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RIDGECREST PTA NEWSLETTER | ISSUE 8 | MAY 2018

Hello, Ridgecrest Families!

A letter from Laura James, RC PTA president

Happy Spring!! I'll be brief, we are busy people, but I want us to be busy and *informed* people.

First, **please mark your calendars for the *last* PTA meeting of the year, May 24th, 6-8PM, @ Ridgecrest.**

What? you haven't been to a meeting, yet? Well, THIS is the one to attend.

AGENDA

- We're voting on modifications to our Standing Rules (wait, that wasn't exciting?).
- We're voting on our budget for next year (this is how we plan to spend money on you and our students next year — that's exciting, right?).
- We're voting on the nominations for next year's PTA officers (exciting!).

All of these require membership votes before we can make changes. The PTA needs you!

Okay, so maybe those are only exciting to me. What about...

We're celebrating every PTA event and program chair!

AND

We're honoring Dr. McPeak who's retiring at the end of the year (now THAT'S exciting!)

- Second, **the PTA wants your input!** We've begun planning for next year, so, **please take 5 min. to take the PTA survey by May 18th.**
- Here is a link to the online survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRT756K>. A paper copy will be sent home. You only need to fill it out once! Unless you have lots to tell us, in which case — call me or email me and we can chat even more.

I hope you've all figured out I LOVE making sure the PTA events and programs are right for our community.

- Third, well, it's in **the rest of the PTA Newsletter!** You can always find this and past newsletters on our PTA website. Our Facebook page will also keep you informed. Thanks for reading!



Laura James
Ridgecrest PTA President

Nominating Committee Report / May 4th, 2018

The 2017 Ridgecrest Elementary PTA nominating committee hereby places the following names in for nomination:

- For office of President: Laura James*
- For office of Treasurer: Eden Jordan*
- For office of Secretary: Heather Wendt-Wahl*
- For office of VP Programs: Rachelle Mitchell*
- For office of VP Fundraising: Ying Huang*

The nominating committee has confirmed that all nominees have been a member of a PTA for at least 15 days prior to the election and meet other requirements as stated in the WSPTA Uniform Bylaws.

PTA AWARD

Thank you **Ridgecrest families** for submitting your **PTA Award nominations**. Your voice has a real impact and we appreciate the time you took to giving us your input, especially when we have a community as amazing as ours. It's hard!

It's become a tradition to announce the PTA Award winners on the opening night of the school musical. So on Thursday, April 5th, the PTA officers did just that. Thank you to **Andrea Early** for donating tickets to each winner and your partnership to help make the magic happen (fitting since this year's musical was Aladdin!).

The PTA council, which is the Shoreline district level PTA, also loves to party and holds an Awards Recognition Dinner. On Thursday, April 26th, all the school winners, came together for a delicious dinner and were celebrated for their contributions to volunteering, teaching, and advocacy. So...much...fun. Our very own **Gena Margason** chaired the event and her personal touches made the night sparkle. Literally!

Congratulations to the 2017-18 Ridgecrest PTA Award Winners!!!

Thank you for going above and beyond for our children and our community.



Golden Acorn:
Thomas Chin



Golden Acorn
Service Award:
Neha Raichur



Golden Apple:
Nathan Christian
3rd grade teacher



Outstanding Advocate:
Joan Forbush
School nurse

The PTA asks for nominations EVERY YEAR, so watch for the nomination forms -well, every year until your child(ren) graduate. These PTA awards are given in every school in the district -and even at the district level!!! You can find past winners on our Ridgecrest PTA website, <http://ridgecrestpta.org/Home>.

Staff Appreciation Week May 14th - 18th



MONDAY / May 14th: Cards for your teacher/favorite staff member, each person will be getting a card from the PTA that includes a Brown Bear Car Wash ticket for them to use this year. Sign a pennant/flag at the Appreciation Station- these will be hung around the school to show everyone's love.

TUESDAY / May 15th: Taco 'bout a great staff Lunch day. Help us make and Serve a Mexican themed lunch for every Staff members. Sign up at link below.

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/NAAY5082>



WEDNESDAY / May 16th: Muffins and juice for breakfast!! We need a few people to set up this event and clean up after lunch.

THURSDAY / May 17th: We will be cooking Dinner for every staff member. Please sign up to help make Spaghetti, bring a side dish, or to set up/clean up, so the staff can eat before the open house/ice cream social starts at 6pm.

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/SZZD8984>



FRIDAY / May 18th: Bring a "bunch of flowers" or a fruit for your teacher/favorite staff member, give them something to smile about.

MOD PIZZA DAY

When: Thursday, June 11th

Time: 10:30 am - 10:00 pm

Where: 17171 Bothell Way NE a004,
Lake Forest Park, WA 98155



Support 5th grade class trip to Camp Caber next year! Your fundraiser will be active throughout the entire designated day. In order to receive 20% of the sale, your guests must show our MOD flyer or tell the cashier they are participating in the fundraiser supporting your organization. Flyer coming soon.....

TASTE OF RIDGECREST multi-cultural family event



When: Friday, June 15th

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Ridgecrest Elementary

The Taste of Ridgecrest is Friday, June 15 and YOUR home-cooking is on the menu! This annual event is a chance to celebrate all of us. Who we are, where we come from, and (the best part) what we like to eat!!

Let us know that you're coming and what you can bring. More information at:

Perfect Potluck: <https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/OCXY4674>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/516731965363894/>

We hope to see you there!

TALENT SHOW

When: Friday, June 1st

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Ridgecrest Elementary

It's showtime!

Come enjoy to see singing, dancing, musical instruments and more!



LAST PTA MEETING

When: Thursday, May 24th

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Where: Ridgecrest Elementary Library