



# PTA NEWSLETTER

October 2019 | Ridgecrest Elementary

## October Family Fun



**Games, Prizes, and a great time for the whole family! Students will receive 10 free tickets for games. 10/25 6pm-8pm**

## President's Message

Ridgecrest families sure know how to show up and have a good time. The participation in our community events in September exceeded my expectations, starting with our back-to-school barbecue. We had an incredible number of families turn out to visit and be served dinner by their teachers. I loved the grade-level name tags and look forward to having those at more events; what a great way to start a conversation with someone new. Our general PTA meeting on 9/16 was packed and our family movie night was also a record breaker, with over 200 people in attendance lounging on the gym floor, snacking on popcorn while singing along to *Aladdin* (photo below by Principal Nunes). I can't imagine a better start to this year!



Looking forward to what October brings to our community!

-Brandi Allred,  
[rcptapres@gmail.com](mailto:rcptapres@gmail.com)

## Dates to Remember

**October 1** - Shoreline City Council and Shoreline School Board Forum, Shoreline Center 7pm

**October 2** - Watch D.O.G.S. informational meeting 6-7pm in the cafeteria

**October 6** - MOD Pizza Fundraiser

**October 15** - Reflections Art Submissions Due

**October 25** - Walk-a-Thon Fundraiser (during school hours)

**October 25** - Harvest Carnival 6pm-8pm

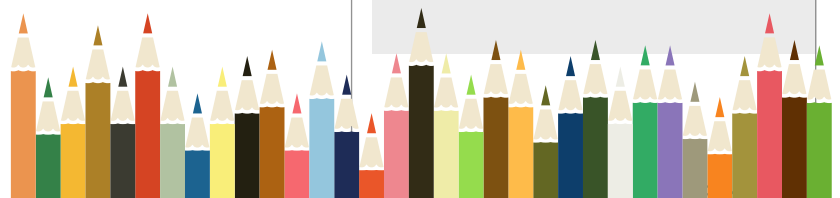
**October 28** - Parent Education Night - Introduction to our New Math Curriculum

**November 12** - Skate Night 6-8pm

**November 13** - Tentative Parent Education Night - TBA

**November 17** - Chipotle Fundraiser

**November 18** - PTA general meeting 6:30pm



**Our goal is  
100  
volunteers**



## Sign Up Here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C49AAA72AAAFE3-ptavolunteer>

### **PTA Legislative Chair:**

The legislative chair will help inform the PTA about city actions and state laws that may affect the general operations of the PTA and Ridgecrest school.

### **North City Liaison (Kindergarten):**

Do you have a kindergartener at North City? The responsibilities of this position are to provide a communication pipeline for the parents of our Ridgecrest Kindergarteners.

### **Volunteer Coordinator:**

Helps coordinate the different volunteer activities. Ensures that enough volunteers are signed up and the programs and opportunities can be implemented successfully.

### **Family Service Co-Chair**

HELP NEEDED for holiday teen gift and food drive! Work with our current Family Service chair to organize these important events. **We also need volunteers for these drives.**

### **Sports Night Chair**

Coordinate various trips to the local sports teams' games. Work with the various organizations to get tickets and sign ups to go these events.

### **Newsletter**

Helps with adding new content and providing consistent updates to the PTA newsletter. Works to ensure that all parents are informed of the PTAs activities and efforts.

### **Staff Appreciation**

The main job of the staff appreciation chair is to organize teacher appreciation week. Also, coordinating a few meals for staff

**“I challenge you to put down your name once for one event this year” - Principal Nunes**

## Many Volunteers still needed for the Harvest Carnival!

Volunteer opportunities for "Harvest Carnival" are now open. Harvest Carnival is on October 25 from 6-8pm. These are positions we need adults to cover and in the case they are handling money. they need to be Ridgecrest PTA members. The duties are broken in to shifts in order to allow families to enjoy the carnival together.

