occur in September.

We recognize that planning and executing a successful event truly “takes a village”. In this spirit, we would like extend a warm and hearty thanks and congratulations to the entire **Color Run Committee**.

A very special thanks to the Color Run Chairs: **Angela Fischer, Holly Briscoe and Sandy McNees** for all of their tireless work.

Also, a big round of applause for the Committee Chairs: Shelly McGraw, Shannon Romanski, Lisa Righetti, Kelly Mucha, Susan Ho, Peggy Sicilla, Michelle Lyman, Claire Raphael, Krystal McCandlish, Lisa Hudman, Amy Hayes, Paula Koransky, Suzanne Stampf, and Amy Passalacqua for helping organize an incredible event!



Not pictured are **Susan Ho, Shannon Romanski, Michelle Lyman, Amy Passalacqua, Claire Raphael, Lisa Righetti, Amy Hayes, Suzanne Stampf, and Kelly Mucha**.

## Volunteer Opportunities

The PTSA would like to sincerely thank all of you who have signed up to chair a committee,

volunteer in the classroom and support our Coyote Color Run. We could not possibly do all that we do without your time and commitment to our school.

Volunteering is a great way to connect with our CRE Community and be an important part of the student experience. Please consider one of the following positions:

### Science Fair Co-Chair

The Cascade Ridge Science Fair is a wonderful event! The Science fair is comprised of two events on the same day, on March 28th. The **Science Fair** takes place during the school day. Parents volunteer as judges, classes get to tour the experiments, and students get to vote for their favorite projects. The **Family Science Night** takes place that evening with interactive science exhibits from local vendors, such as the Pacific Science Center and high school science clubs. It is a very popular and well attended event.

The Co-Chair will work with the current Chair to plan and run this year’s Science Fair and Family Science Night. Planning begins in December which includes coordinating communication, procuring awards and supplies, coordinating volunteers, booking exhibits, concessions, etc.

For additional information or if interested, please contact **Amy Hayes** at [triluna99@yahoo.com](mailto:triluna99@yahoo.com).

### Bingo Night Volunteers

We’re beginning to plan for Cascade Ridge’s inaugural Bingo Night! As far back as we can recall, the PTSA has yet to host a Bingo Night at

Cascade Ridge and so we're looking forward to making our first attempt a fun and incredible experience for all! We're looking for volunteers who can help plan in advance of the event as well as "day of" volunteers (set up, clean up, callers, checkers, concessions, prize table monitors, etc.). Anyone with previous bingo experience would be amazing!

For additional information or if interested, please contact **Paula Koransky** at [paulakoransky@me.com](mailto:paulakoransky@me.com).

### **Spelling Bee Co-Chair**

We need a volunteer to help coordinate our yearly event for our students to improve their spelling. This event is February 4-7. No work at school during school hours is required. Spelling Bee occurs in the evenings at school.

For additional information or 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**

We are in need of a volunteer to work with art docents to plan and coordinate a fun and family friendly event in the spring.

For additional information or 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/Co-Chairs**

We need one or more coaches to help kick-off a Girls on the Run program. This program is for girls grades 3-5 to train for a 5K run over the

course of 10-12 weeks. This is a great opportunity to share your love of running and mentor 3rd-5<sup>th</sup> grade girls. Running occurs after school.

For additional information or 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 Fridays Volunteers**

Popcorn Fridays are a fun offering that students really look forward to on the first Friday of each month. Especially during the winter months; students get super excited about having a bag of piping hot buttery popcorn during recess on a cold day. We need volunteers to help make and distribute popcorn. This involves a 2-hour time spot commitment on the first Friday of each month where we need volunteers to help prepare, make, distribute and clean-up.

If interested, please contact **Krystl McClandish** at [krystlm@hotmail.com](mailto:krystlm@hotmail.com).

## **Site Council**

Are you interested in serving on Cascade Ridge's Site Council for the 2018-2019 school year? We are still looking for **1-2 secondary (3rd-5th) parent representatives!** The school site council is a group of teachers, parents, and classified employees that works with the principal to develop, review and evaluate school improvement programs and school budgets. Site Council meets 4 times a year and our first meeting will take place **Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 4-5pm**. If you are interested in finding out more about Site Council please contact Amy Hayes at [triluna99@yahoo.com](mailto:triluna99@yahoo.com).

