

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

Hello Cascade Ridge families,

As our year comes to a close, we hope you enjoy looking back at all the fun we had this year despite the challenges we currently face. From the family fun at Glowfest to a new Spelling Bee and everything in between we hope you enjoyed the many events PTSA brought you this year. Thank you for supporting PTSA and the students at Cascade Ridge!

I would like to send out a HUGE thank you to all of our committee chairs who volunteered countless hours putting together all the events that enriched your students experience at Cascade Ridge. Without them none of our events would happen. To all the volunteers that put in time behind the scenes, we thank you for your efforts to make these events and programs a success.

I would also like to thank the 2019-2020 Executive Board – Sandy McNees, Kerri Shek, Paula Koransky, Claire Raphael, Sandra Vanderzee, Laura Gehmen, Tiffany Parker and Andrea Obert. Thank you for the many hours you have invested in Cascade Ridge!

Finally, please join me in saying thank you to our beloved principal, Tia Kleinkopf, for everything she has done for Cascade Ridge. We will miss her dearly and wish her all the best at her new school.

Have a wonderful summer, stay healthy and we look forward to seeing you in September!

AJ Henderson and Amy Hayes

Cascade Ridge PTSA Co Presidents



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

PTSA Community Survey



Hello Cascade Ridge families!

Next year brings uncertainty and at the very least we know school in the fall will look different from the norm. Once we have a better idea of how we can support Cascade Ridge next year, we will begin the process of planning PTSA events and programs. We would love to know what's most important to you as we make decisions about enrichment, programs and events. Look for a short PTSA survey to come out in enews this month and please take a moment to give us your feedback.

We look forward to hearing from you!

School Supplies

Order your school supply boxes now and you can choose to hold delivery until just before school begins in September. Check an item off your to-do list and don't think about it again!

Order by June 23rd for early bird discount and save \$\$\$! Prices will go up on June 24th so don't delay. You will still be able to order through August 10th and ensure delivery by the start of school.

Avoid the crowds and hassle of buying supplies at multiple stores. One-stop online shopping saves time and our PTSA earns money from your order.

Our vendor is shipping supplies direct to your home! Each grade's box is already 'built' for you. Simply select your child's upcoming grade. Some grades ask for slightly different supply lists based on the first letter of your child's last name, so be sure to select the correct box.

Starting, May 26th, log onto <http://www.schooltoolbox.com>, enter Cascade Ridge Elementary, and order away!

Questions? Contact Amy at amy.passalacqua@comcast.net or PJ at pjmaffett@yahoo.com.



Volunteers Needed

Are you ready to get involved at Cascade Ridge? We would love to have you join the team! There are so many great volunteer leadership opportunities for the 2020/2021 school year. Please reach out to the following PTSA board members if you're eager to learn more or volunteer for the role.

Please contact Claire Raphael at claireraphael@hotmail.com if you're interested in learning more about the following positions:

- ENews
- Student Directory
- Reader Board
- Social Media

Please contact Casey Marcin at cassandrahelen00@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more about the following positions:

- Passive Fundraising
- Brown Bear Car Wash

Please contact Shanna Collins at shanna@shawnjc.com if you're interested in learning more about the following positions:

- Art Walk
- Reflections
- Book Swap
- Geography Bee

- Engineering Night
- Festivals of Culture

Please contact Tiffany Parker at tparker91@comcast.net if you're interested in learning more about the following positions:

- Birthday Celebrations
- Baking Committee
- Picture Day
- Vision/Hearing Testing
- Popcorn Friday

Please contact Andrea Obert at aobert11@gmail.com if you're interested in learning more about the following positions:

- Staff Appreciation
- Safety Patrol Liaison
- Movie Nights
- Hospitality
- Back to School Popsicle Social
- Family Fun Night
- Holiday Gift Barn
- Lunch for the Break

Volunteer Spotlight

The PTSA Board would like to spotlight

PJ Maffett

as our June Volunteer of the Month!

We chose to highlight PJ because PJ has been volunteering in a variety of activities and programs over the course of 10 years (!) at Cascade Ridge. Wow! In addition to co-chairing School Supplies, PJ has volunteered to help with Staff Appreciation monthly luncheons, Staff Appreciation Week, Book Fair, Box Tops, Site Council, PTSA Bulletin Board, Science Fair, and Baking Committee. Inside the classroom, PJ has also been a Room Coordinator and Party Planner.

