



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

### May

3th-27th	Measure of Student Progress (MSP) Test
18th	Volunteer Luncheon-Library
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
8th	Chorus Concert 6:30pm
9th	Marimba Concert 6:30pm
10th	Spirit Day-Coyote Wear
14th	5th Grade Cast Off-Café 9:00-10:30am
14th	Last Day PM Kindergarten
15th	Field Day K-3 8:30/4-5 10:40
15th	Last Day AM Kindergarten
16th	Last Day of School - FDK-5th 8:30-11:00



The staff of Cascade Ridge was truly spoiled last week! We all want to *truly* thank you for the week of appreciation you provided. From the hand written cards and students wearing their teacher's favorite color to the fantastic food we enjoyed all week, every single day was a treat! We feel so lucky to be a part of this generous community.

**SCHOOL NEWS****MSP Schedule for Testing:**

MSP testing began Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 <sup>th</sup> Grade Reading 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Science	May 5 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading	May 6 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Writing #1
May 9 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Math	May 10 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Math 4 <sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu) or by phone @ 425-837-5503 for registration information.**

**Thank you for your help!**

# VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON

**Date: Wed., May 18th**

In the Cascade Ridge Library


Luncheon Times:

2nd and 3rd Grade:  
10:45-11:30

Kindergarten and 1st Grade:  
11:10-11:55

4th and 5th Grade:  
11:35-12:20

Please join us for our annual  
Volunteer Appreciation  
Luncheon.  
Salads and desserts will be  
served.



Questions?  
Contact Elaine Fritsch:  
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Compliments of  
Your Cascade Ridge  
Teachers and Staff

## **PTSA NEWS**

### **Calling All Volunteers for Next Year!!**

Please look for the PTSA Spring Volunteer form that will be coming home with your child this week, or find it on our PTSA web site at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/>. This form allows us to gauge our volunteers for the upcoming school year and to schedule events and programs accordingly. We cannot provide these fabulous opportunities for your child without your help. Please consider volunteering where you can! Return forms to the PTSA mailbox in the lobby by **Friday May 27th**.

Questions? Contact Deanne King, 425-270-3336 or [deannewking@live.com](mailto:deannewking@live.com).



## GOT SCIENCE?

### Discovery Elementary Teachers Will be Working at McDonald's

Come out and have dinner at McDonald's in Sammamish on Monday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 5-8pm and have Discover Elementary teachers serve you for the night as they work to raise funds for the **Elementary Science Initiative!** They'll be working the counter and drive through. 20% of the total profit made from 5-8pm and 100% of the cookies sold will be donated to ISF to be put towards the Science Curriculum we desperately need. It's a great way to help our children, ISF, have some dinner and socialize with friends.

**Where: Sammamish McDonalds**  
228<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Sammamish, WA 98074  
**When: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 5pm to 8pm**

### Math Club Update

We had a wonderful year with Math Club. Last Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, we had 33 of the 48 kids participate in two different state wide competitions: Math Championship in Blaine and WSMC Olympiad in Seattle.

Two teams of 6 kids in total challenged themselves to participate in the tougher Middle School Math Championship in Blaine. Scoring for this championship is highly competitive as they are ranked against each other. Our two teams from CRE performed successfully and we are so proud of them for making that extra effort in preparation for this particular competition.

Seven teams with a total of 27 kids participated in the Washington State Math Council's Middle School Math Olympiad in Seattle. Every single team (including the 4<sup>th</sup> graders) exceeded the standard against which they are judged thereby earning at least one ribbon of excellence. Some teams earned two ribbons and two teams earned two medals each (the highest award). One of our teams had the top score in session 2 amongst all the 21 teams at this site. They were also the only team in this site to receive a "superior" rating as they scored all 5 correct answers in Number Sense.

We are so proud of all our bright, young mathematicians whether or not they participated in the championships. We wish them the very best in all their future endeavors.

A big thank you to the Coaches for all their time and effort the whole season.

**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 26<sup>TH</sup>  
CASCADE RIDGE LIBRARY  
3:30-4:30**

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

*~Dr. Seuss*

