

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

"Let today be the start of something new." -Unknown

Welcome back to our returning Cascade Ridge families and a BIG welcome to all our new families! We hope you had an opportunity to relax, recharge and enjoy all the beautiful Pacific Northwest has to offer.

We're excited to start off the school year with a new edition of the Coyote Howler, which will help you to navigate the busy month of September.

PTSA is online all the time, and we are always looking for new ways to connect with YOU, our amazing community members.

- Like us on Facebook at Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA
- Check out our Instagram feed, @CascadeRidgePTSA
- Visit our website: www.cascaderidgeptsa.org

These are great resources for up-to-date reminders, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities.

Don't forget to visit our [website](#) and:

- Renew or purchase your annual PTSA membership
- Update your child(ren)'s teacher in your PTSA account
- Order yearbooks
- Check out our new Coyote Wear

Be on the lookout for information about our NEW fall fundraiser, Light It Up for S.T.E.A.M, which will take place on Thursday, September 26th. This is our main fundraiser for the year and there are plenty of ways to lend a hand.

We look forward to seeing you at Cascade Ridge this school year, especially at Curriculum Night on September 12th. Don't hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or feedback. We love to hear from you!

AJ Henderson and Amy Hayes



September 9th

First day of Kindergarten

September 12th

Curriculum Night at 6:00p

September 26th

Fall Fundraiser at 4:30p

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, October 11th at 9:15am. This is the first of three “Talk with Tia” coffee dates where she will be sharing what is happening at Cascade Ridge this school year.

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 2019-20 school year.

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

November 4th, January 6th, March 2nd, and May 4th.

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 Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com.

PTSA Volunteers Needed

WE NEED YOU!

Cascade Ridge PTSA sponsors many activities, programs and events for our school community throughout the year, but cannot do so without YOUR HELP! 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:

Fall Fundraiser, Dance Committee Chair

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is right around the corner! This year, we need a Dance Committee Chair that will work closely with Fundraiser Chair to liaison with the DJ, and Face paint artist. You’ll also help decorate for the dance, as well as schedule volunteers to run our glow booth concessions stand. If interested, please contact Sandra Vanderzee at thevanderzees@gmail.com.

Safety Patrol Chair

The Safety Patrol Chair serves as a liaison between the Safety Patrol and PTSA. The Chair helps plan a party for the Safety Patrol team at the end of the school year. If interested, please contact Laura Gehmen at lgehmen@gmail.com.

Art Liaison

We’ve revamped our Art Docent program this year and as the result, we are in need of an Art Liaison Chair. This Chair will be the point of contact between our Art Vendor and the Art Volunteers in each class. In addition, the Art Liaison will coordinate the Art Walk in January

in conjunction with Engineering Night. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at tparker91@comcast.net or aobert11@gmail.com

Kiln

Bringing home a school clay project is an experience everyone has fond memories of. This person will work with classroom art docents for special clay projects as requested clay projects by teachers. Training will be provided. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at tparker91@comcast.net or aobert11@gmail.com

Engineering Night Chair

Engineering Night is an evening many students look forward to! The Engineering Night Chair will be the liaison between Issaquah Schools Foundation (ISF) and Cascade Ridge to coordinate Engineering Night in January. Projects are provided by ISF. If interested, please contact Tiffany Parker or Andrea Obert at tparker91@comcast.net or aobert11@gmail.com

Matching Funds Chair

Matching funds is the PTSA program that helps facilitate the matching of monetary donations made to Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA by corporate employers who provide the benefit to their employees.

The chairperson will work with the Treasurer and coordinate matching fund disbursements and volunteer hours. This person will also provide support to and answer questions from community members interested in seeking matching funds from their employers. If

interested, please contact Sandra Vanderzee at thevanderzees@gmail.com.

E-News Chair

Organized and detail oriented? Coordinate content from the PTSA for the principal's weekly E-News letter. This role can be completed from home 1-2 hours per week. If interested, please contact Claire Raphael or Lloyd Raphael at claireraphael@hotmail.com or lloydraphael@hotmail.com.

Brown Bear Carwash Chair

The Brown Bear Carwash Chair orders tickets from Brown Bear Carwash to fulfill orders made by families at Cascade Ridge. The Chair will deliver purchased tickets to those families and distribute them in the appropriate teacher boxes. If interested, please contact Sandra Vanderzee at thevanderzees@gmail.com.

For general questions with regards to any of the opportunities available or volunteering at CRE, please don't hesitate to reach out to the VP of Volunteers, Susan Ho at sh97062@gmail.com.

PTSA Membership

Now that the EVP process is complete, don't forget to join the PTSA! Even if you were a member last year, **you must renew your membership each year.**

Click [here](#) to learn more about the Cascade Ridge PTSA and all we do for our students and staff! We can't thank you enough for your support!

Why should I join the Cascade Ridge PTSA?

The number one reason to join the PTSA is to benefit your child. In doing so, you also help your school, but there are many more advantages. Here are just a few:

- **Tap into a Network** – Parenting is not easy! It helps to share ideas, concerns and experiences with other parents and educators. PTSA functions are opportunities to meet teachers and other parents, building rapport and discussing issues that are on your mind.
- **Speak Up** – The PTSA is a forum for exchanging ideas and can be a way for you to more effectively suggest change at your child's school.
- **Discover Great Resources** – The PTSA offers a variety of programs designed for parents as well as students. By joining you can receive discounts to places like Great Wolf Lodge.
- **Get Connected** – There's no better way to know what's happening in your school! You will support local programs and advocacy efforts that will positively impact the quality of your child's education for the rest of their lives.

