

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

Welcome back Coyotes!

We hope all of you enjoyed time with family and friends over mid-winter break and had a chance to relax and recharge. February brought us some great reading time with Eager Reader, a fun, new format for the Spelling Bee and a CPR/AED certification class. Thanks again to Megan Bell and The School of Hearts Foundation for bringing this class to our community! March is right around the corner and brings one of our favorite events of the year, the Science Fair.

Do you want to feel more connected in our Cascade Ridge community? Do you want to advocate for your child? Do you want to show your child you value their education? Becoming involved in the Cascade Ridge PTSA does all of these things. You can show your support by volunteering, chairing a committee or joining our PTSA board for next year. Contact Susan Ho, our VP of Volunteers, at sh97062@gmail.com for ways you can help.

Your PTSA dollars have been hard at work this year. Thanks to your generous support we have great programs and events including Math Club, FIRST Lego League, Book Fair, Movie Night, Eager Reader, Spelling Bee, STEAM Night and the Talent show. We support art enrichment for students through Smart with Art, the Art Docent program and the Drama program. We also support teachers by fulfilling Coyote Grant requests for their classrooms and the school. This year we have granted LEGO WeDo and Make Wonder kits to teach coding and robotics, updated tools for the Cascade Ridge Sensory library, music enrichment with an Opera assembly, additional technology for the computer lab and many more!

Thank you for your continued support!

AJ Henderson and Amy Hayes

Cascade Ridge PTSA Co Presidents



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

March 19th - Science Fair
at 6:00p

Science Fair

Cascade Ridge Science Fair

Thursday, March 19th, 2020

6:00-8:00 PM

The Cascade Ridge Science Fair is almost here and we are excited to bring you an evening celebrating the wonders of science! There will be a number of student and class projects to enjoy as well as exciting interactive exhibits from the Pacific Science Center, Kids Quest, the Skyline Science Club and many more! Bring the family to this great Cascade Ridge tradition and enjoy a fun filled night with pizza, scientific snacks, drinks, and sweet treats for sale.

The registration deadline is March 6th, so sign up now!

Visit <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/ScienceFair/Home.html> to register, order a colorful project display board, and find all kinds of information to help you with your experiments.

We need volunteers to pull off this great event.

Please sign up for one of the many volunteer opportunities for this event:

- Set-up
- Judging (No science background necessary!)
- Concessions

- Tear-down

Sign-up here <https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/sciencefair/VolunteeringPacketPage/4> or contact sciencefair@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Capture your scientist in action!

Send us photos and videos of your scientist working on their project, and we will add them to our slideshow for the evening. Please submit the pictures to lloydraphael@hotmail.com by March 13th. Please include your students name and grade level in the e-mail.

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:

February Staff Appreciation Luncheon – A HUGE thanks to the Volunteers who brought delicious bites from around the world to share at the February Staff Luncheon! Also, many thanks Loretta Brownlee, Amy Passalacqua, Jill Jenkins, Emily Ma and Paula Koransky for the creative idea as well as set-up, prep and clean-up.



Classroom Photo Day – Many thanks to Tiffany Parker, Andrea Obert, Susan Ho and Sandy McNees for helping ensure that Classroom Photo Day was as smooth as possible for the students, teachers, staff, student organizations, and photographers! Nice job ladies!

STEAM Night – Many thanks to the following amazing volunteers for all of their work with STEAM night: Kavitha Krishnaswamy (mastermind behind the brain games and secured vendors), Sandy McNees, Sandra Vanderzee, Andrea Obert, Loretta Brownlee, and Tiffany Parker.

Eager Reader - Many thanks to Carrie Lam and Andrea Reader for coordinating Eager Reader and a BIG SHOUT OUT to all of the following volunteers who made Eager Reader happen:

- Volunteers who prepped prizes each week: Xiao Ma, Michelle Woods, Wahida Arif, Jessica Aguero, Leah Ludington, Andrea Obert, Tiffany Parker, Colleen Gutierrez, Emily Ma, Gabriella Szilagyi, Shivani Bhana , Darlene Baker, Tsuiyin Burtram, Tara Farhad, Loretta Brownlee and Ana Malloy.

