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## Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 7-9	Book Fair-Wed. 1-7pm/Thurs. 3-6pm/Fri. 3-7pm
Dec 9	Fine Arts & Teriyaki Dinner 6-8pm
Dec 13	Featured School on KOMO's Schoolcast 6:30-7:00am
Dec 15	Chorus/Marimba Concert 6:30pm
Dec 16	Crazy Hair Day
Dec 19-Jan 02	First Winter Break
Jan 3	Back to School
Jan 6	Dad's Play Day
Jan 9	Site Council 6:00pm
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Day - No School
Jan 26	PTSA General Membership Meeting 8:30-10:30am

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### **Cascade Ridge will be on KOMO-4**

Our school has been chosen for KOMO-4's Schoolcast segment. Look for us to be on the morning news Tuesday December 13<sup>th</sup> between 6:30 – 7:00am. KOMO's meteorologist, Paul Deanno will be making a forecast specifically for our school. How exciting!!

#### **Student Drop Off**

It has been observed by our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Safety Patrol that some cars are dropping students off in the lower entrance to the school known as the bus loop in the mornings. Please observe and follow our sign that states "Do Not Enter Buses Only 8:00am-4:00pm".

#### **School Needs**

**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](http://www.cascaderidge.issaquah.wednet.edu), click on the "Going on Vacation" link to report your child's absence.

*Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student*

## DISTRICT NEWS

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

- 12/12/2011 Issaquah Valley Library
- 1/12/12 Apollo Library

### VOICE Mentor Program (Volunteers Of Issaquah Changing Education)

#### Give the Gift of Time!!

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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## PTSA NEWS



### Family Fun at Fine Arts Night!

Join us this Friday, December 9th for "A Starry Night at Cascade Ridge," **the PTSA's Fine Arts Night and Dinner, from 6 to 8 P.M.!** You and your family can watch local artists in action, make your own masterpiece at an art station, see student artwork on display, view this year's Reflections entries, take part in our fun and interactive Community Art Project, and enter the free drawing to win a year's membership to the Bellevue Art Museum!

Questions? Contact Jackie Mueller at [jackie.mueller1@comcast.net](mailto:jackie.mueller1@comcast.net), Alesia Romero [adegwitz@gmail.com](mailto:adegwitz@gmail.com) or Suzanne Dell'Orfano [dellorfanofamily@msn.com](mailto:dellorfanofamily@msn.com). We look forward to seeing you there!

## Caring Through Sharing

Thank you Cascade Ridge students and parents for your contributions to our Caring Through Sharing program this year. Many holidays will be brighter for local families because of your thoughtfulness -- especially given the continued tough economic climate! If you haven't already, please remember to return your wrapped gifts to the school by the end of the day tomorrow (12/9) so that we can ensure delivery to the Issaquah Food Bank.

Thank you so much!

## Congratulations First Lego League!

Congratulations to our two First Lego League teams for representing Cascade Ridge in the First Lego League Regional competition last weekend. Even though our two teams started over a month later than other local teams, "Team Bacteria Busters" tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> place out of 29 teams in the robot competition! This is a HUGE achievement given that they competed against middle school teams (our team outscored all three local middle schools). Go Cascade Ridge!!

## FINDING KIND-The Documentary

Two free public showings of the documentary "Finding Kind" with post film discussion facilitated by makers of the film – Lauren Parsekian and Molly Thompson.

January 31<sup>th</sup> Skyline High School 6:30 PM

February 1<sup>st</sup> at Issaquah High School 6:30 PM

For more info: <http://www.kindcampaign.com/about/>

## Passive Fundraising:



### Box Tops for Education

Thank you to all of you who have been clipping and turning in those Box Tops! Each Box Top turned in to us earns our school \$.10! **Congratulations to the November Box Top raffle winner, Allison Patillo and her family!** They will receive a Brown Bear Car Wash ticket and a free popcorn on the next Popcorn Friday!



### Labels for Education

Don't forget to bring in those **Campbell's Labels for Education proof of purchases** you've been saving. Help Cascade Ridge buy tools for our kids' education. There are many products that carry these labels (not just Campbell's Soup!) so keep looking.

## **eLabels for Education**

You can also earn more points for Cascade Ridge electronically by enrolling your shoppers card online with the stores where you shop, including QFC, Fred Meyer, Albertsons and Safeway. Once you have registered online, when you go through the checkout it automatically gives Cascade Ridge points for the qualifying items that you buy. You can earn more points by clipping the same labels and turning them in to school!

Register today at this website: [http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells\\_eLabels/Page/HomePage](http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage)

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