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Calendar of Events

February

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
16th Science Tech Informational Night 6-7pm
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 6:30pm

April

1st Dad's Play Day
4th-8th Spring Break—No School



DISTRICT NEWS

Special Ed 101

Parent Info Night, Tuesday March 1st from 6:30 - 8:00 pm in the Board Room. Marilyn Holm, Executive Director of Special Services, Diane Roth, Assistant Director of Special Services, and Susan Wolever, Secondary Supervisor will give an overview of the process, programs and services for special education students. For more information go to our district website at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu>.

Science Technology Informational Night for Students Entering Fall 2011

Science- Technology Programs located at Briarwood, Clark and Cascade Ridge are hosting information nights in March. Families interested in enrolling their student in this program must attend one of the **mandatory informational meetings**—unless they have previously had a student enrolled in this program.

For more information go to <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/academics/Programs/ScienceTech/Default.aspx> Go to the "Program Information" link above for meeting dates, times, and locations.

SCHOOL NEWS**NO SCHOOL NEXT WEEK****FEBRUARY 21-25, 2011****2ND WINTER BREAK****KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Wednesday March 02 from 2:00 - 6:00 PM

Thursday March 03 from 10:00 - 3:00 PM

Students must be 5 years old by August 31, 2011

Bring:

- Birth Certificate or Passport
- Proof of residency
- Immunization records

February is Open Enrollment Month

February is the time for families to apply to transfer to a non-neighborhood school or into the District. The process, application, and list of schools that may be available for open enrollment at some grade levels are now posted online. Schools' open-enrollment availability is based on their permanent capacity, and our priority is keeping all grade levels and classes at the proper balance for the facility.

Modified Bell Schedule - March 16 - Mark your calendars now!

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.

School day will start at 8:30 AM and will end at 12:53 PM

AM Kindergarten will start at 8:30 AM and end at 10:33 AM

There is no PM Kindergarten



Cascade Ridge Celebrates Read Across America

Monday: School wide announcement kicking off our Read Across America celebration will begin by sharing the Reader's Oath. Teachers will read aloud a Dr. Seuss book and every student will receive a Read Across America pencil grip.

Every Cascade Ridge Student will also receive a Dr. Seuss bookmark when they come to library.



Hat Decorating contest: In honor of the *Cat in the Hat*, students are encouraged to get creative and decorate a hat. Hats will be put on display in the library. Participating students in grades K-2 and 3-5 will be entered into a raffle for a Barnes and Noble gift card. Winners will be announced on Thursday. *You can drop off your hats on Monday morning. Please include your name and grade level.*

Tuesday: Each class will be given picture books related to one of the fifty states. After reading the books, the class will place the "book cover" on a United States map displayed outside the library. *By the end of the day Cascade Ridge will have Read Across America!!*

Wednesday: Students are encouraged to dress up as their favorite book character. Participating students will be entered into a raffle for a Barnes and Noble gift card. Winners will be announced on Thursday.

Thursday: In honor of the book *One Fish Two Fish Red Fish Blue Fish* students will estimate the number Swedish FISH placed in jars. The K-1, 2-3 and 3-5 student coming closest will win a Barnes and Noble gift card. Winners will be announced on Thursday.

Friday: Cascade Ridge will Drop Everything and Read! The whole school will be spilling out into the halls sometime on Friday to cuddle up with a good book.

PTSA NEWS**Don't Forget to Register for the Science Fair**

The Science Fair registration deadline for Kindergarteners - 3rd Graders, **Friday March 4th**, is approaching! Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this fun and educational event. Volunteers are still needed so please consider donating your time to make this event a success. Log on to <http://cascaderidge.oursciencefair.com> to register and/or volunteer. Questions? Contact Pete Wengert at cascaderidgescience@hotmail.com.

Sign-Up Now for the 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 & 1st Grade - Tuesday, March 1st from 4:30-5:30pm in Portable 5
2nd & 3rd Grade - Thursday, March 3rd from 4:30-5:30pm in Portable 5
4th & 5th Grade - Friday, March 4th from 4:30-5:30pm in Portable 5

To sign up and/or to volunteer contact Raghu Allepally at 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 15th** 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 or (425)445-7046 or Erin Rooney at roon888@msn.com.