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Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb 10	Class/Group Picture Day
Feb 13	Kindergarten New Parent Info Night 6:30pm
Feb 16	4th Grade Concert 6:30pm
Feb 20	President's Day - No School
Feb 21-24	Second Winter Break - No School
March 2	Dad's Play Day
March 5-7	Spelling Bee
March 5	Site Council 6:00pm
March 7	Kindergarten Round-Up 2-6pm
March 8	Kindergarten Round-Up 10-3pm

DISTRICT NEWS

Community safety alert

At about 2:40 p.m. today, a fifth-grader was walking home from Discovery Elementary when a truck approached him on Southeast 20th Street just west of 228th Avenue Southeast on the Sammamish Plateau. The two men inside waved to the student, pulled over, and motioned for the student to come closer; when the student walked away, the truck began to follow until the driver saw the student pull out his cell phone to call his mom. The student immediately returned to school and informed staff. The student describes the vehicle as an off-white landscaping truck with a tool rack with shovels and rakes in the back. He describes the two men inside as about 30 years old, fair skinned/Caucasian, with no facial hair. The passenger was reportedly wearing a plaid shirt. Police ask that if you have any information about this incident, call 206-296-3311 (reference report 12-031933). Please take this opportunity to remind your student of these important safety tips:

- Never talk to a stranger
- Never let a stranger get too close, whether the stranger is in a car or walking
- Never tell a stranger any personal information, such as name, age, or address
- Try to walk in pairs with a friend or an adult
- Stick to safe, well-lit paths when walking
- Do not obstruct hearing with iPods or portable music players when walking or waiting outside
- If a stranger tries to grab you, yell as loudly as you can and run away
- Immediately alert an adult if you are approached by a suspicious person

Thank you for your help keeping our students and community safe!

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student



Community Conversations Film Series-Race to Nowhere

Race to Nowhere, the award-winning documentary that examines the high stakes, high pressure environment that has invaded our children's lives is the offering of **Community Conversations**--a film series featuring documentaries that focus on critical educational topics sponsored by IEA, ISF, ISD and PTSA. The screening will be followed by a post-film panel during which audience members can discuss their reactions with a panel of students, teachers, parents and principals.

Race to Nowhere will be shown on **March 1** at the **Issaquah High School Performing Arts Center**. We recommend you buy your ticket in advance. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door at 5:30. Doors open at 6:00. The movie is from 6:30-8:00 with the panel discussion from 8:00 – 9:00. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door and can be purchased at <http://rtnissaquahhs.eventbrite.com>. Space is limited.

The Issaquah Food Services is Hiring!

The ISD Food Services department is searching for reliable substitutes interested in working during school day. Typical shift times are between 9:00am and 1:00pm. If you are interested in working in a fun, fast paced environment, please contact Peggy Merrill in the Food Service office at (425) 837-5060.

SCHOOL NEWS

Our New School Calendar

Due to the make up of snow days our school calendar has changed. To view our new school calendar go to: www.issaquah.wednet.edu/socuments/calendar/2011-12SchoolCalendar.pdf

Class and Extra Curricular Picture Day

New Date: Friday February 10.

Kindergarten Registration

Please visit the Issaquah School District website for information regarding Kindergarten Registration for the 2012-2013 School Year.

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/roundup.aspx>

Kindergarten New Parent Night is 6:30-7:30pm in the Library on Monday February 13.

5th Grade Sampler Day and Night at BLMS

This is an exciting day for 5th Grade Students and evening for parents who are entering BLMS next year. Please mark your calendars for **Monday March 19 from 6:30-8:00pm**. More information will follow after mid winter break.

Health Room Needs

The health room is getting a lot of students coming in needing a change of pants due to slipping in the mud trying to get to line up on time. Because of this the health room is out of small girl pants completely and very low on boys pants. We ask that if your student has borrowed clothing from the health room that you return it washed to us. If you have extra girl or boy pants that you wish to donate that would be greatly appreciated.

We also ask that you talk with your student about staying on our paved walkways and avoiding the muddy hill while walking to line up. This is safer and cleaner for everybody.

PTSA NEWS

PTSA Hospitality Committee

We had so much fun, let's do it again! The new **PTSA Hospitality Committee** has hosted two "Welcome!" events and a great time was had by all. If you are new to our community, **OR** if you have been around a while but would like to join us for a warm greeting, friendly chat, and a cup of "Market Spice Tea," please mark your calendar for our next "Welcome!" event, Wednesday, February 15, 9am –11am at Jaycee Cooper's home at 2013-265th Ave SE. Please let us know you will join us with an RSVP to Pamela Franklin at psfranklin@comcast.net.

Calling All Spellers!

The 2nd Annual Cascade Ridge S-P-E-L-L-I-N-G B-E-E is here! Last year's contest was amazing, and this year's promises to be even bigger and better! So mark your calendars for March 5-8. Students take turns on stage showing off their spelling abilities, starting off with easy words and gradually getting harder with each successive round. Students participate only within their own grade level, and every student walks away with a certificate. Visit <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/SpellingBee/Home.html> for more info, and to register online!

Parent Education:

Helping the Behaviorally Challenging Child, by Sara Sanders Gardner

If you are a parent or teacher of a child for whom sticker charts, rewards and other behavior programs just don't seem to work, or your child gets frustrated and melts down or simply puts on the brakes, this class is for you!

This class series teaches parents, caregivers and educators to understand and communicate with children in order to solve behavioral problems and build skills including flexibility, frustration tolerance and problem-solving.

Date: March 7 - April 4 (five Wednesdays)

Time: 7 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Place: Clark Elementary School Library

Register by March 2nd: Roseann Popa at info@issaquahspecialneeds.org

The Brain Compatible Parenting Series, "Solutions for Parenting Well in Our Digital World, by Rosamond Vaughan

This four part series will examine what recent research says about brain development. You will gain new concepts, skills, and strategies to help guide your daily parenting decisions. With this training you'll be able to make a positive difference in the lives of your children.

Date: Feb 27th, March 5, 12, & 19th

Time: 7 – 8:30pm

Place: Maple Hills Elementary