- Volunteers who helped with book distribution at lunch: Leah Ludington, Andrea Obert, Shivani Bhana, Darlene Baker, Loretta Brownlee

Spelling Bee – Many thanks to Sam Mokashi for coordinating and helping CRE with the new Spelling Bee program this year. Also a HUGE thanks to the following volunteers who made it successful: Prajakta Deshmukh, Erich Smick (Pronouncer), Andrea Obert (Judge) and Tiffany Parker (Judge).

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 Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

Sri Patil

as our March Volunteer of the Month!

We chose to highlight Sri because of all his extra work and efforts supporting Cascade Ridge's inaugural First Lego League and Robotics Club. Sri put an incredible amount of time and energy preparing the FLL Robotics Club for competition this year. He worked with them after school outside of the club, over the holidays and on weekends! Additionally, Sri is a coach for Math Club and outside of CRE, Sri volunteers for FIRST Washington, he's a judge at the Robot Design FLL State competition and a Duthie Hill trail volunteer with Sweetlines.

Sri's family includes his wife, Roopa Pundaleeka, Rohan Patil (5th Grade) and Isha Patil (4th Grade).

Sri chooses to volunteer because when he saw how much his kids were benefiting from the volunteer rich community and activities at CRE. It felt natural for him to want to get involved, both for giving back to the community and to ensure the activities and the associated environment flourishes.

In his spare time, Sri enjoys robotics, mountain bike racing and road biking.

A huge congratulations to Sri! S.T.E.A.M is an important focus of Cascade Ridge Elementary and volunteers such Sri who invest the time and effort to help make it come alive for students are so important and greatly appreciated!



Cascade Ridge PTSA Award Nominations

It is that time of year! We need to recognize our fantastic Volunteers. And new this year to Cascade Ridge Elementary – Educators too! You’ve seen them around school, you’ve

admired their dedication, you wish you had the time to do what they do - now is your chance to recognize them. There is no better compliment than getting recognized by your peers. No one volunteers or educates to get the recognition, they do it to enrich the lives of our children. But how nice it is to know that they are appreciated!

If you would like to nominate someone for one of these awards, please click on the survey links below. We will be accepting nominations until Friday, March 13th.

Questions: Susan Ho at sh97062@gmail.com



Nominate a Volunteer!

The Golden Acorn Award recognizes the contributions of an individual that has gone above and beyond in their volunteer efforts at Cascade Ridge Elementary, and within our local community.

The Cascade Ridge Elementary PTSA is seeking nominations for volunteers that demonstrate an outstanding personal commitment to improving the lives of children and youth through their service to the school, district, and community.

Click here to nominate a Volunteer: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRPTSA_OE2020



Nominate an Educator!

The Outstanding Educator Award was created to recognize individuals who have gone beyond the normal expectations of their job to make outstanding contributions to enhance the education of children. An Outstanding Educator can be a teacher, specialist, assistant,

support staff, custodian, bus driver, administrator or community member.

Click here to nominate an Educator: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CRPTSA_GA2020

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 and nationally-known experts who are invited to share the latest information in effective parenting with parents of the Issaquah School District.

 ParentWiser is run 100% by volunteer parents!

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

The UPSTANDERS, film documentary &

discussion

March 25, 2020 7:00 PM

Register

What's with all the meanness online? What's going on? *The UPSTANDERS* explores cyber-bullying, bullying among friends, families, co-workers, and the brain science behind it all.

The film highlights new laws and programs already making a difference in schools and shows us how to make a difference together to create systemic change.

The UPSTANDERS is about resilience and the power of connection to end bullying and provide resources, tools, and hope.

The UPSTANDERS is the 3rd film in the trilogy including *ANGST* and *LIKE* by IndieFlix.

For parents of K-12, and students grades 8-12

**Issaquah High School, 700 2nd Ave SE
Issaquah, WA 98027**

ParentWiser Past Events

Did you know that you can view a selection of ParentWiser's past events? Check out *How to be a Culturally Competent Family in 2020* and other past events [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.