Cougar Ridge PTSA Upcoming Events

Monday, October 25th – *Reflections* submissions are due to the Main Office at Cougar Ridge Elementary. Express yourself through dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts with this year's *Reflections* theme: <u>I Will Change the World By</u>... Click <u>here</u> for additional information and contact Sarah Harris if you have any questions.

Friday, October 29th **9:45AM** – Join fellow parents for our Friday Hike/Walk at Lewis Creek Park (meet outside the visitor center). All are welcome! We will meet rain or shine. Please contact Kim Beaudoin with any questions.

Friday, October 29th 6PM – 8PM – Spooky Spaghetti Carnival – Bring your Halloween spirit to our Spooky Spaghetti Carnival this Friday! Costumes are highly encouraged. If you haven't yet, you can still buy your tickets here. For quick entry to the carnival, have the receipt of ticket purchase and proof of vaccine ready to show (picture on your phone is okay).

Volunteer Opportunities

Looking for VOICE Mentor Volunteers – Make a meaningful difference by becoming a VOICE Mentor! Our Cougar Ridge teachers have identified twice as many kids at Cougar Ridge who would benefit from mentoring than we currently have the capacity to support. In addition, ISD considers VOICE Mentors crucial for the academic and social-emotional support of our students. That means that you would be approved to be one of the few parent volunteers who is allowed to be on-campus, in the school during the school day, even during Phase 1 of COVID restrictions. Please consider applying here if you can!

Sunset Elementary Auction Volunteers – The Sunset Elementary PTA is holding their fundraising auction on Friday, November 5th, at the Hyatt Regency on Lake Washington. They are seeking volunteers to help them run their event on auction night. If you can help out, they would greatly appreciate it and it will help our PTA when we need community volunteers. Shifts are 2.5 hours and you will be provided dinner. To sign up to help or learn more, please visit their <u>SignUp Genius</u>.

Still looking for Spooky Spaghetti Carnival Volunteers! – We are still looking for 2 more volunteers to help with carnival decorations on Friday, October 29th, from 4pm-6pm. Please email Erica Wood if you would like to volunteer. Interested dads, please email Mark Mobilia. Please also take a look at our <u>Signup Genius</u> for other volunteering opportunities.

Adult Safety Patrol Volunteers Needed – Cougar Ridge is looking for adult volunteers to help with Safety Patrol at the two intersections furthest from the school. These two intersections are approximately at: SE 46th Street & 164th Ave SE and SE 46th Street & 168th Ave SE. Volunteers are needed 8:50-9:15am (daily), 3:40-3:55pm (MTThF), 1:30-1:45pm (Wednesday) and will be provided patrol gear and training. Sign up here. Questions, please contact Julie Chang.

Other News

Monster Mash 5k Run – Issaquah School Foundation is hosting a Monster Mash 5k Run on Saturday, October 30th, at the Lake Sammamish Boat Launch at 9am. Please find more information <u>here</u> and register <u>here</u> by Thursday, October 28th. ISF is also looking for volunteers to help during the run. Please sign up <u>here</u> if you are interested in volunteering.

Share your Halloween Photos! – Calling for photos of your Ghosts, Goblins, Superheroes, Princesses, Dinosaurs, Witches, and Ninjas for the yearbook! Photos of amazing pumpkin carving creations, along with the artists, are also welcome. Please upload photos here.

Have you heard about AmazonSmile? – When you shop at smile.amazon.com, Amazon will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases at no cost to you to your favorite charity. AmazonSmile offers the same products, same low prices, and same service as the Amazon you know. You can shop and support Cougar Ridge Elementary school by signing in using your existing Amazon account and choosing the Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA (Tacoma WA) as your charity.

Washington State PTA Recognizes Cougar Ridge Elementary! – Cougar Ridge Elementary has recently been recognized by Washington State PTA as a Platinum Membership Growth Award recipient! PTAs are presented with this award for enrolling at least 20% more members this year compared to last year. That means our PTA is growing! Thank you to everyone who has become a member so far this year: YOU are the reason our PTA achieved this award! If you haven't yet signed up for a 2021-2022 PTA membership, please consider joining here today! By doing so, you are demonstrating your support for our PTA and all it does for Cougar Ridge Elementary.

Cultural Diversity Outreach Council – The Issaquah Schools Foundation is creating a new Cultural Diversity Outreach Council. Please contact Alicia Spinner if you would like to join or learn more.

Please visit our <u>homepage</u> for more information on these and other events.

For questions or to submit to the Bobcat Blast, please contact Leslie Kwor.

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