



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

## Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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**September 15, 2011**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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 16	PTSA First Day Paperwork Due
Sept 27	Vision and Hearing Testing
Sept 29	Math Club Information Night Café 7pm
Oct 6	Student Picture Day/Volunteer Picture Day
Oct 7	Dad's Play Day
Oct 14	Walkathon 3-6pm

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Counselor's Corner**

Since we as a school take bullying very seriously, I make a point of going into every classroom in the first months of school to discuss what bullying is and what it isn't. I want to make sure that students understand that bullying goes beyond classic hitting, physical harm and occasional name calling. Bullying is known to occur when there is a real or perceived imbalance of power between the bully and the victim. This behavior is repeated and done intentionally to make another person feel badly about him or herself.

I believe that parents need to ask their students what they understand about bullying and what steps they have learned in class should they see another student being victimized. Luckily, we generally do not see bullying behavior at our school so I think it is important for all students to differentiate when someone is being occasionally hurtful as opposed to actually doing repeated behavior to elicit harm or emotional distress, which would encompass bullying.

If your child tells you that they are being bullied, it is important that they tell an adult at our school so that we can take the necessary actions to ensure that this behavior stops. It is important that you let your student know that they themselves should not be aggressive or strike back. It is far better that your student learn assertiveness skills. These skills are taught and reinforced as part of my bullying lessons. Lastly, your student needs to understand that they have a basic right to be treated fairly and respectfully by their peers and that adults are here to enforce those guidelines.

Should you have any questions about bullying or concerns about your student, please do not hesitate to contact me at 425 837-5532.

Joan Franklin  
School Counselor

*Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student*

### ***New for 2011-2012 – Pay for Field Trips /Planners/Magazines Online***

Parents now have the opportunity to pay for their students' field trips, planners, and classroom magazine subscriptions online.

It's easy to do, just go to our school website and click on "**Pay Online**" which you will see in the upper right quadrant. This will link you to your Family Access log in screen. Once you log in to your student's profiles you will notice that they may show fees. These are for magazines, planners or recorders that their teachers have chosen to include in their curriculum. From this screen you can also access the "Store" where you can pay for field trips.

***\*Make sure the item you are trying to purchase is for your child's class!***

This service is provided by an outside company and there are some convenience fees attached to providing this service. To avoid fees, you may continue to pay by check.

### ***2011 MSP Scores***

If your student was a 3rd, 4th or 5th grade student last year, their individual MSP assessment results will be available for viewing in Family Access late afternoon, Friday, September 9th. There will also be an individual student report coming home to you via your child sometime next week. Please keep an eye out for the report which will be placed in your child's First Day Packet/Report Card brown envelope. Once you receive the report, it is yours to keep. Please return the brown envelope to school for further use. For last year's 5th graders, your report will be sent home by your child's current middle school.

## **PTSA NEWS**

### ***First Day Packet Paperwork***

Only one more day to complete your First Day Packet information. Friday, September 16th is the last day! Go [online](#) to order your Coyote Wear, yearbook, join the PTSA and volunteer for a committee on the PTSA. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Gross at [grosspam@msn.com](mailto:grosspam@msn.com)

### ***Coyote Wear***

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

### ***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 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee contact: Chrisann Penz [chrisannpenz@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisannpenz@yahoo.com) or Rachel Schnebele [rachelschnebele@comcast.net](mailto:rachelschnebele@comcast.net)

### ***Are you new to the neighborhood?***

Meet the PTSA Welcoming Committee and other new families at our Welcome Coffee on Wednesday, September 21st, from 9-11 am at 26808 SE 14th Court. RSVPs to Pamela Franklin [psfranklin@comcast.net](mailto:psfranklin@comcast.net).

### ***Cowboy Up and mark your calendars, City-Slickers***

Cascade Ridge Wild West Walkathon, October 14, 3-6pm. It's the biggest event of the school year! We'll be doggone sad if you aren't there, partner.

We are still in need of a Volunteer Coordinator to join the Walkathon Committee. Please contact Mary Jo Webb [maryjowebb@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjowebb@yahoo.com) or Chrisann Penz [chrisannpenz@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisannpenz@yahoo.com)

### ***Passive Fundraising Update***

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

1. Visit [www.sallyfoster.com](http://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](http://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](mailto:olsenclan@mac.com) or 425-391-6904

### ***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!



### **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](mailto: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.