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SCHOOL NEWS

Neighborhood Safety:

Do you know the King County Sheriff's Office operates an [online search tool to keep community members aware of registered sex offenders](#) who live nearby? While these offenders have met their legal obligations and are aggressively monitored by Sheriff's Officers, you have the ability to check your own community and even sign up for alerts triggered when an offender moves close to a certain address, such as your home or school. [The Sheriff's Office also provides safety tips for families](#). Take a moment to visit the website to take one more precaution as we work together to keep students as safe as possible.

Cascade Ridge Assessment Calendar for 2010-2011

Jan 31 - Feb 11	Stanford 10 Achievement Assessment
Feb 14 - 18	Washington Language Proficiency Assessment
March 9 - 23	Grade 2 Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and SOI Assessment
May 11 - 27	Grades 3-8 Measures of Student Progress (MSP)

Calendar of Events

January

27th	Chorus & Marimba Concert 6:30pm
28th	Fine Arts Night 6-8pm

February

1st-11th	Stanford Testing/Makeups
4th	Dad's Play Day
11th	Deadline for Golden Acorn Nominations
15th	2nd Grade Concert 6:30pm
17th	Parent Kindergarten Info Night 6:30pm
21st-25th	President's Day/2nd Winter Break

March

2nd	Kindergarten Round-Up 2-6pm
3rd	Kindergarten Round-Up 10-3pm
4th	Dad's Play Day
9th	FDK Lottery 2:00pm
9th-23rd	CogAT Testing-2nd Grade
15th	4th Grade Concert 6:30pm
24th	Science Fair



Stanford Testing:

The Stanford 10 will be the first standardized assessment for all of our students in 2011. The Stanford 10 is a norm referenced assessment that was adopted by the district level assessment committee five years ago. A battery of multiple choice tests in reading and math will be given to all students in the Issaquah School District (grades K-9).

The testing window for the Stanford 10 Achievement Tests is **Monday, January 31** through **Friday, February 4**. Make up tests for absent students will be administered the following week, **Monday, February 7** through **Friday, February 11**.

Helpful Tips

As parents, there are a few things you can do to help your child be as successful on these assessments as possible.

First, **avoid absences on the testing days**...students will perform better in their regular classroom setting rather than in isolation during a make-up test.

Second, **be on time to school**... Testing begins at the beginning of the day and students are not allowed in the classroom once testing has begun.

Third, **get your student(s) to bed early**...a good night's sleep will help students to perform at their peak level.

Last, but certainly not least, **eat a nutritious breakfast**. A healthy morning meal will allow students the brain power to perform at their best.

PTSA NEWS

Fine Arts Night is Here!

Don't forget to join us for the PTSA's Fine Arts Night! Our **"Night at the Museum"** tomorrow, **January 28th from 6:00-8:00pm**. Come and see some of the wonderful art your child created this year and learn some history of art and artists in the process! Dinner sales are now closed; thank you to all those who ordered. We hope you enjoy the event and look forward to seeing you tomorrow evening! Questions? Contact Jackie Mueller jackie.mueller1@comcast.net or Mary Jo Webb maryjowebb@yahoo.com.

And the Winner Is..

The January Box Top Raffle winner was Alexander Park. The Park Family won a free car wash ticket. Next month's prize will be a free "Mixed Bag" provided by the PTSA. If you want to have a chance to win a bag bring your cut out Box Top labels, with your child's name and teacher on the back, and drop them into the clear box in the school's foyer. At the beginning of each month a new name is drawn from all the existing labels in the box. Questions on Box Tops or need BROWN BEAR Car Wash Tickets? E-mail Diana Verrue at dverrue@msn.com.

Science Fair Update

The **Science Fair will be held on Thursday, March 24th from 6:00-8:00pm in the Cascade Ridge gym**. This is a great opportunity for students to explore a science topic of their choice, work on their project at home and proudly display their work at the Fair on the evening of March 24th. **All 4th & 5th graders should now be registered. Final registration deadline for KG-3rd Graders is March 4th**. Visit the Cascade Ridge PTSA website, <http://cascaderidge.oursciencefair.com>, for all the information about the Fair.

Still Accepting Golden Acorn Nominations

*The Golden Acorn is a great way to recognize the contributions specific individuals have made at Cascade Ridge Elementary and within our local community. Nomination forms are available at the school by the PTSA box, at the PTSA meeting on January 27th, or on our website (<http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Article/View/54>). **Nomination forms must be turned into the PTSA box or emailed to Deanne King no later than February 11th.** The PTSA Golden Acorn Awards Committee will review the nomination forms received and make the final selections. Please feel free to contact Deanne King, ddaking@yahoo.com with any questions.*