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Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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March 1, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 2	Dad's Play Day
March 5-8	Spelling Bee
March 5	Mixed Bag PTSA Fundraiser Kick Off
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 14	Altered Release Time Due to High School Testing
March 16	Mixed Bags Order Due
March 19	5th Grade Visitation/Parent Night at Middle School
March 20	2nd Grade Concert 6:30pm
March 21	Science Tech Informational Meeting for 3rd Grade Parents 6-7pm
March 29	Science Fair 6-8pm

DISTRICT NEWS

Science and Technology Magnet Programs

The Issaquah School District offers three [Science and Technology Magnet Programs](#), serving 4th and 5th grade students in unique multi-age classrooms. Each magnet serves 50+ students in a two-year program. Each program covers all standard 4/5 district adopted curriculum, with an added emphasis on science and technology. Grade specific math instruction is provided.

Magnet programs are located at Briarwood, Clark, and Cascade Ridge Elementary schools, with each program fully integrated into the home school.

Families interested in enrolling their student in this program must attend a [mandatory informational meeting](#)—*unless they have previously had a student enrolled in this program.*

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

.Summer school registration is now open for elementary school students.

- *Elementary Summer School* is for current kindergarten through fifth graders who would like to get a jump-start on next year's learning. The program also provides remedial assistance over the summer. Classes are held on weekdays from July 9 to August 3, 9AM to 12 PM, at [Clark Elementary School](#). Tuition is \$385 and applications are available in your school office or on the [District website](#).
- *Summer Computer Camp* is for current fourth and fifth graders. Students will learn how to use a camera, how to film correctly, and how to transfer video into the computer. They will learn the fundamentals of video production and editing and how to use still pictures and video to make a movie. Their final project will be to produce a DVD. Summer Computer Camp runs weekdays from July 16 to July 27, 9:30 to 11:30, at [Clark Elementary School](#). Tuition for this two-week program is \$250 and applications are available in your school office or on the [District website](#).

SCHOOL NEWS

Wednesday March 14 - Altered Dismissal Times

To comply with mandatory state testing requirements, Issaquah School District must change the school day schedules for students in all grades on Wednesday, March 14 during the High School Proficiency Exam (HSPE) testing window. Please note these changes for this one day only!!

- AM Kindergarten Start Time is 8:30AM
 Dismissal Time is 10:30AM
- FDK and Grades 1-5 Start Time 8:30AM
 Dismissal Time is 12:55PM

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>

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.

eReaders Permission and Liability Form

Attached is our new revised permission and liability form that we will need to have filled out and on file in your student's classroom prior to them bringing any electronic reading device to school. This includes Kindle, Nook and iPad.

eReaders Permission and Liability Form

My son/daughter has permission to bring his/her electronic reading device to school (ex. Kindle/Nook/iPad). I understand if for some reason damage/theft occurs to the electronic device, Cascade Ridge Elementary is not to be held responsible. In addition, my child's electronic device is to be used solely for reading of books or other teacher approved academic activities. My student will not access the internet with their electronic device for any purpose unless approved by their teacher for other academic purposes. If my student does not adhere to this policy, the electronic device will be given to the office and I can pick it up at the end of the school day. By sending this electronic device to school with my child, I am assuming this risk and responsibility.

(It is at the discretion of my child's teacher to permit such electronic devices in their classroom.)

Student Name _____

Parent Name _____

Parent Signature _____

PTSA NEWS



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 today! 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.



Yearbook Reminder

Time is running out! If you haven't already ordered your yearbook, order one today at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/packet/yearbook>. Not sure if you've already placed your order? Visit your "my account" page <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/account> and look under the **Orders** section. Questions, contact Monica Futtly at mfuttly@hotmail.com or Melanie Carbon at melcarbon24@yahoo.com

Fundraising



Mixed Bags Are Back!

Our Spring PTSA Fundraiser kicks off on March 5th. Mixed Bags offer innovative, exclusive products with a great sense of design and style. Their products are green, affordable, colorful and adorable. This is an excellent opportunity to earn money for our school!

Check out all the new styles and colors in the catalog and come see the display in the school foyer outside the office! Order forms are due by Friday, March 16th. Questions? Contact Erinn Chapman at erinnandheath@comcast.net

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 Ed:

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