



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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November 03, 2011

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
Dec 9	Fine Arts & Teriyaki Dinner 6-8pm
Dec 15	Chorus/Marimba Concert 6:30pm
Dec 19-Jan 02	First Winter Break
Jan 03	Back to School

A NOTE FROM NATALIE

Dear Parents,

This year for parent conferences, we are moving to online signups. We are hoping that this is a more convenient system for you to choose the time that works best for your family. Teachers will be sending out an email to parents on Monday, November 7th between 3:00 and 4:30pm which will provide you the link to online signups. If you have multiple students at Cascade Ridge, you will need to visit each classroom signup site, choose a time, and coordinate through your sign up choice the multiple conferences you will attend.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding parent conferences, please contact your child's teacher.

Natalie Wjowlek

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

SCHOOL NEWS

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.

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.

DISTRICT NEWS

VOICE Mentor Program(Volunteers Of Issaquah Changing Education)

VOICE is Thankful for all our mentors and wishful for more!!

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. ***Our volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and "get more than they give." We strive to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued.***

Placements are made based on the mentors' interests, location preference and time availability. Whether a mentor's passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, we have a place for you in Issaquah schools. **Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor. We welcome high school students who wish to mentor at the elementary level.**

For further information contact:

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In Cooperation with the Issaquah School District

Special Education Parent Information Nights - 6:30 - 7:30 pm

- 11/17/2011 Creekside Library
- 12/5/2011 Grand Ridge Library
- 12/12/2011 Issaquah Valley Library
- 1/12/12 Apollo Library

PTSA NEWS

Parent Education Opportunities

Issaquah Special Needs Group Presents:

Helping the Behaviorally Challenging Child - Intro

Nov 8th, 7-8:30 pm

Clark Elementary Library

Questions, contact Roseann Popa info@issaquahspecialneedsgroup.org

Foursquare Fatherhood Presents:

Building The Relationships That Matter Most

Nov 16th, 7-8:30pm

Grand Ridge Elementary Commons

Questions, contact Cindy Tefft Tefftfamily@gmail.com

POPCORN FRIDAY IS THIS FRIDAY!

Don't forget to bring your quarter Friday November 4th, 2011. Popcorn will be available for purchase during last recess. Quantities limited to one bag each and must be eaten outside at recess.