



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

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## DISTRICT NEWS

### Online Assessment Tool For Next Year's Sixth Graders

On the district website on the right hand side under March Links, there is a link that says:

**Math options for next year's 6th graders.**

Is Math Path II right for you?

When you click on that link, it takes you to a page that has a link to the letter that was sent home as well as a link to information about Math Path II and **Directions for the Assessment**. It is important that families read the directions before they complete the assessment so that they receive the results.

## Calendar of Events

### March

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

21st

Parent Preview of FLASH Curriculum-IVE 6pm

23rd

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### May

3rd

3rd Grade Concert 6:30PM

5th-16th

Measure of Student Progress (MSP) Test



**FLASH & HIV/AIDS Curriculum Information Sessions for Grade 5 –****Briarwood, Cascade Ridge, Clark, Cougar Ridge, Endeavour, Grand Ridge, Issaquah Valley, and Maple Hills**

Your child's teacher will be teaching the district adopted FLASH (Family Life and Sexual Health) and HIV/AIDS curriculum during this school year. To allow you an opportunity to examine the instructional materials and view the videos that may be used, there will be two public viewings of the materials at Issaquah Valley Elementary Multi-Purpose Room on the following dates:

**Thursday, April 21, 2011****6:00 pm****Saturday, April 23, 2011****9:00 am**

At the appointed time there will an informal presentation with viewing of video(s). Curriculum staff and a teacher will be available to answer your questions.

**FLASH Instruction:**

Under the Federal Hatch Amendment of 1974, all sexual education instructional materials must be available for parent inspection. Parents have the right to exempt their child from sexual education instruction at any time. The public viewings provide a centralized opportunity to do so.

**HIV/AIDS Instruction:**

In recognition of the significant threat that the HIV/AIDS virus presents to the health of the people of our nation, the Washington state legislature passed the Omnibus AIDS Bill in 1988. This law directs local school districts to provide yearly instruction to students in grades 5-12 about the pathology and prevention of the HIV/AIDS virus. This is the twenty-second year of such instruction.

**It is not necessary for parents to attend a public review session if they do not intent to exempt their children from HIV/AIDS instruction.** The Washington State Omnibus AIDS law requires a parent to attend a public viewing session and review the materials before such an exemption may be requested or granted. Being familiar with the curriculum will enhance your ability to talk with your children about this serious health threat.

**Session Location:****Issaquah Valley Elementary School****555 NW Holly St.****Issaquah, WA 98027****Summer school registration is now open for elementary school students.**

*Elementary Summer School* is for current first through fifth graders who would like to get a jump-start on next year's learning. The program also provides remedial assistance over the summer. Classes are held on weekdays from July 5 to July 29, 9AM to 12 PM, at [Clark Elementary School](#). Tuition is \$375 and applications are available in your school office or on the [District website](#).

*Summer Computer Camp* is for current fourth and fifth graders. Students will learn how to use a camera, how to film correctly, and how to transfer video into the computer. They will learn the fundamentals of video production and editing and how to use still pictures and video to make a movie. Their final project will be to produce a DVD. Summer Computer Camp runs weekdays from July 11 to July 22, 9:30 to 11:30, at [Clark Elementary School](#). Tuition for this two-week program is \$225 and applications are available in your school office or on the [District website](#).

**SCHOOL NEWS****5th Grade Visits to Middle School and 5th Grade Sampler Night**

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 and students** who will be attending **Beaver Lake Middle School** next year are invited to the 5th Grade Sampler Night on **March 28** at 6:30 p.m. Those in attendance will be introduced to many of our staff members, go through a mock schedule, and become acquainted with the Beaver Lake Middle School programs and offerings including the self select Math Paths. This enjoyable evening will provide students and parents with important information to assist you in making an easy transition from elementary school to middle school.

**Lost and Found**

Please be sure to check the lost and found for any items your child might be missing. We will be donating any remaining items on Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Thanks!

**5th Grade Concert**

We are looking forward to seeing our 5th graders perform next week, Thursday March 31st at 6:30pm. In light of our upcoming performance please review our new concert procedures:

**ARRIVAL TIME:** Doors will open at 6:10. Students should go to their classrooms at this time. The concert will start at 6:30.

**SUPERVISION:** Unfortunately, we have had several incidents involving destruction and disregard for school equipment and property – this has occurred both before and during our concerts. Therefore, all children who are attending the concert need to be supervised at all times. We'd appreciate your help with this matter.

