

Coyote Howler

Cascade Ridge PTSA Newsletter



President's Letter

We never thought we would, didn't think we could, but here we are. For the most part strong, resilient and making it through. Happy New Year! May the lessons we learned remain with us as the promise of a better tomorrow rings in. We hope you had a wonderful winter break and were able to relax and recharge with friends and family.

Celebrating our wins for the school year thus far:

We watched our amazing teachers engage our children and create classroom connections with new learning every day. We came together as a community during the October Coyote Challenge, keeping ourselves active and enjoying our beautiful neighborhood! We enjoyed pictures of pumpkin carving, costumes and the different ways we celebrate the holidays. We met new families during virtual community connections and enjoyed our various communication platforms exchanges. We showered our Cascade Ridge staff with goodies and gifts to show them how much we appreciate their efforts.

2021 brings a new year and some of our favorite events!

The PTSA will host a virtual Talent Show on February 1st and this year there's room for everyone! Be sure to check out our amazingly talented students. March brings our virtual Science Fair, and in April, our very popular virtual Festival of Cultures.

We would like to invite everyone to join us for our second General Membership meeting on Thursday, January 14 at 6:30pm via Zoom. We will vote in our Nominating Committee and discuss all the exciting upcoming events at Cascade Ridge. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please join the PTSA via our website (cascaderidgeptsa.org) under family registration. Heartfelt gratitude for your support.

May you and your loved ones enjoy a year filled with all you hope for.

Welcome Back Coyotes!

Shivani Bhana and Amy Hayes



For the latest event information point your browser [here](#).

January 14th at 6:30p - PTSA General Membership Meeting

January 25th No School - Teacher Work Day

January 27th from 9:00 - 10:00a and 6:00 - 6:30p - Community Connection with Principal Sehlin

February 1st - Virtual Talent Show



We need your help!

We're excited for this year's virtual Science Fair in March, and we need your help to make this event a fantastic experience for our children!

Science Fair Committee Duties:

- Attend virtual planning meetings beginning in February
- Work with the Science Fair chairperson to plan a virtual event and/or virtual activities for a week of Science in late March

Please email Navreen Malik if you are interested in joining the Science Fair Committee navreen128@gmail.com.

Enrichment Corner

Several enrichment providers that have taught at our school have taken their classes online! Please click on the links below or this Sway Page for more information: <https://sway.office.com/EYA8hNk7ec3d5777?ref=Link>

Grasshopper Enrichment public speaking and creative writing classes <https://grasshopperenrichment.com/>

Chess on the Hill <https://www.chessonthehill.com/what-we-offer>

Foreign Language for Youth Spanish, French, Mandarin, Japanese classes <https://www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org/>

Techventures online coding classes <https://techventurekids.org/summer-kid-code-camps-online/>

Museo Art <https://www.museoart.com/>

Eastside Drama Kids www.dramakids.com/wa1

You can also check out www.homeroom.com for more online enrichment options.

Community Connection



Don't miss out on our monthly community connection Zoom

A chance to virtually connect with other parents from Cascade Ridge and chat with the principal in an informal, friendly atmosphere.

January 27th

9:30-10:00 and/or 6:00-6:30

Please fill out the form below for the zoom link:

<https://forms.gle/ggPd6QZHFMcAMtua9>

Talent Show



Upload a video of your talent by January 25th for the PTSA Coyote Talent Show!

All videos will go live on February 1st

Calling all Cascade Ridge Performers grades K-5, the stage is waiting for YOU! In year's past, we have had to limit the number of performers in our talent show due to time constraints. This year is unique in that we will have a virtual show, and everyone may participate! As the Talent Show will be virtual, you are not limited to talents that can be performed on a stage, the sky is the limit! Think scooter tricks, trampoline acrobatics, wakeboarding, ski jumping, time lapse drawing, mountain biking, and so much more!

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

Videos should be high quality and no longer than 3 minutes. Additionally, please make sure we can hear you 😊

Upload Here: <https://bit.ly/34WVIY3>

For questions contact Talent Show Co-Chairs, Laura Gehman lgehmen@gmail.com or AJ Henderson ajhenderson928@gmail.com

Volunteers

Welcome back everyone! We're limited in the events and activities we're able to do but for those we can do, we may need some volunteers. Keep on the lookout for upcoming virtual volunteer opportunities!

Thank you to all who volunteered to be Room Coordinators. We have all classes covered! Although this year looks different, we thank you for your help.

Lastly, a big thank you to the Picture Day helpers, Michelle Woods, Loretta Brownlee, and Amy Hayes. These ladies withstood sunshine, rainstorms, wind, and cold in an effort to conquer picture day. Thank you ladies!

Meet Howler

We would like to introduce you to the newest member of the Cascade Ridge Elementary community: Howler the Coyote! Howler is our new school mascot. We can't wait for you to meet Howler and show him how to be a great Cascade Ridge coyote. Keep your eye out for Howler at upcoming PTSA events and online. He can't wait to meet you!



Fun Facts About Howler

Where is Howler from?	The Snoqualmie Pass area
Favorite colors:	Blue and green
Favorite food:	Tacos
Favorite video game:	Minecraft
Hobbies:	Hiking in Soaring Eagle and playing with friends
Favorite movie:	Call of the Wild
Favorite book:	There Was a Coyote Who Swallowed a Flea
Favorite YouTube channel:	Nat Geo Kids
Favorite song:	Raining Tacos
Fun fact:	Coyotes are EXCELLENT swimmers.