

Cougar Ridge PTSA Upcoming Events

Friday, October 15th 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.

Monday, October 18th – NO SCHOOL – Teacher Work Day

Tuesday, October 19th 7PM – PTSA General Meeting

Save the Date

SAVE THE DATE for the Spooky Spaghetti Carnival! – We are excited to share that our Cougar Ridge Spooky Spaghetti Carnival will take place on **Friday, October 29th, from 6pm – 8pm**. This will be an all-outdoor family event featuring Halloween decorated booths, games with prizes, music, and of course dad's serving spooky spaghetti dinner. This event will follow the latest Covid-19 guidelines. Individuals ages 5 and older must wear masks; in addition, people ages 12 and older will be required to show proof of full COVID-19 vaccination or provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test taken within 72 hours of the event. (Please find more info on Covid guidelines [here](#).) **Be sure to take advantage of our early bird special! Click [here](#) to purchase your tickets!**

Volunteer Opportunities

Still looking for Spooky Spaghetti Carnival Volunteers! – We still need more volunteers to help with planning and organizing the carnival. Interested dads wanting to help with Spooky Spaghetti, please email [Mark Mobilia](#) (if you tried to email Mark last week, and received an error, please try again. We have updated his email address). Other volunteers interested in sponsoring a Halloween decorated booth with games, please contact [Erica Wood](#). Please also take a look at our [Signup Genius](#) for other volunteering opportunities!

Safety Patrol Volunteers Needed – Cougar Ridge is looking for volunteers to help with Safety Patrol at the two intersections furthest from the school. 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. Please contact [Julie Chang](#) if you are interested.

Other News

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.

Attention All Artists! – Express yourself through dance choreography, film production, literature, music composition, photography, and visual arts with this year's *Reflections* theme: *I Will Change the World By...* Click [here](#) for additional information and contact [Sarah Harris](#) if you have any questions. Submissions are due to the Main Office at Cougar Ridge Elementary by **Monday, October 25th**.

Please join the Cougar Ridge PTSA! – If you haven't had a chance to become a member, you can sign up on our website [here](#). You must be a PTSA member to receive our Cougar Ridge directory. We are striving for 100% participation this year!

Attention 5th Grade Families – We would like to celebrate 5th graders in a special way in the yearbook this year. If you would like to participate, please upload ONE photo [here](#) of your 5th grader doing their favorite activity, with their favorite pet, from their favorite vacation, or just a portrait from this past year.

PTSA Leaders and Friends of ParentWiser – Please join us on Zoom on **Wednesday, October 13th, at 7pm** as ParentWiser presents *Building Resilience and Positive Coping Skills*. During a pandemic, when many things are outside of our control, it's what we do as parents with what we *can* control that will shape our children into cool, kind kids with character. Join nationally recognized author and speaker Dr. Laura Kastner for a discussion about strategies to help our children, our partners, and ourselves find calm in the chaos. Please register [here](#) or directly on [Eventbrite](#).

Virtual School Board Candidate Forum – Issaquah School District would like to announce their Virtual School Board Candidate Forum on October 20th. You can find all the information [here](#). If you would like to submit questions to the school board candidates, please do so [here](#). The link will close on **Friday, October 15th**.

Are you interested in advocacy work for the WA State PTSA? – Please help us in being our Cougar Ridge voting delegate at the WSPTA Legislative Assembly. Contact [Julie Chang](#) for more information.

Please visit our [homepage](#) 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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