



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

### May

3th-27th	Measure of Student Progress (MSP) Test
19th	PTSA General Membership Meeting 7:00pm
20th	Spirit Day-High School Spirit
20th	School Supplies-start ordering Online
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
9th	Marimba & Chorus Concert 6:30pm
10th	Spirit Day-Coyote Wear
10th	Deadline for Ordering School Supplies Online
14th	5th Grade Cast Off-Café 9:00-10:30am
14th	Last Day Reg scheduled Class for PM Kindergarten
15th	Field Day K-3 8:30/4-5 10:40
15th	Last Day AM/PM Kindergarten joint class
16th	Last Day of School - FDK-5th 8:30-11:00

### **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!**

**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
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.

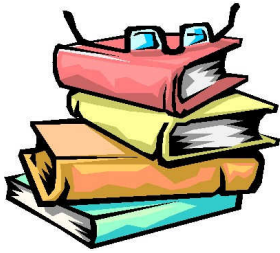
If you are volunteering in the building during this period, please do not enter any classroom that has a **Testing-Do Not Enter** document posted on the door. We appreciate your sensitivity to the quiet, testing environment we provide during MSP.

**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 [deanneking@live.com](mailto:deanneking@live.com).

## A word from our Librarian



It's that time of year again! I am so excited that students have been so enthusiastic about selecting and checking out library materials this school year.

**Over 30,000 books have been circulated this year!** Unfortunately, it's time to start thinking about finishing up that last book and returning it back to the school library! I am asking that all library materials be returned by **Tuesday, MAY 31<sup>st</sup>** so that I can begin inventory. I have sent out overdue notices all year, but in the final weeks I will be sending out overdue notices weekly to

those students who need a friendly reminder. We all know that sometimes books or other library materials disappear. If that has happened to you, your overdue notice also has the replacement cost listed. Simply, send or bring a **CHECK** to the library circulation desk and I can remove that library material from your account. **It is important to remember to pay for lost books as district policy does state that report cards will be held until all fines are paid. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, it is also important to note that because our library system is district-wide, any unpaid fines you have at Cascade Ridge will follow you to middle school.**

Thank you for your support in maintaining as many books as possible in our collection.

Zana Moore

Teacher-Librarian

### Using Mylunchmoney.com

To All Cascade Ridge Parents:

For those of you who are finding it difficult to monitor your child's lunch account balance, here is some information you will find extremely useful.

Mylunchmoney.com is a service available in our district which you may use to monitor your student's lunch account. You can use mylunchmoney.com to check your student's meal history for the last seven days, receive email notification when your child's balance goes below \$5.00, and see the balance in your child's account at the end of each day. These services are FREE!

You can also utilize mylunchmoney.com to make credit or debit card payments to your child's lunch account. When making a credit or debit card payment, there is a small fee of \$1.95 per transaction. Options are available to make payments "As You Go", or you may set up the "Smart Pay" feature which automatically funds your student's account when their balance reaches a certain limit.

To sign up, just go to the mylunchmoney.com website. You will need your student's seven-digit district identification number. You can find this number on Family Access. Or you can call the food service office at 425-837-5064 or 425-837-5060 for the id#, or for more information or assistance.

**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*



**PTSA NEWS****REMINDER – PTSA General Membership Meeting Tonight!**

Join us this evening for the PTSA Membership meeting at 7pm followed by the parent education seminar, *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 is 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?

Facilitator: Sue Eastgard, MSW, YSPP Executive Director  
Youth Suicide Prevention Program (<http://www.yspp.org>)

**See the Science Curriculum Materials for Yourself!****GOT SCIENCE?**

Don't miss your chance to see, touch and try the new science curriculum materials. They'll be on display at the District Administration Building from **Friday, May 20 through Friday, June 3**. No reservations required! **Deadline for donating to the *Elementary Science Initiative* is June 15<sup>th</sup>!** Please visit the campaign website, [www.issaquahscience.org](http://www.issaquahscience.org) to learn why this adoption is vital to your child's education and how you can help.

Questions: Contact Cathia Geller, Cascade Ridge  
ISF Rep – [Cathia@cathiageller.com](mailto:Cathia@cathiageller.com) or 425-445-7046.



*Thank you!*

**May Winner!**

Congratulations Park Family. Alex Park is the winner of a free Brown Bear Car Wash or Mix Bag sample. The PTSA wants to thank all the families that regularly donate Box Tops and Labels for Education to our school. Annually this earns between \$500-\$700 for our school.

**Special Thanks To...**

A special thank you to Laura Fortner and Girl Scout troop 42750 who helped cut and count over 700 labels and box tops last week. These will be mailed this week for reimbursement from General Mills and the Campbell's Soup Corporation.

**Got Dirt?**

Brown Bear Car Wash tickets are still available but supplies are running low. Stock up for summer and buy your car wash tickets for \$5 apiece. It's easy to do: email [dverrue@gmail.com](mailto:dverrue@gmail.com) and tell me your name, your child's and their teacher's name, then send a check with your child to school made payable to CRE PTSA for the appropriate amount. Within days I will have your tickets to you. On Parent Hill? Look for me on Mondays wearing my spiral rainbow twirly hat. I will have tickets available.

**School Supplies**

The 2011-2012 School Supply List is now available! The PTSA can help make gathering the supplies easy with ordering online at [www.schooltoolbox.com](http://www.schooltoolbox.com). Enter our school code of **2CASC98075**. Online ordering is available through **June 10th**. Your supplies will come packaged in an easy to carry box that will be distributed during Meet the Teacher day. Summer and Fall will be here before we know it, so order now and don't worry about school supplies! For more details on the program and the Supply List visit [www.cascaderidgeptsa.org](http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org). Questions? Contact Kellie Berndt at [mkberndt@hotmail.com](mailto:mkberndt@hotmail.com)

School Supplies Made Simple



**Order Online Today!**

**Ordering Available:**

**May 20th - June 10th**

**Pick-up Date at School:**

**Meet the Teacher Day - August 29, 2011**

**Dear Parents,**

We are happy to announce that we have chosen to sell a prepackaged school supply kit for the next school year. The School Tool Box™ comes with the teacher-approved school supplies your student requires and will include trusted brands like Elmers and Crayola. The School Tool Box™

saves you precious time searching for those hard-to-find items in the back-to-school crowds. You just place your order online and it is ready and waiting for your child in the fall. Time is limited, place your order today. See ordering instructions and your school's registration code in the bubble.

To place your order visit  
**[schooltoolbox.com](http://schooltoolbox.com)**

Register and then enter code:

**2CASC98075**

**K-Half Day - \$47.00**

**K-Full Day - \$45.00**

**1st - \$67.00**

**2nd - \$62.00**

**3rd - \$52.00**

**4th - \$53.00**

**5th - \$55.00**

**Science Tech - \$69.00**

