



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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Calendar of Events

May

3th-27th	Measure of Student Progress (MSP) Test
6th	1st Grade-Mother's Day Tea 8:45-9:45am
6th	Dad's Play Day
7th	PTSA Survey Closes
9th	Site Council with Jake Kuper 6:00-7:30pm
18th	Volunteer Luncheon
19th	PTSA General Membership Meeting 7:00pm
20th	Spirit Day-High School Spirit
24th	New Kindergarten Open House 5-6pm
24th	Camp Chaperone Meeting 6-7pm
26th	1st Grade Musical-Café-8:45am
26th	Kindergarten Musical –Café 10:00am
26th	Retirement Celebration Library 3:30-4:30pm
30th	Memorial Day-No School

June

1st-3rd	5th Grade Camp
3rd	Dad's Play Day
8th	Chorus Concert 6:30pm
9th	Marimba Concert 6:30pm



Site Council Meeting – Re-Scheduled to May 9th, 6:00pm

Guest Speaker – Jake Kuper, Chief Financial and Operations Officer

Please join us Monday evening, May 9th, for our monthly Site Council meeting. Jake Kuper will be speaking to the group about the state budget and the implications of cuts to our district. Site Council meets in the Cascade Ridge library.

Please join us for our next Dads' Play Day, on the playground, Friday May 6th during lunch recesses. We hope to see you there!

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

SCHOOL NEWS

MSP Schedule for Testing:

MSP testing began Tuesday, May 3rd. Third Grade students will take a Reading and Math assessment. Our fourth grade students will have three assessments; Reading, Writing (2 days), and **NEW THIS YEAR**-4th Grade Math will be given online. Fifth graders will have Math and Science assessments using testing booklets, but will take their Reading assessment online. All testing will start first thing in the morning. Please note the calendar below.

Monday	Tuesday	Thursday	Friday
No Testing	May 3 4 th Grade Reading 5 th Grade Science	May 5 3 rd Grade Reading	May 6 4 th Grade Writing #1
May 9 5 th Grade Math	May 10 3 rd Grade Math 4 th Grade Writing #2	May 12 Mrs. Perea—Reading Computer Lab	May 13 Mrs. Schaffer—Reading Computer Lab
May 16 Mrs. Page/Redmon-- Reading Computer Lab	May 17 Mr. Bishop—Reading Computer Lab	May 19 Mrs. Trudeau—Reading Computer Lab	May 20 Mrs. Montgomery—Math Computer Lab
May 23 Mrs. Springborn—Math Computer Lab	May 24 Mrs. Wehner—Math Computer Lab	May 26 Mrs. Morrison—Math Computer Lab	May 27 Mrs. Fritsch—Math Computer Lab

Families and students are welcome to go online to explore state provided online demos. This provides the opportunity to become familiar with the format and tools of the testing software. Here is the link:

<http://wa-online.caltesting.org/tutorials/student/wa.html> It requires Flash v7r63. If you need to upgrade this Flash version go to: <http://get.adobe.com/flashplayer/>


Thank you for helping your child be prepared for test days by making sure he/she has had a good night sleep, breakfast, and is at school on time. Paper and pencil make-up tests will be given through May 17th and online make-ups until the end of this testing window, should your child miss school or arrive too late to take a test.

If you are volunteering in the building during this period, please do not enter any classroom that has a **Testing-Do Not Enter** document posted on the door. We appreciate your sensitivity to the quiet, testing environment we provide during MSP.

Registration for 2011-12

If you know of families whose children will be new to Cascade Ridge in the fall, but have not yet registered, please urge them to do so as soon as possible. They should contact Jennifer Kirsch via email at kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu or by phone @ 425-837-5503 for registration information.

Thank you for your help!

<h1>VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON</h1>		
<p>Date: Wed., May 18th</p> <p>In the Cascade Ridge Library</p> <p>Luncheon Times:</p> <p>2nd and 3rd Grade: 10:45-11:30</p> <p>Kindergarten and 1st Grade: 11:10-11:55</p> <p>4th and 5th Grade: 11:35-12:20</p>	<p>Please join us for our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon.</p> <p>Salads and desserts will be served.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Compliments of Your Cascade Ridge Teachers and Staff</p>	<div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <p>Questions? Contact Elaine Fritsch: fritsche@issaquah.wednet.e</p>

REMINDER TO VOLUNTEERS:

It is important to both sign in when you arrive at school **and** sign out when leave. It is imperative that we know at all times who is in the building in case of emergency/disasters.

PTSA NEWS**Time is Running Out!**

Last chance to provide feedback to the PTSA is this week. If you have already completed the survey, THANK YOU for taking the time to provide us with very important information. If you haven't, we still want to hear about what you consider of essential focus for the PTSA in the coming year. This quick survey provides ranking and freeform questions to assist with prioritization and budgeting for next year. We really want to know, so please take a few minutes to provide this valuable information by clicking on <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CascadeRidgeSurvey> before May 7th when the survey will be closed for another year.

PTSA General Membership Meeting & Parent Education

Please plan to attend the next PTSA General Membership meeting on **Thursday, May 19th at 7:00 pm** in the **Coyote Café**. This will be our last General Membership meeting of the school year and we will review survey results and present the 2011-12 Interim Budget for approval. We would love to have a big group of members who are interested in what the PTSA plans to support in the coming school year. Please come and join in this important process. Please let Tina Yerges, PTSA President at tinayerges@msn.com know if you have any questions and we hope to see you there!

Immediately following the meeting will be an opportunity to hear speaker Sue Eastgard, MSW, YSP Executive Director, on the topic of Adolescent Stress and Depression. For more information on this parent seminar contact Alison Cathro at (425) 442-2704 or visit <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented/#stress>.

Dirty Car and Nice Days = BROWN BEAR CAR WASHES

Only 150 tickets left to sell for the school year. If we sell them all that is an additional \$525 profit for our school. We sell the tickets for \$5 and receive \$3.50 in profit for each ticket. Please help our school and purchase a supply to keep in your car to last throughout the summer months.

To purchase:

1. Send an email to dverrue@gmail.com stating how many tickets, your child's name and classroom teacher.
2. Send a check with your child made out to CRE PTSA to school to be put into the PTSA box
3. Tickets will be sent home to you via your child within a few days.

It's easy!!! The tickets have an expiration date for December 2011...plenty of time to use them.

Box Tops/Campbell's Soup Labels for Education

Keep them coming. Winners for our monthly drawing of contributors win a free car wash or a Mixed Bag. Just write your name on the back of the labels and put them in the container in the school's foyer for a chance to win.

Congratulations to the Avalani Family. They are April's Box Top winner!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A



RETIREMENT CELEBRATION

IN HONOR OF

Betty Gilstrap

AND

Anne Henigson

**IN RECOGNITION OF THEIR DEDICATION TO THE STUDENTS AND
FAMILIES THEY ENRICHED THROUGHOUT THEIR TEACHING CA-
REERS**

**THURSDAY, MAY 26TH
CASCADE RIDGE LIBRARY
3:30-4:30**

“Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.”

~Dr. Seuss

