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Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Oct 28	Reflections submissions due
Nov 4	Dad's Play Day
Nov 10	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School for Students or Staff
Nov 15th/17th/18th	Geography Bee
Nov 23	End of 1st Trimester-Report Cards go home
Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday-No School For Students or Staff
Nov 30	Elementary Conferences - No school for students
Dec 1	Elementary Conferences - No school for students
Dec 2	Dad's Play Day
Dec 7-9	Book Fair-Wed. 1-7pm/Thurs. 3-7pm/Fri. 5-7pm

A NOTE FROM NATALIE

In case you haven't already heard the great news, Cascade Ridge has recently been named a 2011 School of Distinction! Outstanding improvement in student achievement led to this special honor from The Center for Educational Effectiveness (CEE), the Association of Educational Service Districts (AESD), the Association of Washington School Principals (AWSP), Phi Delta Kappa-Washington Chapter (PDK-WA), Washington Association of School Administrators (WASA), Washington State ASCD and Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA).

Ninety-eight Washington schools, 53 of those schools being elementary schools, earned status as a School of Distinction for dramatic increases in Reading and Math for 2011. To earn School of Distinction status, schools must be performing at least at the state average in each grade level measured in their school (3rd through 8th and 10th grade) on Reading and Math assessments as measured in the spring 2011 Measures of Student Progress and High School Proficiency exams. Schools meeting this requirement were then evaluated on combined Reading and Math improvement over the last 5 years. The top five percent of the elementary schools, middle/junior high schools, high schools and alternative schools are then designated as Schools of Distinction.

If you would like more information about the Schools of Distinction program, please visit:
<http://www.effectiveness.org>

With MSP scores already well above the state average, to still be able to show improvement speaks volumes for the quality of instruction our teachers provide and the strong community support our students receive every day.

Cascade Ridge isn't just a good school - it is a great school! Congratulations!

Natalie Wyowek

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

DISTRICT NEWS

Friday October 28 is Click for Kids Day, Part 2!

If you have not yet joined the Issaquah Schools Foundation's *All in for Kids* Annual Fund Campaign, Friday is the day to do so. [Make your donation online](#) to say "YES" to elevating education for our students. Whether you can give \$60 (just \$5 a month) or \$600—our kids need you. Your gift will make a difference to every child, in every classroom, at every school ([discover what your donation will support](#)).

High School Schedule Committee:

The High School Schedule Committee continues to look closely at the precious resource of class time in an effort to design a common schedule for all District high schools. We do not yet know what such a schedule will look like, but the goal is to better share resources, consolidate professional support for staff, and capitalize on [our learning about optimal student experiences](#) from the last three years. [Keep up to date and offer input via the committee's webpage](#). Community members are welcome to observe and provide written comments at each meeting.

SCHOOL NEWS

Come Celebrate Veterans Day With Us

Please invite a veteran to our assembly. Uniforms are not necessary, but we would love to see them! We plan to have students sing the songs from the branches of service. It would make it extra special to have lots of veterans here, to stand during their song, and for students to honor them. Please help us find and invite veterans who are able to attend our assembly November 9th, 2011 at 9 A.M.

2011 Holiday Program to help families in need

There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, necessities, please contact your school nurse ASAP to obtain information on the **Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program**. **New this year is that families will register online beginning October 25th at the website www.issaquahfoodbank.org.**

There will be instructions to register and the last day will be November 23rd. Families will still need to pick up a letter at their child's school that says they attend school in the Issaquah School District! The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact your school nurse before the end of October. School PTSA's desiring to participate in a "Caring through Sharing" program will receive their families to sponsor through the Issaquah Food Bank.

School Needs

Safety Patrol has had one of their wagons stolen; if you know of it's whereabouts please let the office know at 425-837-5500. If you have a wagon you no longer need and wish to donate, our safety patrol would be very thankful.

4th Grade needs 2-liter bottles, and lots of them! If you have any empty, CLEAN, 2-liter bottles that you can donate, please send them in to Ms. Montgomery, Mrs. Fritsch or Mrs. Springborn, Thanks for your help!