PJ's family includes her husband, Steve, daughter, McKenna (9th grade), and son, Mason (4th grade).

PJ enjoys volunteering because as a former elementary teacher, she really likes working with teachers and students at Cascade Ridge. Also, PJ finds the energy, commitment, and dedication of our educators inspiring.

In her spare time, PJ's hobbies include anything her kids are involved in as well as reading, writing, walking, crafts, and baking.

A huge congratulations to PJ! PJ is an awesome example of someone passionate and dedicated to continuing volunteer work over the course of many years.



Thank you

We ♥ Volunteers!



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:

Virtual Staff Appreciation Week – Many thanks to Laura Gehman, Claire Raphael and the Room Coordinators for helping make staff appreciation week creative and fun!

Room Coordinators – Many thanks to all of the 2019/2020 Room Coordinators for helping ensure that PTSA activities and programs throughout the school year was successfully communicated to parents!

Party Coordinators/Planners - Many thanks to all of the 2019/2020 Party Planners for helping make extra fun memories and experiences for Halloween and Valentines Day!

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.

Final Year Volunteers

WE WILL MISS YOU!

It is with heavy sigh but with much gratitude, that we bid farewell to the following volunteers as 2019/2020 represents the final school year where they will have a student attending Cascade Ridge. We thank you for all of your amazing contributions over the years and will greatly miss you! Please join me in providing a heartfelt good-bye to the following volunteers:

- **Ana Malloy**
- **Angela Fischer**
- **Bhavani Arutla**
- **Camille Jones**
- **Carolyn Roberts**
- **EunYoung Sung**
- **Hailan Fan**
- **Heather Raikes**
- **Jaime Foreman**
- **Jed Boba**
- **Jessica Tran**
- **Joey Fox**
- **Karen Oliver**

- **Kim Phan**
- **Krystl McCandlish**
- **Li Chen**
- **Mariama Swedish**
- **Marion Zidar**
- **Martha Rojas**
- **Michelle Challey**
- **Neeta Vijay**
- **Pat Neill**
- **Samantha Morris**
- **Sandy McNees**
- **Stephanie Scott**
- **Susan Ho**
- **Tara Farhad**
- **Tony Torres**
- **Yun Zhang**

Parent Ed Corner

Office of Superintendent Of Public Instruction (OSPI) Resources

Resources linked here: [OSPI Resources](#)

In response to school closures due to COVID-19, OSPI content experts have curated a selection of links to external organizations providing high-quality online educational materials – courses, lessons, videos, physical and outdoor activity suggestions, etc. Please note that in many cases, these resources are free to use online but are not openly licensed for wide scale reuse and adaptation.

These resources were carefully chosen for their alignment to Washington State Learning Standards (or a recognized equivalent) and/or direct experience with effective implementation with students. Particular attention has been given to identifying best practices and guidance in supporting ALL students and providing suggestions for educator professional learning during this challenging time.

Notes:

- **Grade bands:** (Pre K–2, 3–5, 6–8, 9–12) are suggestions only – you may find useful resources for your needs in any of the sections.
- **Educator:** these resources are primarily directed to teachers, school staff, schools and districts
- **Family:** these resources are geared toward parents, families, caregivers, and members of our community who normally do not teach/facilitate in a formal education setting. Everyone is welcome to use these resources.
- **Student:** these resources support independent student learning
- In several cases, a resource appears in multiple categories as it integrates multiple content areas.

Issaquah School District

<https://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/supports>

ISD Supports – Resources and Information

Information about ISD’s meal pickup, laptop checkout, and child care programs – as well as other important community resources during school closures is available at [Issaquah School District Supports](#).

[Assistance for non native English speakers in 中文, Español, and other languages. Click here for the main school website](#)

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. 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](#).

ParentWiser Past Events

Did you know that you can view a selection of ParentWiser’s past events? Check out Plugged-in Parents: Keeping kids safe, happy & healthy in the digital age and other past events [here!](#)

Advocacy

Read the latest [message](#) from the WSPTA executive director, Andrew Estep.

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.