



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

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A NOTE FROM NATALIE

Has your child come home and told you about Run Around and Read Recess? This is a new idea we are trying out starting today. Every Thursday, students will be encouraged to either play games, engage in recess activities that do not need equipment, or read. This idea came about by happenstance – one day a few weeks back, our educational assistants did not open our equipment room to students during recess. They saw a marked improvement in both behavior and student activity. In addition, when the equipment room was opened the following day, students did a much better job being accountable for the equipment and returning it once recess was over.

With our school CIP (continuous improvement plan) focus on reading, we thought we would also offer one day a week where students were given the opportunity to read during recess. Many students would prefer to read at every recess. We repeatedly encourage students to move and play during recess but thought this was a nice way to acknowledge some students' preferred leisure activity.

Natalie Fowler

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

Calendar of Events

March

9th-23rd CogAT Testing-2nd Grade
15th 4th Grade Concert 6:30pm
16th Modified Bell-time Schedule
16th Science Tech Informational Night 6-7pm
17th KIRO 7 Special Presentation on Bullying 10pm
21st PLMS Visit- for 5th Grade attending PLMS in 2011/2012
24th Science Fair 6-8pm
26th Mixed Bag Orders Due
28th BLMS Visit-For 5th Grade attending BLMS in 2011/2012
30th Year book Orders Due
31st 5th Grade Concert 6:30pm

April

1st Dad's Play Day
4th-8th Spring Break—No School
4th-29th Eager Reader
15th Festival of Cultures 6-8pm
18th-28th Spelling Bee



SCHOOL NEWS**REMINDER**

Clocks move ahead one hour this weekend!

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

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.

Parent Preview Night for Cascade Ridge is **Wednesday March 16 at 6:00 PM** in the Café.

5th Grade Visits to Middle School and 5th Grade Parent Orientation Nights

Please note that this year we have students attending other middle schools in our district:

On **March 21st all 5th graders who will be attending Pine Lake Middle School** next year will be visiting the middle school campus with their teachers.

All parents of 5th graders who will be attending **Pine Lake Middle School** next year are invited to the 5th Grade Parent Orientation and Curriculum Night on **March 21** at 6:30 p.m. This evening is for **parents only** as students will visit during the school day.

On **March 28th all 5th graders who will be attending Beaver Lake Middle School** next year will be visiting the middle school campus with their teachers.

All parents of 5th graders who will be attending **Beaver Lake Middle School** next year are invited to the 5th Grade Parent Orientation and Curriculum Night on **March 28** at 6:30 p.m. This evening is for **parents only** as students will visit during the school day.

PTSA NEWS

Parent Education Opportunity

Tune in Next Week! - KIRO 7 Special Presentation - Bullying: Breaking the Cycle

A growing number of young people are faced with the fear of being bullied every day. Recognizing this, KIRO 7 has produced a documentary that tells their stories and delves into the many aspects of the new wave of this age-old problem. Ranging from seemingly harmless name-calling to physical violence occurring in the classroom, on the playground and online. **Bullying: Breaking the Cycle**, a KIRO 7 Family Connection Special Presentation, explores what bullying looks like in 2011. Who bullies, and who gets bullied? Why? What do parents need to know? What are educators doing about it? What can we all do to break the cycle?

Tune in to KIRO 7 on **Thursday, March 17, at 10pm** to learn more about how bullying shows up in our community and how we can support our youth to treat each other with dignity and respect. As a follow-up, KIRO 7 is hosting a live chat with bullying prevention experts from Committee for Children on **Friday, March 18, at 12pm** on kirotv.com/bullying. Resources on where to get help and how to give help will also be available on kirotv.com/bullying after the broadcast.

Go to <http://www.kirotv.com/download/2011/0307/27109494.pdf> now for more information about **Bullying: Breaking the Cycle**.



We Need Sponsors for AFRICA!



Our Festival is drawing near and we only have a few more weeks to cover the map of the world. **We have no sponsors for the entire continent of AFRICA!** Are you from Africa or have you ever been there? Do you know which African country has a river with 500 different kinds of fish? Did you know the banjo originated in Africa? Which African country has the longest river in the world? Find out these and more fun facts and come share them with the whole school! Kenya, Ivory Coast, Morocco and Egypt are but a few of the **over 50** fascinating countries you can pick to represent! The Festival is on **April 15th** and we can't do it without you! Please don't wait any longer: let us know which country you would like to represent. 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 (Cathia@cathiageller.com 425-445-7046) or Erin Rooney

Mixed Bag Sales

New Spring catalogs for the PTSA Mixed Bag sale were sent home with students earlier this week. Check out all the new styles and colors and come see the display in the school foyer outside the office! Order forms are available inside the catalog and are due back to school by **Friday, March 26**. Questions? Contact Mary Richardson at richardsonmary_j@hotmail.com.

Last Chance for Yearbooks!

Don't miss out! If you haven't already done so, this is your last chance to order a 2010/2011 School Yearbook! Order online by **March 30th** at cascaderidgeptsa.org. Questions: contact Melanie Carbon melcar-bon24@yahoo.com or Monica Futtly mfuttly@hotmail.com

Calling All Students!!!

Mark your calendars - the Eager Reader program will be held **April 4th - 29th**. For those new to Eager Reader, Eager Reader is a PTSA sponsored program that rewards and reinforces reading! It is a 4 week voluntary program designed to improve students' reading skills and to develop a love of reading. Students earn fun prizes as they read outside their classrooms while helping meet any in classroom reading requirements! More details regarding this popular program and its incentives will follow in the coming weeks. Our goal this year is 100% student participation! Do you have questions or want to help? Contact Peggy Rodman at peggyllynrodman@hotmail.com or Ann Brooks at ann_e_brooks@yahoo.com.

Have you heard the buzz?



Cascade Ridge PTSA is hosting its **First Annual Spelling Bee** on **April 18th-28th**! Students are invited to compete in their grade level spelling bee held in the Coyote Cafe. The top three winners from each grade level are then invited to a Championship Bee to compete for the title of Top Speller at Cascade Ridge Elementary! Students must be registered to participate! More details and online registration are at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/SpellingBee>. Questions? Contact spellingbee@cascaderidgeptsa.org.