

Cougar Ridge PTSA Upcoming Events

Tuesday, November 9th 8:15AM – 4th Grade Student Council Elections and First Meeting in the MPR

Wednesday, November 10th 8:15AM – 5th Grade Student Council Meeting in the MPR

Thursday, November 11th – **NO SCHOOL** – Veteran's Day Observance

Friday, November 12th 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.

Tuesday, November 16th 7PM – PTSA General Meeting via Zoom

Volunteer Opportunities

Volunteers Needed to Help with November's Staff Luncheon – November's staff luncheon is going to be a Thanksgiving feast. We need your help preparing all the delicious traditional and non-traditional side dishes. View the [SignUpGenius](#) to help.

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!

Other News

Check Out Spooky Spaghetti Photos [Here!](#) – Thank You George Fordham for capturing these!

Caring Through Sharing, our annual community giving campaign, will be accepting gift card donations through Monday, November 22nd. Caring Through Sharing supports families in need through the Issaquah Food and Clothing Bank. Look for details that will be sent home with students and emailed from room parents. Contact [Jill McClellan](#) with questions.

Have you purchased your yearbook? – Don't miss out on this hardcover collection of pictures to help your child remember their year at Cougar Ridge. If you did not already purchase one when you joined the PTSA, click [here](#) to order. You can also return the Dorian envelope you received in your child's folder last week. Students also have the opportunity to submit their own drawing of Bobby Bobcat for a chance to be featured on the cover of the yearbook. Please find a template in your child's folder and submit your artwork to the front office by Tuesday, November 30th.

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 18th, at 4pm. Register on [Eventbrite](#).

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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