

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

Happy New Year! We hope that all of you enjoyed the time off with family and friends and had a chance to relax and recharge. January kicks off the new year with some of our favorite events and activities and we hope that you enjoy

them!

Eager Reader starts Monday, January 13. This is a great time for kids to dive into all the books they received over break, or to discover something new. The PTSA will also host our annual Talent Show on January 21st at 5:30pm in the Coyote Café. Come check out our amazingly talented students! New this year, we're featuring STEAM Night on January 30th which combines Engineering Night and the Coyote Art Walk. This will be an exciting night filled with interactive STEAM experiences as well as an opportunity to enjoy the art work students have created with our Smart with Art program. We look forward to seeing you there!

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our second General Membership meeting on Friday, January 10 at 9:30am in the Coyote Café. We have two special guests joining us at this meeting, ISD CFO Jake Kuper and Issaquah School Board member, Suzanne Weaver. They will share important information about the upcoming ISD levy and answer any and all questions from the community. If you have any questions about the levy or want to find out more, plan to attend! Our Talk with Tia will follow immediately after their presentation. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please join the PTSA via our website (cascaderidgeptsa.org) under family registration.

Welcome back Coyotes!

AJ Henderson and Amy Hayes



Please check the [PTSA Web site](#) for the latest events

January 9th - Parent Social, Hops & Drops at 7:00p

January 10th - Popcorn Friday

January 10th - Talk with Tia at 9:45a

January 10th - PTSA General Membership Meeting at 9:30a

January 13th - Eager Reader Begins

January 20th - No School

January 21st - Talent Show at 5:30p

January 27th - No School

January 29th - 5th Grade Concert at 6:30p

January 30th - S.T.E.A.M. Night

Talent Show

Please join us at the PTSA Talent Show on Tuesday, January 21st at 5:30PM in the Cascade Ridge Café. All the performance spots have filled so come support your friends and classmates as they take the stage. If you are interested in volunteering or have a middle school or high school student looking for volunteer opportunities please contact Angela Fischer at afischer515@yahoo.com.

Site Council

Are you interested in serving on Cascade Ridge's Site Council? We are looking for additional parent representatives to join us for the remainder of the 2019-2020 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. We have already started meeting, but it isn't too late to join!

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. Sometimes decisions are made at Cascade Ridge that community members might wonder about or question. Site Council is a great avenue for community members to direct questions, provide feedback and have their concerns heard. Site Council consists of the Principal, Cascade Ridge Staff, a PTSA Executive Board representative and parent representatives for the CRE community.

If you are interested in finding out more about Site Council please contact Paula Koransky at paulakoransky@me.com.

Eager Reader

Eager Reader begins on Monday January 13! More information will be emailed to parents when the program begins. All reading minutes MUST be recorded online by Sunday evenings at 10pm. This year there will be a friendly competition between all the classes in each grade. The class that has the most students participating and reading the most minutes will win an Ice Cream Party! The results each week will be posted in the Coyote Café. So, be ready for lots of reading fun, prizes, a new book, and maybe, just maybe? A class Ice Cream Party!

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:

December Popcorn Friday – Many thanks to December Popcorn Friday Volunteers for helping support a fun and warm treat during the cold month of December!

Holiday Gift Barn – Many thanks to the all Gift Barn Classroom Representatives for collecting the gifts and to Darlene Baker, Colleen Gutierrez, Laura Gehmen, Krystl McCandlish and Lara Buis for helping pack up and deliver the gifts.

Classroom Room Coordinators – Many thanks to the Classroom Room Coordinators for helping provide holiday goodwill and warm wishes for our teachers!

It is very important to us that we 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 and we will rectify in the next E-Blast or E-Newsletter.

Volunteer Appreciation

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Carolyn Roberts

as our January Volunteer of the Month!

We originally chose to highlight the Carolyn because of her consistent monthly help with Popcorn Fridays but it is more appropriate that we highlight that Carolyn has volunteered in the Issaquah School District for the past 13 years! Wow! In addition to Popcorn Fridays, Carolyn volunteers in the classroom, supports fall fundraising programs, and led the PTSA's VP of Programs for 2 years. Furthermore, she participates in a variety of volunteer activities for Beaver Lake Middle School, Skyline High School and Pine Lake Preschool Co-op.

Carolyn's family includes her husband, Tyson, Gavin (freshman at WWU), Maddie (senior at SHS), Lily (7th grade, BLMS) and Hailey (5th grade, CRE).

Carolyn chooses to volunteer at school or the activities where her kids are involved because it's a way for her to gain a better understanding of what is going on in their lives. According to Carolyn, she's been so fortunate and supported by her husband to be able to stay home with her kids that she tries to make the most of it by giving back to the community.

In her spare time, Carolyn enjoys hiking Soaring Eagle with her golden retriever, skiing, weight lifting, and cheering on her kids during volleyball, soccer games or choir concerts.

A huge congratulations to Carolyn and her all of her amazing years as a volunteer at Cascade Ridge as well as within the community! Well done Carolyn!



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](#).

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

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](#).

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.

Read the latest [message](#) from the WSPTA

executive director, Andrew Estep.



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

October 26-27, 2019 | Bellevue College

2019 WSPTA Legislative Assembly Recap

Attendees to the 2019 WSPTA Legislative Assembly kept up to a relentless pace of attending classes, issue topic education, caucusing and consideration of resolutions and issues. The theme at this year's sold-out event at Bellevue College in Bellevue, WA was "Superheroes of Advocacy". Read on [here](#).

You can find information about the WSPTA's complete legislative platform in the [Focus Areas](#) portion of the website ([legislative principles](#), [legislative issues](#), and [resolutions](#)).