To sign up, just type: [volunteersignup.org/3YBKT](http://volunteersignup.org/3YBKT) in to your web browser and follow the instructions on the page. If you have an older child who would like to volunteer to set up, run a booth, clean up, please email [RCPTArcptafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:RCPTArcptafundraising@gmail.com) for more information

## WATCH D.O.G.S. (Dads of Great Students)

What is a **Watch D.O.G.**? A dad (or someone who serves as a dad) who spends a full day at school with their child: spending time in the classroom, assisting at lunch and recess, and supporting other classrooms or areas of Ridgecrest that need their help. Come find out more at our informational night, and feel free to bring your children with you. We will have pizza and water for you as you hear about this great program!

Informational night is **October 2 6-7pm in the cafeteria**. Use the PTA sign-up link or email Tucker Pentz or Brent Allred [pentztucker@hotmail.com](mailto:pentztucker@hotmail.com) / [brent.allred@shorelineschools.org](mailto:brent.allred@shorelineschools.org)

# WALK-A-THON

We need volunteers to help during this year's walk-a-thon to track laps. October 25th. 1:30-2:30pm. [rcptafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rcptafundraising@gmail.com)

## Art Docent Chairs and Volunteers Needed!

Would you planning art projects and/or working in your child's classroom, teaching them an art once per quarter?

Consider signing up to Chair or Volunteer as an Art Docent. **This is an URGENT need for the PTA.**

Questions? All Program and Event Chairs coordinate with Laura ([rcptaprograms@gmail.com](mailto:rcptaprograms@gmail.com)), all others work with Brandi ([rcptapres@gmail.com](mailto:rcptapres@gmail.com))



### Dig in & help Ridgecrest PTA earn some dough!

MOD Pizza will share 20% of their proceeds for every Ridgecrest meal purchased on 10/6/19.

**When:** Sunday, October 6 10:30a-10p

**Where:** MOD Pizza  
17171 Bothell Way NE  
Lake Forest Park

**How:** Please use this link to RSVP  
<https://www.groupraise.com/events/110665>



### Walk N Roll!

**Friday, October 25 1:30-2:30p**

This is our first big push to fund PTA programs and events! Our goal this year is to raise **\$6,000**. We hope to provide even more FREE family events this school year including game night, STEM night, reading workshops, etc. Please help us meet our goal! Look for pledge forms and more info coming home in boomerangs on October 8.

*We are looking for volunteers to help track laps. Please contact Rachelle at [rcptafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:rcptafundraising@gmail.com) for*

**Ridgecrest Spirit Wear is coming soon!**

### SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



**November 17- Chipotle FUNdraiser**  
Ridgecrest PTA Night Out 4-8p  
Chipotle Lake City  
12725 Lake City Way NE, Seattle

### Be prepared and help a good cause!

First aid kits are useful products that everyone needs. They are great for you, for your family, and for your friends. There are HOME and AUTO kits to be chosen.

Each kit is only \$9 or \$16 for one package ( 1 Home + 1 Auto kit).

### Other Ways to Help:



#### AmazonSmile

Ridgecrest will receive 0.5% of eligible AmazonSmile purchases! There is no additional cost for you. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) to enroll with: Ridgecrest Elementary School P T A6 12 6

#### Amazon Associate

When you buy through this Amazon link, 4-8% of your purchases come back to Ridgecrest PTA. Go our webpage at [www.ridgecrestpta.org](http://www.ridgecrestpta.org), click the banner and shop now!



#### You can help Ridgecrest earn donations just by shopping with your Fred Meyer Rewards Card!

Sign up for the Community Rewards program by linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Ridgecrest at [www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards](http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards)

You can search for us by our name or by our non-profit number 91000.

#### Retailer Rebate Programs

These retailer programs give back to our school when you purchase specific products or shop at their stores!