**PTSA NEWS****Eager Reader is Almost Here....**

The Eager Reader program will be held **April 4th - 29th** this year. 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 improved students' reading skills and to develop a love of reading. Our goal this year is 100% school wide participation and we encourage all students to at least try the program!

Parents, students and teachers will be receiving information about this year's program next week. **Students will be bringing their Eager Reader logs home on or before next Friday, April 1st and the program kicks off on Monday, April 4th.** The first week of the program will be during Spring Break. The information packets that go home with each student provide full details about the program, but we would like to highlight a couple of exciting new features in this year's program!

**NEW – Bookworm Level**

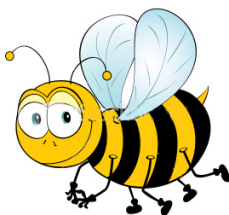
Just choosing to participate in the Eager Reader program is a great thing and we recognize that every child will have a different goal for him/herself for the program. This year we have a new optional challenge level for the program called the Bookworm Level. The bookworm level can be completed by reading an additional 15 minutes a day for a student's grade level. All students who achieve this level will have a chance to win a Kindle!

**NEW – Grade Level Challenge**

To encourage every student to participate in the program, this year we have a friendly competition between classes in the same grade level. At the end of the program the class within each grade that has read the most minutes will win an extra recess!!!

**NEW Coyote Wear in our NEW Colors is Here!**

The new colors, **Navy, Green and White** look great and the students are very excited. We have Sweatshirts, T-Shirts, PJ pants, and more! Come see the display outside the office. Order today!! Deadline is **Friday April 1st. No late orders will be accepted!** To place online orders or print an order form visit <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Packet/CoyoteWear>. Completed order forms and checks made payable to Cascade Ridge PTSA can be placed in the PTSA mailbox in the school foyer. Questions? Contact Chrisann Penz [chrisannpenz@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisannpenz@yahoo.com)

**Can You Spell “Hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliohobia”?**

If not, that's okay because we can't either! But if your child would enjoy showing off his/her spelling ability in front of an audience, then you need to sign them up for the Cascade Ridge Spelling Bee! This event takes place on April 18-28. We already have over 100 registered spellers, so don't miss out on the fun! Full details including practice word lists and registration are online at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/spellingbee>. Questions? Email [spelling-bee@cascaderidgeptsa.org](mailto:spelling-bee@cascaderidgeptsa.org). (Curious what hippopotomonstrosesquipedaliohobia means? It means “fear of long words”!)

**Upcoming Parent Education Opportunities*****Raising Resilient Kids - Helping Kids Cope with Setbacks, Disappointment and Failures.***

Highlights will include:

- Helping your child handle setbacks, disappointments and failures
- Understanding your child's temperament
- Communicating! What parents say ... and what kids hear

**Where:** Cougar Ridge Elementary Multi-Purpose Room  
4360 167<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Bellevue, WA 98006

**When:** Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-8:30pm

**Questions?** Contact Natasha Vorley, [nvorley@gmail.com](mailto:nvorley@gmail.com) or (425) 945-0526

***CyberSaavy and Safety for Parents of Teens***

As the internet continues to embed itself deeper and deeper into the way we "do" life, it is crucial that we understand how our actions online *now* can impact our present and our future. More and more executives are now examining Facebook pages, MySpaces, blogs, and other online activities of prospective and active employees to determine whether to hire or promote. The reality of what's at stake must be shared.

**Where:** Pine Lake Middle School Commons

**When:** Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

**Questions?** Contact Gloria at [gcrocker4@comcast.net](mailto:gcrocker4@comcast.net)

***Coping with Adolescent Stress and Depression – a Conversation for Parents***

- Are you concerned that your children are stressed out, overwhelmed or depressed?
- Stress and depression in adolescents are real and as parents we need to know how to help our children cope.
- Come learn the typical symptoms of stress and depression and when it's appropriate to seek professional help.
- How do I talk with my child about this recent suicide?
- What should I do if I notice unusual behaviors in my child?

**Where:** Cascade Ridge Coyote Café

**When:** Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 – 9:00pm

**Questions?** Contact Alison Cathro (425) 442-2704

For more detailed information about these education opportunities visit <http://cascaderidgepts.org>.

**Mixed Bags – Last Chance!**

Last chance to order Mixed Bags this school year! All orders are due at school by this **Friday, March 25th**. Bags will arrive to students in time for Easter, April 22nd. Order forms and catalogs were sent home with students a few weeks ago. Great new spring/summer designs, samples are on display outside the office! Questions? Contact Mary Richardson, [richardson-mary\\_j@hotmail.com](mailto:richardson-mary_j@hotmail.com).