



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 16th/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

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.

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!

Going On Vacation?

Be sure to visit our website at www.cascaderidge.issaquah.wednet.edu, click on the "Going on Vacation" link to report your child's absence.

DISTRICT NEWS

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

It's time for "All in for Kids" - Issaquah Schools Foundation Annual Fund Campaign

Thanks to all of our parents who have heeded the 'All in for Kids' rally cry and donated to the Foundation's **Annual Fund Campaign**. We've heard that our elementary parents are well represented on the donor lists. If you have not yet made your **All in for Kids** donation don't worry. A high school student will contact you on Wednesday, November 16, Thursday, November 17 or Saturday morning, November 19. Many students will call from cell phones. Please be on the lookout for calls with a 425 area code and 591 or 518 prefix. Your donation will keep the Foundation's ongoing programs alive and support the purchase of new reading materials for our students.

[Click Here](#) to read an Issaquah Press article on **All in for Kids**

PTSA NEWS

2011-2012 Student Directories Are Here!

This year's student directories were distributed through classes this week. If you joined the PTSA or ordered one via the PTSA website in the first day packet, but did not receive it, please contact Krystl McCandlish at krystlm@hotmail.com



PTSA's Fine Arts Night and Dinner

Who are the artists in your neighborhood? Come join us and find out at "A Starry Night at Cascade Ridge," **PTSA's Fine Arts Night and Dinner, Friday, December 9th from 6:00-8:00pm.** You and your family can watch local artists in action, make your own masterpiece at an art station, wander the halls and see your child's artwork on display, take part in our very special Live Community Art Project, and enter the free drawing to win a year's membership to the Bellevue Art Museum! Yoko's Teriyaki is again providing dinner, which will be served in the Coyote Cafe. Each meal includes teriyaki chicken, rice, vegetables, two pot stickers, and a bottle of water. A vegetarian option is also available. If you would like dinner, we are taking pre-orders only, which must be placed by Tuesday, December 6th. Go to <https://cascaderidge.ourschoolpages.com/Packet/FineArtsNight/SignInPacketPage/0> and place your order now! Questions? Contact Jackie Mueller at Jackie.mueller1@comcast.net, Alesia Romero at adegwitz@gmail.com or Suzanne Dell'Orfano at dellorfanofamily@msn.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!



Caring Thru Sharing

The annual Caring Through Sharing program will be kicking off on November 28th! This is a great time of year for all Cascade Ridge families – a time when we get to make a difference for many families less fortunate than us. We are supporting the Issaquah Food Bank this year and they are inundated with requests. Our program is undergoing some changes this year with Caring Through Sharing moving to our school lobby in a wonderful winter wonderland display created by Betsy Matias. Families are invited to come in to the school, beginning November 28th, and select gifts to provide for needy families. We will have one week of gift tag selection, November 28th – December 2nd. We will then have one week to return the gifts to the school, December 5th – December 9th. This is a real quick turnaround, so we invite you to gather your gift tags as early as possible. We will be sending flyers home with the kids on our kick-off day and more information will be made available through the Coyote Connection. We look forward to celebrating this great event with you. Stay tuned – this is going to be our best year ever!

Interested in volunteering or have questions? Contact Erin Rooney at roon888@msn.com

Fundraising



Sally Foster Gifts and Gift Wrap orders provide a quick and easy way to buy and beautifully wrap gifts for the holidays! Order by November 24th to receive your order by Christmas. 40% of your purchase goes back to CRE! Visit www.sallyfoster.com and click on "Support a Fundraiser" when placing your order.



Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets make great stocking stuffers! The tickets are good until October 2012, and cost \$5.00 each. Our school earns \$3.50 for each ticket sold! Please e-mail Lora Wendl at lora.wendl@gmail.com to place an order or for more information.



With the holidays comes a lot of baking and cooking, so don't forget to clip those **Box Tops for Education** and **(Campbell's) Labels for Education UPC's!** This is such an easy way to earn money and supplies for our school! Visit www.btfe.com for more information on Box Tops for Education and www.labelsforeducation.com from more information on Labels for Education.

Thanks for your support!