## Matching Gifts

Thank you once again to our AMAZING Cascade Ridge community for your generous support of the 2018 Color Run. The Cascade Ridge PTSA is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible, and you may even be able to double your contribution through Corporate Donation Matching. Matching funds/gifts is a big part of our PTSA fundraising efforts and without these funds we do not meet our goal. If you have not already done so please check with your employer's benefits department to determine if they offer a matching gift program and what the procedures are.

When you are entering the information into your company's matching system, please use the following recipient account:

Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA 2.6.2  
2020 Trossachs Blvd SE  
Sammamish, WA 98075

*Thank you for your support of the Cascade Ridge PTSA*

## Book Fair

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are. Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.

- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read. ]

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates:

- Tuesday, Nov 6<sup>th</sup> 3:40pm to 7:30pm
- Wednesday, Nov 7<sup>th</sup> 1:30pm to 7:30pm
- Thursday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> 3:40pm to 7:30pm

Special Event:

- Story time with Principal Kleinkopf and Clifford the Big Red Dog on Thursday, Nov 8<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. The book fair is a PTSA sponsored event.

Consider volunteering for a shift and help at the book fair; signup here <http://signup.com/go/MuvbBru>

Please contact [Nathalie Fusaro](#), PTSA/ Scholastic Book Fair Chairperson, with any questions.

# Fall Boxtop Campaign

Our Fall Box Tops Classroom Competition is underway!

Help us earn money for Cascade Ridge by collecting Box Tops to help your student's classroom win. The teacher of the winning classroom will receive an Amazon gift card they can use to purchase something fun or needed for the classroom.

In order to help you, print off a collection page and put it in your pantry for easy collecting. <https://www.boxtops4education.com/about/collection-sheets>

Box Tops are due Wednesday, November 21<sup>st</sup> in the clear Box Tops Collection box in the school entryway. Make sure your teacher's name is on your collection sheet or baggie when you turn them in.

## Ski Bus

Did you know that there is a ski bus in the winter on Wed afternoons for Cascade Ridge students? This will be our 5th year of having a ski bus that picks students up outside Cascade Ridge at 1:45 on Wednesdays.

The program starts January 9th and runs for 6 weeks. The kids will have 2 1/2-hour ski lessons at Snoqualmie Pass and then the bus brings them back to the school around 6:45 pm. Lessons are taught by Snow Sports Consulting Service with thirty-five years of teaching experience in the greater Seattle area. This is offered for kids in 2nd-5th grade (kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade by special permission).

Enrollment is secured on a first come, first served basis and registration must be

accompanied with payment to secure your space. Seasons passes and ski rentals are not included in this tuition. Registration deadline is **Tuesday, November 20, 2018.**

This program is not affiliated with the PTSA or Cascade Ridge. No ski equipment may be brought to school, someone must meet students outside after school on Wednesdays with their gear.

For more information and to print a form for registration, please visit <http://snowsportsconsultingservice.com/student-forms.html>.

Other questions may be directed to Sandy McNees at [sandy\\_mcnees@hotmail.com](mailto:sandy_mcnees@hotmail.com). We are looking forward to having your kids join us on the snow this year!

# Parent Ed

## ParentWiser

Check out upcoming ParentWiser events and other parent education offerings in the area [here](#). You can also access archives of past ParentWiser events [here](#).

### Youth Suicide Prevention for Parents

November 14, 2018 7:00 PM

Learn evidence-based prevention strategies to help youth in crisis stay safe and get support. Like first aid and CPR, this valuable knowledge supports healthy families and communities.



