

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

The holidays are here! It's truly the busiest time of the year and with the flurry of excitement and activity that comes with the season, we want to pause to wish you the happiest of holidays. We recognize and appreciate our Cascade Ridge

community for its cultural diversity and we realize there are a number of different ways to celebrate.

We hope you had a chance to visit the Scholastic Book Fair and this year's Silent Auction! The funds raised through these events help us to fund many important programs, teacher grants and enrichment opportunities for our school. Thank you for helping to make these events a success!

Thank you to all the staff and parent volunteers who helped put together a memorable Veteran's Day Assembly. Thanks to the students who participated in the assembly; we greatly appreciated all of your talent and hard work. Also, a big thank you to our special Veteran guests. We were honored to have you at our assembly.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Holiday Gift Barn collection! Reaching beyond our Cascade Ridge borders is important not only for the families we help, but also benefits our children who learn about giving, gratitude and grace. Because of your generosity, many families are able to give their children the joy of receiving gifts this holiday season.

No matter how you and your family celebrate, we hope you enjoy all the season has to offer!

AJ Henderson and Amy Hayes

PTSA Co Presidents



December 4th and 5th

No School - Parent-Teacher Conferences

December 6th

Popcorn Friday

December 13th

Staff Holiday Coffee/Tea Bar

December 17th

5th Grade Concert at 6:30p

December 23rd - January 3rd

No School - Winter Break

Talent Show

**Please join us on
Tuesday, January**

21st for the PTSA Coyote Talent Show!

Act One 5:30-6:30PM

Intermission

Act Two 6:45-7:30PM

Calling all Cascade Ridge Performers grades K-5, the stage is waiting for YOU! Space is limited to 30 total performances, there are 15 spots per Act so don't wait, sign up today!

Can you sing, dance, or play an instrument? How about magic, or ball tricks, maybe some extreme hula-hooping or double-dutch jump roping is where you shine! How about getting a group of friends together for a performance? Show us your talent and creativity, we can't wait!

We are looking for a few **5th grade student MC's** to help keep our program flowing. Talent Show Committee will work with these students to create a script. If your child is interested they will need to sign up by selecting MC for their performance category.

We are also looking for several **student comedians from all grade levels**. If your child would like to be on stage telling jokes while the stage is being reset please sign up by selecting student comedian as your performance category. These students will be responsible for coming up with their own jokes. The MC's

and the comedians will need to be at a one rehearsal.

Registration opens on December 2, 2019 and will close once all spots are full or on January 8, 2020. Register by visiting the PTSA website, <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Home> .

Please note all performers will be required to attend a dress rehearsal. Upon registration you will be prompted to select your rehearsal date, only one rehearsal is needed unless the student would like to attend both nights.

For questions contact Talent Show Chairperson, Angela Fischer (afischer515@yahoo.com)

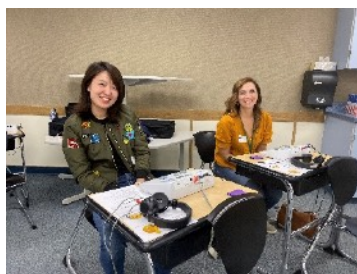
Thank you

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:

November Popcorn Friday – Many thanks to November Popcorn Friday Volunteers for helping support a fun and delicious way to celebrate the first Friday of November!

Vision/Hearing Screening – Many thanks to Jean Zhou for leading a great day of vision and hearing screening. Jean did a super job of planning, organizing and running a successful experience for the students, volunteers and nurses. A warm thank also goes to the following volunteers: Susan Ho, Ying Cui,

Hailan Fan, AJ Henderson, Claire Raphael, Birong Tao, Lingyan Anderso, Neha Bhatyal, Lu Ruan, Rachelle Hrcirik, Amy Hayes, Tuan Ba Tran, Loretta Brownlee, Elena Dournova and Shivani Bhana.



Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Nigar Suleman

as our December Volunteer of the Month!

We chose to highlight the Nigar because of her wonderful work with Reflections as well as her involvement with so many other PTSA sponsored events and classroom activities. Nigar has been CRE's Geography Bee Chair twice, organized a country booth for Festivals of Cultures, volunteered at GlowFest, and is currently the Party Coordinator for Ms. Perkin's 2nd grade class.

Nigar's family includes her husband, Taha, (who works for Facebook), Ayeda, (Sophomore at Skyline – 16 years old), Amal (8th grader at Beaver Lake - 13 years old), and Aydin (2nd grader at CRE – 7 years old).

Because of her children's involvement in the Issaquah School District in addition to her legal background, Nigar has a passion for education and education advocacy. As a matter of fact, Nigar loves curriculum nights and gets super excited and energized when teachers share their plans for the year! Nigar shared that there's nothing that brings her more happiness than volunteering and being a part of the amazing CRE community.

In her spare time, Nigar enjoys reading, writing poetry and prose, swimming, running, being a foodie, cooking for relaxation, hiking, global traveling and exploring new countries, and learning deeply about cultures, people, and customs.

Congratulations to Nigar and all of her fantastic volunteer work. We're absolutely delighted to have such awesome volunteers with as much passion and enthusiasm as Nigar!



Holiday Cards & Calendars

Are you shopping for holiday cards and gifts? Now through Dec. 31st, shop Minted.com and get 20% off holiday card and gift orders -- and 15% of your order is donated back to Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA! We'd love your support!

Use code FUNDRAISECREPTSA to support Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA

<https://www.minted.com/>



Winter Enrichment Classes

Before-and-after-school [ENRICHMENT classes](#) will be back in the winter, starting at the end of January! Check out the [PTSA Enrichment page](#) for information about Session 2 classes and how to register.

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Parent Ed Corner

ParentWiser continues to provide our community with learning opportunities that help us navigate relevant issues that we are all facing. Learn more below!

About ParentWiser

ParentWiser is a parenting lecture series comprised of local and nationally-known experts who are invited to share the latest information in effective parenting with parents of the Issaquah School District. We offer speakers, discussions and documentary films throughout the school year to engage parents in timely educational topics for raising healthy, confident K-12 students.

ParentWiser is run 100% by volunteer parents! We are the parent education committee of the Issaquah PTSA Council 2.6, a non-profit 501(c3) organization. We are funded by a partnership of the Issaquah Schools Foundation, Swedish Medical Center Issaquah, and the Issaquah PTSA Council. If your business would like to support the lecture series, please contact us [here](#).

We welcome volunteers to join our team, especially those with experience in email marketing, social media, and video recording. If interested, please contact us [here](#).

ParentWiser Past Events

If you missed ParentWiser's last event NORMAL SUCKS or other past events, you can view them in the comfort of your home [here](#).

Upcoming ParentWiser Events

*How to Be a Culturally Competent Family in
2020 on January 22, 2020 7:00 PM*

[Register](#)

Are your kids hearing racially or culturally-charged comments on the news? Are you wondering how to empower them to be culturally competent through your own modeling and conversation? In this paradigm-shifting talk, Dr. Caprice Hollins unpacks the ways we've been socialized to think about differences, helps us engage in courageous conversations with one another and our children, and develop new ways of being.

Participants will increase their understanding of equity vs equality, privilege, implicit bias, and learn to effectively engage our children and work together to dismantle institutional racism.

Dr. Hollins provides the framework for developing cultural competence, for a community where everyone benefits through inclusivity and the honoring of differences.

For parents of grades K-12.

Liberty High School, Theater 16655 SE 136th
Street Renton, WA 98059