

# Coyote Howler

## Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



### President's Letter

Hello Cascade Ridge families!

We hope you are staying healthy, happy and safe during this challenging time. Whether you are homeschooling, unschooling or taking this time to be

together as a family, you're doing an amazing job. Thank you to our community healthcare and essential workers and thank you to all of you that have come together in support of those in need.

You may have noticed a bit less communication from your PTSA in the past few weeks; that has been intentional. With so much information coming home, we want to ensure you aren't being inundated unnecessarily. Now that we're all hopefully getting into more of a routine, we'd like to bring back a sense of normalcy. In the coming weeks, look for spirit weeks, neighborhood scavenger hunts and ways that we can provide support to those in need. Math Club is working hard to move their meetings online and we're excited to offer an optional, virtual Science Fair too! More details coming soon. Now more than ever we're looking for ways to keep our Coyotes connected, so if you have any ideas, email us!

Many PTSAs in the community have donated to the Issaquah Food Bank, and we have followed suit. The PTSA board voted to reallocate \$1000 from the Science Fair budget to donate to the Issaquah Food Bank. The Issaquah Food Bank is partnering with ISD and working hard to provide support to families impacted by the pandemic. We will continue to look for ways to support efforts in our community in the coming weeks.

We miss seeing all of you and until we return to school, let's continue to find ways to connect and support each other! If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to email us at any time.

Take care,

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Cascade Ridge Co Presidents



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

## Virtual Science Fair

This year's Science Fair didn't quite go as planned, so we're shifting gears. The week of April 20th-24th is Science Week! We'll share fun experiments, science trivia, and we hope you will share too!

Whether your child has a finished science fair project, one in process or an idea for a project we'd still love to see it. The Virtual Science Fair is optional, but we hope that many of you will share the amazing experiments we know you're doing at home. If you'd like to participate, you'll need a video of your child's project. You can choose to include your child in the video, or just video the project as your child explains the experiment. Starting April 20th, you will be able to upload the video of your child's project to a secure site, FlipGrid. Look for more information on FlipGrid, the link to our Virtual Science Fair Grid and how to use it in the coming weeks.

Unfortunately, we are unable to distribute display boards, certificates or prizes at this time. If you ordered a display board and did not receive it, we will contact you about a refund within the next week.

Thank you and we look forward to seeing your scientists in action!

Navreen Malik and Amy Hayes

Cascade Ridge Science Fair

## Lunch for the Break

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to unfold, food insecurity amongst children in our community continues to be a serious risk and challenge for the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank.

Last year, the families of Cascade Ridge donated 12 boxes of food to children in need during our Spring Lunch for the Break food drive. This year we had committed to delivering 15 boxes of food. However, in following direction from the CDC, the food bank has developed an alternative plan to providing children with food during this extended and unexpected long break from school.

The food bank is asking for any donations to be made online. There are two ways to donate:

- (1) To purchase a pre-packaged box through Supply All Kids: <https://supplyallkids.com/#/donate/ifcb>
- (2) To make a financial donation: <https://secure.acceptiva.com/?cst=48e164>

All contributions are a personal choice and completely optional. Thank you for all you do to support our amazing community of children!

## 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:

**March Staff Appreciation Snack Break** – A big, warm thanks to Emily Ma and Paula Koransky for being able to squeeze in several treats for CRE’s staff for March. This also happened to be the final day that school remained open for the month! Our thoughtful ladies also provided frozen treats for staff remaining at school the following week. Nice job Emily and Paula!!



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](mailto:sh97062@gmail.com) and we will rectify in the next E-Blast or E-Newsletter.

## Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

### April Weiner

as our April Volunteer of the Month!

We chose to highlight April because of all her volunteer work in support of PTSA’s Art Docent program across multiple classrooms in addition to her volunteer work within teacher classrooms. Specifically, April actively volunteers as an Art Docent for McKnight, Norton and Sibert. In addition she reads to individual children in Mrs. McKnight’s classroom and coordinates amazing classroom parties for Mrs. Sibert. April also volunteered at Cascade Ridge’s big Fall Fundraising event. But most importantly, she does everything with enthusiasm and incredible energy!

April’s family includes her husband, Jonathan, Hailey (8th grade at Beaver Lake Middle School), Chloe (5th grade), Ava (1st grade) and Dylan (1st grade).

April enjoys volunteering because it provides her an opportunity to get to know teachers, spend time with her kids at school, and learn more about her children’s classmates and friends. April appreciates and cherishes the thought of being a part of her children’s memories when they remember all of the fun experiences they had at Cascade Ridge.

In her spare time, April’s hobbies include bike riding, skiing, hiking, crafts, and puzzles.

A huge, warm congratulations to April! The amount of time and effort that April devotes

towards teacher classroom activities and programs is absolutely inspiring!



## Cascade Ridge PTSA Award Nominations



Many thanks to everyone who nominated a Volunteer for the Golden Acorn Award or an Educator for Cascade Ridge's inaugural Outstanding Educator Award! We were delighted that so many wonderful nominations were submitted. Please come back to the Howler in May to find out who won!

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