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Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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
March 8-22nd	COGAT Testing
March 19	5th Grade Visitation/Parent Night at Middle School
March 20	2nd Grade Concert 6:30pm
March 29	Science Fair 6-8pm

DISTRICT NEWS



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.

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

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

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.

PTSA NEWS

Good Luck Destination ImagiNation Teams!

Best of luck to our six Cascade Ridge D.I. teams as they compete against other local teams at the Regional Destination ImagiNation competition on March 3. Winners will proceed to the state competition in Wenatchee. The teams and students representing C.R. are as listed below. **Go Cascade Ridge!**

- Lightning Bolts: *Brandon Sellie, Jac Chambers, Aidan Pong, Vikranth Mandadi and Pavan Kotti*
- Coyotes: *Maya Asad, Albert Weng, Audrey Rodman, Caleb Bartholomae, Ella McNees, Himaja Kotti & Makena Daggett*
- The A Team: *Jakob Kubicki, Joe Spaniac, Kody Lukens, Luke Boyer & Arya Selvam*
- Crazy Green Monkeys: *Kate Selbig, Anika Ajwani, Irene Kim, Megah Pingili, Saamiya Alam, Sarah Maginnis & Zoe Meyers*
- SUPERCRE8ORS: *Rishi Biswas, Ethan Bradley, Jack Dail, Rithvik Tirumala, Sean Stek & Susheel Cheeti*
- They Who Must Not Be Named: *Rohan Vaidya, Amon Kawarjit, Matt Freeman, Nic Chambers & Sara DiMeco*



Spelling Bee

Can you spell F-U-N? All Cascade Ridge students are invited to participate in the school Spelling Bee on March 5-8. Registration deadline is March 1, so don't forget to sign up soon! For details, registration, and practice word lists, visit <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Page/SpellingBee/Home.html>. You don't have to be a superstar speller in order to join in the fun. Students will participate with other spellers from their own grade level, and everyone walks away with a friendly round of applause and a certificate. Last year we had over 120 participants, and we're hoping to double it this year! Questions? Contact Rajeev Goel at spellingbee@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

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Read for My School!

Is an exciting new reading program offered by The Pearson Foundation. Starting February 14, you and other online readers will have the chance to earn free books for Cascade Ridge. For more information visit www.wegivebooks.org/readformyschool and click on the large orange button at the top that reads "Sign Up Now." Be sure to enter "Cascade Ridge Elementary" on the campaign sign-up form so we can track the number of books our school earns. Then, choose a book and read. It's that easy.

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 January Box Top raffle winner, Anjali Goel 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

Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets

Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets are still for sale for \$5.00 each. Buying a car wash ticket saves you money on your car wash, and earns our school \$3.50! If you would like to purchase tickets, please e-mail me at lora.wendl@gmail.com with your name, the number of tickets you would like, your child's name and your child's teacher's name. Drop off a check made out to CRE-PTSA in the black PTSA box in the school lobby, and I'll get the tickets in to your child's teacher within a week.

Thanks for your support!

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@issaquahspecialneedsgroup.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

Creating a Whole and Healthy Family, by Bill Dean

This is for parents who are concerned about their kids who may be struggling, or who just want to find out how to assist their children as they begin to traverse the treacherous terrain of adolescence

If you are a parent of a pre-teen, teen or adult child who is:

Acting differently,

Showing signs of defiance, anger and/or violence,

Is addicted to drugs, video/computer games, sex or other behaviors,

Has falling grades,

Is under abnormal stress,

Or is simply making or starting to make poor choices;

Then This Is For You!

Date/Time: February 23rd, 7-9 pm -or- February 24th, 11:30am-1:30pm

Place: Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church