Mercer Island High School, 9100 SE 42nd St, Mercer Island, WA 98040

## Parent Tool Kit

What do I do if my kid is a bully? Explore social Awareness Skills for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders. The Middle School Brain While Learning. How to help your teen make a college video essay? Check out the [Parent Toolkit](#) it is a one-stop resource developed with parents in mind. It's produced by NBC News Education Nation and supported by Pearson and includes information about almost every aspect of your child's development, because they're all connected. Healthy, successful children can excel in many areas – in the classroom, on the court, and in their relationships with peers and adults. Our

advice also covers important topics for navigating life after high school.

## 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.

## Holiday Gift Barn

Cascade Ridge is once again collecting holiday gifts for local 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 students.

You can bring in an item from the classroom theme, OR donate a toy for any age, OR donate a grocery gift card, OR donate gift wrapping supplies. If you would like to donate an item that is not in your classroom theme, please feel free to bring that in as well.

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 hair supplies, make-up/ nail polish for teens

3rd grade: board games, Legos, 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 26-30**. 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 representative. Participation is optional, of course. Thank you, in advance, for your help in making the holidays brighter for so many local families!

For more information contact [Darlene Baker](#).

## Talent Show

The PTSA Talent Show will be held on Tuesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30PM.

Registration is done on a first come basis and will open on Monday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Watch for more details in the coming weeks on eNews, our PTSA website, and Facebook.

## Fundraising Made Easy

The holidays are coming! Do all of 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>

### Kendra Scott Shopping Event



SAVE  
JOIN US FOR SIPS AND SWEETS  
WHILE HOLIDAY SHOPPING FOR A CAUSE!

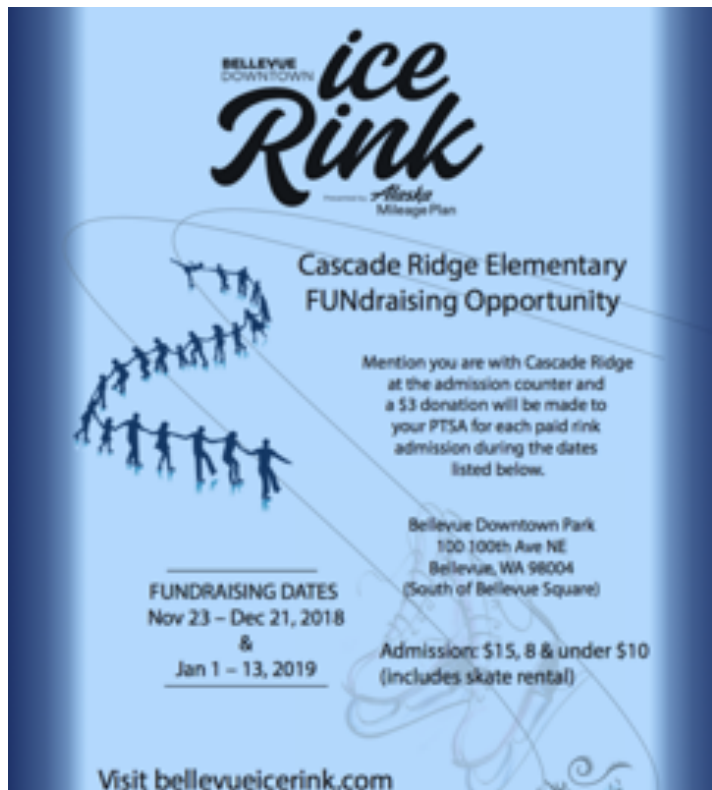
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KENDRA SCOTT | BELLEVUE SQUARE  
179 BELLEVUE SQUARE | BELLEVUE, WA 98004

DATE  
20% OF ALL SALES WILL  
BENEFIT CASCADE RIDGE ELEMENTARY PTSA.





## Bellevue Ice Skating



## Brown Bear Car Wash

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 [lgehmen@gmail.com](mailto:lgehmen@gmail.com)

*When you go ice skating at the ice rink in Bellevue, don't forget to mention that you are with Cascade Ridge, and they will donate \$3 to the PTSA!*

## Karate West

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](http://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:** 11/02, 12/07, 01/04, 02/01, 03/08, 04/05, 05/03, and 06/07 **Time:** 6:00pm-9:00pm at Karate West Issaquah