



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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## A NOTE FROM NATALIE

The vote is IN! With over 70% of the student vote, our new Cascade Ridge colors will be **Skyline Green, Navy Blue and White**. In honor of this exciting change, you will notice our newsletter this week displays our new school colors. You might have also noticed a change in our school logo. Our Site Council looked at a variety of designs and voted on the one in the top left-hand corner as the winner. Be sure to keep an eye out for our next spirit wear order this spring. Our PTSA will be offering a variety of coyote wear options, all in our new school colors with our new logo. Congratulate your child for taking one more step towards becoming a responsible citizen and exercising their right to vote!

## Calendar of Events

### February

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  
16th Modified Bell-time Schedule  
21st PLMS Visit- for 5th Grade attending PLMS in 2011/2012  
24th Science Fair  
28th BLMS Visit-For 5th Grade attending BLMS in 2011/2012  
31st 5th Grade Concert



## **DISTRICT NEWS**

**“What a difference an hour can make!”  
Volunteering just one hour a week mentoring a struggling Issaquah student.**

 **VOICE Mentor Program**   
**(Volunteers Of Issaquah Changing Education)**

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. ***Our volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and “get more than they give.” We strive to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued.***

Placements are made based on the mentors' interests, location preference and time availability. Whether a mentor's passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, we have a place for you in Issaquah schools. **Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor.**

For further information contact:

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### **Important News From Our District - Please Read:**

**Our school will operate on a modified bell-time schedule on Wednesday, March 16**, to comply with mandatory state testing requirements during the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) administration window. [We will start at 8:30 AM and end at 12:53 PM on that day. AM Kindergarten will start at 8:30 AM and end at 10:33 AM. There is no PM Kindergarten as this day is a Wednesday.](#) Mark your calendars now as March is quickly approaching!

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **From our Health Room:**

We are in need of more girl's pants size 6-10 for our Health Room. If you have any items in these sizes please think of our Health Room for donations. Please remember that if your student borrows any article of clothing from our Health Room, you need to return it in the same clean condition that your student received it in as soon as you can. Thanks for your help with this.

**Thank You to Kim Anderson and the 3rd Grade Parents:**

The Staff of Cascade Ridge was treated to a wonderful luncheon of Lasagna, salads and desserts. Thank you to all the 3rd Grade parents and to Kim Anderson for providing these treats. Once again we feel very appreciated by you all!

**When to Keep Your Child Home from School; Communicable Disease Guidelines****KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME IF HE/SHE HAS ANY OF THESE SYMPTOMS:**

**Fever** – over 100 degrees F. orally. Temperature should remain normal (98.6 degrees) for 24 hours before re-returning to school

**Sore throat** – especially if associated with fever or swollen glands

**Vomiting** – within the past 24 hours

**Diarrhea** – more than one occurrence in a 24 hour period

**Drainage from the eye** –the eye crusted and difficult to open (especially upon waking)

**Nasal discharge (yellow or greenish)** –If your child's nasal mucus has a color and is accompanied by a fever and/or coughing, sneezing, drowsiness, and general signs of not feeling well, your child may be contagious and should remain at home until the symptoms subside. Call your doctor if you have any concerns or questions.

**Appearance/Behavior** – unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused

**Rash** – body rashes not associated with heat, or allergic reactions to medications

**Head lice** – contact school office or nurse if any indication of head lice or nits

**VERY IMPORTANT** - Remember to keep the school updated with new phone numbers and emergency contacts in case your student becomes ill at school. Any questions please call your school nurse.

The most important thing you can do to prevent illness is for you and your child to wash your hands often with warm water and soap.

## **PTSA NEWS**

### **Golden Acorn Nominations Due This Friday!!!**

Is there someone you think has made an outstanding contribution to Cascade Ridge Elementary and our local community? **Nominate** them for the Golden Acorn Award. Forms are available at the school by the PTSA box or on our website at [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org). **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](mailto:ddaking@yahoo.com) with any questions.

### **Upcoming Geography Bee**

Does your student enjoy geography trivia and learning about other states, countries and continents? You may want to consider signing them up for the Cascade Ridge Geography Bee to be held the first week of March! Teams of 3 to 5 similar age students will compete for prizes in this fun and educational event. Students may form their own team or sign up and be placed on a team. Parent volunteers are needed to facilitate this event so please consider volunteering your time to make it a success.

### **Geography Bee Dates, Times and Location**

KG & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm in Portable 5  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm in Portable 5  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-5:30pm in Portable 5

To sign up and/or to volunteer contact Raghu Allepally at [rallepally@gmail.com](mailto:rallepally@gmail.com)

### **Calling all Families: Festival of Cultures is Coming & WE NEED YOU NOW!**

This year's Festival of Cultures event is on **Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** and we are actively signing up returning exhibitors and other families who are ready to join the fun and sponsor a booth. Pick a country you would like to learn more about and involve the kids; showcase your country of origin, its culture and food or work with other families to represent a country as a team. We need at least **20 countries** represented – there are over **190** in the world! We will provide tables and lots of help to get you started. Please contact the FOC Co-Chairs for more information: Cathia Geller at [Cathia@cathiageller.com](mailto:Cathia@cathiageller.com) or (425)445-7046 or Erin Rooney at [roon888@msn.com](mailto:roon888@msn.com).