Family Movie Night

Save the date for Family Movie Night on Friday, October 11th! 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 Chairs: Michelle Challey at mkchalley@gmail.com and/or Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com.

Fall Fundraiser

Light It Up for S.T.E.A.M.!

Save the date

Thursday September 26, 2019

4:30-6:30

Mark your calendars and plan to join the fun on Thursday, September 26, 2019 from 4:30 – 6:30pm!!!

Light It Up for S.T.E.A.M. at Cascade Ridge is the major PTSA fundraiser for the school year. This year our goal is to raise \$80,000 to fund and support the many programs and activities at Cascade Ridge that we have come to know and love. Our special focus for this year is to fund our new art program, as well as secure laptops and tablets for the children's classrooms. Please help light up your child's education by supporting our PTSA 2019 fall fundraiser!

Let's Celebrate!

This is our BIGGEST FUNDRAISER of the school year. Bring the family and come join other Cascade Ridge coyotes as we gather to kick-off the 2019-20 school year! The whole family can

enjoy our glow-in-the-dark dance, concessions, games, face painting, cake walk, geocaching and more!

Watch for reminders and additional information in your inbox in the days leading up to the big celebration. Online registration for the big event will open Wednesday September 11th.

Volunteer!

If you are available and willing to help out please consider signing up to help make our school event a major success!

<https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/Volunteer/VolunteeringPacketPage/1>

Questions? Please contact your Light it up! Chairperson, Sandra Vanderzee (thevanderzees@gmail.com)

Show Your Spirit!

We will be having Spirit Days in the weeks leading up the Dance! Please mark your calendar and join in the fun!

- Thursday, September 12th – Shine Bright! Wear your brightest neon, technicolor fashion.
- Thursday, September 19th – Dress up as your favorite scientist or artist
- Wednesday, September 25th – Tropical Luau Day
- Thursday, September 26th – Wear your Robot Pin and coyote spirit wear

Math Club

Cascade Ridge Math Club is a weekly before school program for 4th and 5th graders who are passionate about math & looking to participate in Math competition. Any Cascade Ridge 4th and 5th graders who are interested in taking their math skills to the next level are invited to join the Cascade Ridge Math Club. The Math Club will meet weekly once per week before school. Math Club students will be exposed to advanced math concepts such as prealgebra, geometry, probability, and statistics.

Students will be given weekly homework assignments consisting of a few challenging problems that would require out-of-the-box thinking. Math Club meeting time will be spent reviewing the solutions to the homework problems, discussing new concepts, playing maths games & getting ready for the competitions. In spring, kids can choose to participate in one or more statewide math competitions and get a chance to show off their abilities against students from other elementary schools around the state. This year kids will participate in Math is Cool, Math Olympiad (WSMC), Blaine Math Olympiad and Knights of Pi math Tournament.

Additional information on the PTSA presentation and registration information will be shared on [website](#),

Math Club is a PTSA sponsored program and students will be coached by dedicated PTSA parent volunteers. Interested to volunteer, you can sign-up [here](#).

Questions? Please contact your Math Club chairperson Chandra Poliseti or Navreen Mallik , mathclub@cascaderidgepts.org

Box Tops for Education

Help us earn money for Cascade Ridge through our Fall Box Tops Classroom Competition. Start collecting Box Tops now to help your student's classroom win. The classroom that collects the most Box Tops will win a prize! Did you know there is now a Box Tops mobile app? The app is easy to use and snaps a photo of your receipt that automatically updates earnings to Cascade Ridge. For more information on how to download and use the app go to BTFE.com. We will continue to collect traditional Box Top clips that are not expired until they are phased out. Box Tops will be due Friday, October 25th. Start collecting now!

Enrichment Schedule

Enrichment programs are coming back to Cascade Ridge! See below for a preview of the 2019-2020 schedule. Information may be subject to change. For more information on classes and how to register, please click on the embedded links below. The schedule, a full description of the classes for the entire year, and school policies regarding enrichment classes will be posted soon at [Cascade Ridge PTSA](#).

*Please contact the PTSA for information about Math Club and Lego Robotics Club.

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	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A.M	MATH CLUB* 8:00 am - 9:10 am		MATH CLUB* 8:00 am - 9:10 am	MATH CLUB* 8:00 am - 9:10 am	
	PIANO KEYBOARD CLUB with Musical Minds	F.L.Y. SPANISH 8:05 am – 9:05 am	CODE CLUB, JR. Techventures K-2 8:00 am – 9:00 am	MATH CLUB* 8:00 am - 9:10 am	
P.M.	ASPIRING/ BEST-SELLING AUTHOR Grasshopper Enrichment Grades 2- 5 3:45 pm – 5:15 pm	F.L.Y. SPANISH 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm	CREATE WITH CODE (SCRATCH) with Techventures 3-5 1:35- 3:00 pm	DRAMA Village Theatre	F.L.Y. SPANISH 3:45 pm -4:45 pm
	CHESS CLUB Chess on the Hill All Grades 3:45 pm – 5:00 pm	LEGO ROBOTICS CLUB* (FALL) 3:50 pm – 6:00 pm			DRAWING AND PAINTING Museo Art Grades K -5 3:45 pm – 4:45 pm