

Thank you to all who joined us for our first outdoor **SPOOKY SPAGHETTI** on Friday, where we sold over 800 tickets! What a special time for all of us to reconnect with our Cougar Ridge community. Huge thanks to **Erica Wood, Mark Mobilia, Dave Jonson**, the planning committee, the decorating committee, and our crew of DADS who put on an AWESOME night for our school! It was a great party with delicious food and fun games. Thanks to each of you that put in the effort to make this event happen!

## Cougar Ridge PTSA Upcoming Events

**Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Thursday, November 11<sup>th</sup> – NO SCHOOL** – Veteran's Day Observance

## 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 5<sup>th</sup>, at the Hyatt Regency on Lake Washington. They are seeking volunteers to help them run their event on auction night. 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 [SignUp Genius](#).

**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 46<sup>th</sup> Street & 164<sup>th</sup> Ave SE and SE 46<sup>th</sup> Street & 168<sup>th</sup> 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

**Thank you 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Families for this month's Staff Luncheon!** – This month's taco bar staff luncheon was a fiesta! The PTSA is grateful to all the 4<sup>th</sup> grade families who donated to help make this possible, as well as, to Mr. Terry and Ms. Henderson, who arranged it all in the staff work room as Mother Nature didn't cooperate with our plans for an outdoor set up. We also want to thank our staff for remembering to compost to help our planet! Next month will be a Thanksgiving feast. **Third grade families, please check your child's folder at the end of next week, if you're able to donate.**

**Are you looking for an end of the year tax deduction?** – The Cougar Ridge Elementary PTSA is a 501(c)3 volunteer organization that supports our students, teachers, and families at Cougar Ridge through a wide variety of programs unique to our school. When donating to the Cougar Ridge PTSA, 100% of your donation goes directly to the Cougar Ridge PTSA and is exclusively used at Cougar Ridge. It's tax deductible and qualifies for corporate matching. To donate, please click [here](#). If you have any questions, please contact [Lana Williams](#).

**ParentWiser: What do you say? How to talk to kids to build motivation** – Come learn from William Stixrud, PhD, and Ned Johnson on how to engage in respectful and effective dialogue, beginning with defining and demonstrating the basic principles of listening and speaking. Learn new ways to handle thorny topics that usually end in parent/kid standoffs. This online event takes place on Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, at 4pm. Register on [Eventbrite](#).

**The ISD PTSA Special Education October 2021 webinar is now available at [here](#)** – It has great information about recovery services and improvements in communications for parents.

**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](#).

**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.

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Please visit our [homepage](#) for more information on these and other events.

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