

**Sunday March 6, 2022**

## **Upcoming Events**

Sunday March 20, 2022

Golden Acorn Nominations Due

Friday March 25, 2022

March PTSA Meeting

## **Our New Home!**



Our students are finally settled into their new home. Thank you ASB & WEB leaders and CMMS staff for making this such a smooth transition for the CMMS students!

## **March PTSA Meeting**

Our next PTSA meeting will be March 25th. Meeting location & time will be announced closer to the date.

## Student Recognition Program



We have partnered with the school to launch a student recognition program! Students earn Talon Tickets by demonstrating the Falcon Four.

- We are Kind
- We are Safe
- We are Engaged
- We are Mindful

Students can redeem their Talon Tickets for prizes. Thank you to everyone who donated prizes to get our store up and running.

If you would like to help us restock the store, you can find our Amazon wish list [here](#).

## Packing Up CMMS & Stocking the Staff Lounge



We are honored to have helped with the move to the new building. A group of PTSA volunteers helped CMMS staff pack up Ringdall before the break. The PTSA provided pizza for staff and volunteers that night.

Our PTSA stocked the staff lounge in the new building with healthy snacks and drinks and decorated the lounge before move in day.

Thank you to everyone who donated to our [Annual Giving campaign](#) and provided in kind donations and volunteered, your generosity and time made these activities possible.



Each year a PTSA presents the Golden Acorn Award to individuals who have given outstanding volunteer service to the children in our school and community. This is an excellent way to honor our volunteers who have gone “above and beyond”. Please [nominate](#) someone you believe deserves recognition for their service. Nominations close Sunday March 20, 2022.

## **Staff Appreciation - Team Members Needed**



We want to show our CMMS staff how much we love them during staff appreciation week this spring. We have an amazing chair and are looking for additional volunteers to help. Please [reach out](#) if you can help.

## Support Us With Amazon Smile



Amazon Smile can help CMMS PTSA as a fundraiser for our students and community. This is a GREAT opportunity to support our PTSA with just a few clicks online. [Click here](#) and designate **Cougar Mountain Middle School PTSA** as your Amazon Smile charitable organization. By logging in and shopping through our Amazon Smile portal, a percentage of your purchases benefits CMMS PTSA.

## Volunteering at School

The screenshot shows a web page titled "CMMS PTSA Annual Registration". At the top, there is a progress bar with six numbered steps: 1. Family Info, 2. Membership, 3. Annual Giving Campaign, 4. Volunteering (which is highlighted with a dark circle), 5. Payment, and 6. Thank you! Below the progress bar is a section titled "Volunteering" with a blue header. The text below the header reads: "Parents: Please help us out by volunteering where you can. PTSA programs cannot take place without your help! Thank you!" There are two dropdown menus under the heading "Volunteer Interest". The first is labeled "General Volunteer Opportunities" and has a description: "Interested in volunteering at selected PTSA events? Click here and we will contact you with a 'no-obligation' email whenever a volunteer need arises during the year". The second is labeled "Appl Program" and has a description: "The PTSA ensures that all CMMS students' basic needs are met (clothing, school supplies, toiletries, beds, etc). Receive a sign up to provide the item(s) if you are able."

Are you interested in volunteering at CMMS?

[Sign up](#) for our volunteer interest list by creating an account on our website.

Also complete your [Volunteer Application](#) with the Issaquah School District.

## Local Levy Funding...Did you know?



The Issaquah School District will have 3 levies on the ballot **April 26, 2022**. These renewal levies will replace the current levies which expire December 31, 2022. Like a subscription, levies must be renewed or the programs funding will be lost. If renewed, these levies will provide funding for essential programs through December 2026.

### Local Levy Funding....Did you know?

- Local levy funding provides 15.6% of our district's operating budget.
- Local levy dollars are needed to fund essential programs not fully funded by the state including mental health counselors, nurse, safety/security, special education, substitute teachers, custodial staff and pre-K early learning.
- State basic education allocation funds just 3 nurses for our school district of 19,000+ students in 26 schools. The EP&O renewal levy provides funding for 23 additional nurses so that every school has a nurse onsite.
- The Capital levy includes funding for technology and enables the district to acquire equipment and provide modern educational tools,

including one-to-one computers, to ensure that access to technology is available and equitable to all students. The Capital levy funds critical repairs for our school buildings and will also help fund building of High School #4.

Want to know more? Visit [www.visvote.org](http://www.visvote.org) for more information

[Click here for details of what each renewal levy funds](#)

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Would you like to publicly share your support for the levies? You can share your endorsement here: <https://visvote.org/endorse-renewal-levies/>