\* **eSCRIP** (click to watch the informational video) RC PTA Gets 10% Back! It's easy! Shop with your Safeway Club Card and we WIN! Please sign up/log in under Members/Supporters <http://escrip.com/> Group ID: 8566078. Your eScrip account needs to be updated every year for the school to receive points.

\* **QFC & Albertsons Bonuses!** Check your Sunday paper each week. QFC & Albertsons periodically offers opportunities for you to earn Bonus Box Tops. Always check the receipt printer coupons you get at the check out. Sometimes they'll be worth Bonus Box Tops & Labels. Send them in to school with your regular Box Tops & Labels.

## Parent Education Events

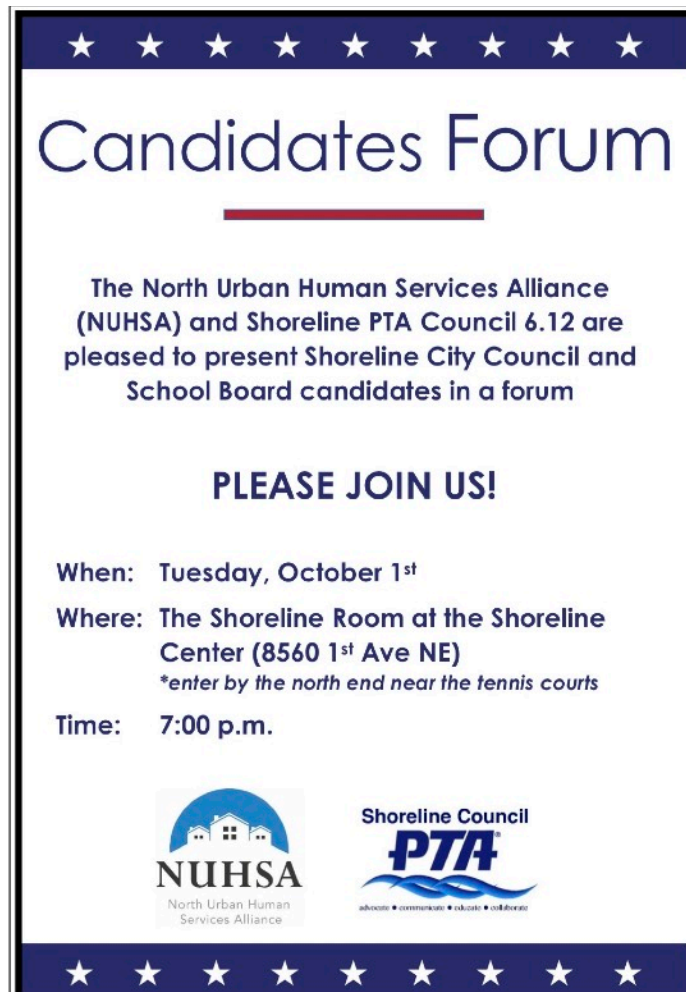
# PARENT MATH NIGHT

Do you find yourself struggling to understand how to help your child with their homework? Or even a bit mystified about WHY math is being taught the way it is now? If you've ever said "Math has changed!" then this presentation is for you. Ridgecrest's instructional coach, Mr. Frank, will be explaining the **WHY** teachers are using new and revised strategies, **HOW** it helps our children become more agile learners, and **WHAT** you can do to support your child at home. The focus on this presentation will be on Shoreline's new math curriculum: *Bridges*.

Childcare will be provided.

**When: Monday, October 28. 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Ridgecrest Library**

## PTA- Sponsored Community Events



**Candidates Forum**

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The North Urban Human Services Alliance (NUHSA) and Shoreline PTA Council 6.12 are pleased to present Shoreline City Council and School Board candidates in a forum

**PLEASE JOIN US!**

**When:** Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

**Where:** The Shoreline Room at the Shoreline Center (8560 1<sup>st</sup> Ave NE)  
*\*enter by the north end near the tennis courts*

**Time:** 7:00 p.m.

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North Urban Human Services Alliance

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