



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 9	1st Day Paperwork/Coyote Wear Orders Due
Sept 13	Curriculum Night 6-7PM K, 1, 2 & LRC1
Sept 13	PTSA General Membership Meeting 7pm
Sept 15	3rd Grade SAGE Parents Only-Meeting 5:30pm in P4
Sept 15	Curriculum Night 6-7pm 3, 4, 5 & LRC2
Sept 15	5th Grade Parent's Meeting 7-8pm
Sept 27	Vision and Hearing Testing
Oct 6	Student Picture Day/Volunteer Picture Day
Oct 7	Dad's Play Day
Oct 14	Walkathon 3-8pm

DISTRICT NEWS

Teaching & Learning Services

**ISSAQUAH SCHOOL DISTRICT
STANDARDS ON-LINE**

The Grade Level Standards for K-8, Parent Resources for Mathematics and the High School Course Catalogues are available on the district website.

www.issaquah.wednet.edu/tls/standards.asp

If you have questions or comments about the standards please contact Teaching & Learning services Dept.

425-837-7030

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

SCHOOL NEWS

Music Clubs/Ensembles – 2011-2012

Chorus and marimba club will be starting soon. We are looking forward to a musical school year!

Chorus

The goal of chorus is to offer Cascade Ridge students the opportunity to develop their musical skills through singing. This year, we are going to try something new – a separate fourth and fifth grade chorus. Each group will meet one morning per week. Any interested fourth or fifth grade student is welcome to join – no tryout is required! Enrollment forms will be available soon in the music room or on Mr. Dunham's connect site.

Fourth Grade Chorus – Tuesday mornings @ 7:30 A.M. (First rehearsal – September 27).

Fifth Grade Chorus – Thursday mornings @ 7:30 A.M. (First Rehearsal – September 29).

Marimba Club

The goal of marimba club is to allow students to expand their percussion skills in an ensemble setting. Due to the nature of the club, and limited number of marimbas, each group will be limited to twenty-five students. This year, we will have two marimba clubs – one for fourth grade students, and another for fifth grade students. Mr. Johnson, our overload teacher, will be directing the fourth grade club, while Mr. Dunham will be directing the fifth grade group. Students will be given audition material, along with some practice time during music class to help prepare for tryouts. Application forms will be available soon in the music room or on Mr. Dunham's connect site.

Fifth Grade Marimba Club – Tryouts will take place after school on Wednesday, September 21 from 12:45 – 4:00 in the music room. Results will be posted by 8:00 A.M. on Friday, September 23. **The club will meet on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 A.M. beginning September 28.**

Fourth Grade Marimba Club – Tryouts are scheduled for Thursday, September 29 from 3:00-6:00 P.M. in the music room. **The club will meet on Thursday afternoons from 3:00-4:00 beginning October 6.**

We're very excited about our ensembles this year! Updated information will be posted on Mr. Dunham's connect site as it becomes available. Please feel free to email Mr. Dunham or Mr. Johnson with any questions.

Bret Dunham – Fourth Grade Chorus, Fifth Grade Chorus, Fifth Grade Marimba Club
dunhamb@issaquah.wednet.edu

David Johnson – Fourth Grade Marimba Club
johnsond3@issaquah.wednet.edu

Website: <http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/cascade/staff/dunham/default.aspx>

Important Changes Made To Cascade Ridge's Attendance Policy

Please visit this link from our school website to become familiar with the Cascade Ridge attendance policies:

<http://www.cascaderidge.issaquah.wednet.edu/attendance.asp>

If you are planning to be on vacation for more than 5 days, in addition to having the request in writing, we will also need the form referred to in the above link filled out and given to the office at least 1 week prior to your vacation. **All absences more than 5 days not accompanied by a letter and the form will be considered unexcused.**

PTSA NEWS

PTSA General Meeting:

Don't miss the first General Meeting of the year, **Tuesday September, 13th** at 7:00pm immediately following Curriculum Night for grades K-2.

First Day Packet Paperwork:

Have you joined for the PTSA yet? Ordered your Coyote Wear and Yearbook? Signed up for one of the many volunteer opportunities here at Cascade Ridge? If not, you still have time. Log onto <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org> by **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th** and complete your First Day Packet information. If you have any questions please contact Pam Gross at grosspam@msn.com.

Coyote Wear:

Samples are on display in the front entrance of the school. Place your order online <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org> by Friday Sept 16th.

Spanish Classes:

There are still some spots available in our Spanish language classes! Classes begin Oct 17th and will meet once a week on either Tuesday or Friday after school. To register or for more information visit www.foreignlanguageforyouth.org questions: Contact Ann Brooks ann_e_brooks@yahoo.com or Peggy Rodman peggyrodman@gmail.com

Attention 5th Grade Parents

You are invited to attend a Principal and 5th Grade Committee meeting which will be held Thursday, September 15th immediately following Curriculum Night. The following info will be covered:

- 5th Grade Camp
- Opportunities to participate in 5th Grade Functions such as 5th Grade Commencement, Service Projects and More!

Any questions, or if you are interested in more information about the 5th grade committee contact: Chrisann Penz chrisannpenz@yahoo.com or Rachel Schnebele rachelschnebele@comcast.net

Save the Date!

Dust off your cowboy boots and mosey over to the **Fall Festival and Walkathon** on **October 14th** from 3:00-6:00! Mark your calendars now to take part in the annual Cascade Ridge Fundraiser.

Ranch Hands Needed! The Fall Festival and Walkathon Committee needs YOUR help! We are seeking volunteers for:

Face Painters on the day of the event

Assistance on our Entertainment sub-committee

Volunteer Coordinator - Excel spreadsheet type work and can be done from home.

Please contact Mary Jo Webb maryjowebb@yahoo.com or Chrisann Penz chrisannpenz@yahoo.com

Passive Fundraising Update

It's easy to support our school through this passive fundraising opportunity:

1. Visit www.sallyfoster.com and shop from over 200 items.
2. Enter our school ID at checkout: **School ID: 10008581**
3. 40% of every dollar spent goes to our school.
4. Make sure to register your student through the 'Seller Section' at www.sallyfoster.com. You can send personalized emails to friends and family to ask for their support. You can also track your sales.



*Note: Items get shipped directly to customers! Free Shipping with \$50 Purchase!
Flat Fee Shipping of \$3.95 for orders under \$50!*

It's simple and fun, the items are delightful, and we really appreciate your support!

Questions, Contact: Ingrid Olsen, olsenclan@mac.com or 425-391-6904

Brown Bear Car Wash



Get a clean car, save \$\$ and earn money for Cascade Ridge PTSA! For every \$5 ticket purchased CRE PTSA earns \$3.50 (normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$6.39). To purchase tickets email Nichole Wengert at nwengert@msn.com and provide the following information:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Your child's teacher
- How many tickets you would like to purchase

Then place a check payable to CRE PTSA (\$5/ticket) in the black PTSA box in the school foyer. Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom within a week of your payment being received. Thanks for supporting our school! Order forms are also available on top of the black PTSA box.

Box Tops & Ink Cartridges



Please remember to deposit Box Tops in the clear box in the school's foyer and ink cartridges in the box in the school foyer. Your contributions really do help support our programs!

Parent Education Opportunities

Teaching Empowerment and Determination,

Thurs. Sept 8th
Cougar Ridge Elementary
7pm.

For more information about these upcoming seminars please link to: <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented>