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Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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March 22, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 29	Science Fair 6-8pm
March 30	Birthday Cupcakes for March
April 2	Site Council 6:00pm
April 5	5th Grade Concert 6:30pm
April 6	Dad's Play Day
April 9-13	Spring Break—No School
April 19	PTSA General Membership & Coffee with Principal 8:30am
April 26-27	Talent Show 6:00pm
April 27	Birthday Cupcakes
May 1	3rd Grade Concert 6:30pm
May 4	Dad's Play Day
May 7	Site Council 6:00pm
May 15	Camp Chaperone Meeting 6:00pm
May 17	PTSA General Membership Meeting 7:00pm

DISTRICT NEWS

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](#).

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student



GET Information Seminar

Tuesday, April 3, 2012

7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sunset Elementary School

4229 W. Lake Sammamish Pkwy. SE, Bellevue 98008

Hosted by Sunset PTA

Learn more about saving for college through **Washington's Guaranteed Education Tuition (GET) Program**. If you want to ask questions, understand how the program works, or simply find out how it can help your family save for a college education ... plan on attending this seminar. Enrollment materials will be available. GET enrollment is open until May 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please email GETOutreach@hecb.wa.gov or call 1-800-955-2318.



Washington State's
529 Prepaid College
Tuition Program



PTSA NEWS

Yearbook Reminder

Time is running out! **The last day to order is March 30th!** 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 Futti at mfutti@hotmail.com or Melanie Carbon at melcarbon24@yahoo.com

New J.A.M Program

We are excited to announce a new program offering at Cascade Ridge based on a popular BBC program in the UK. The program is called Just A Minute, or J.A.M and focuses on public speaking and communication in a fun, friendly environment. There is no preparation or outside work required for the program. It is just a fun way for students to build their oral presentation skills in a game show type format!

The program is open to 4th and 5th graders this year and J.A.M sessions will take place in the morning (either Tues, Wed, Thurs or Fri) before school in one of the portables. The day will be based on the availability of the majority of interested students. **Sign up at:** <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/packet/jam>. Be sure to specify which mornings you are available!

Questions about the program can be directed to program chair Shirish Vaidya at: jam@cascaderidgeptsa.org.

Got Talent?

So you think you have what it takes to be on the next ***American Idol*** or do ***You Think You Can Dance?*** Well, practice makes perfect so Get Ready to Shine at Cascade Ridge's first ever **Talent Show**. All acts welcomed - Individual or Group performances – Students and Staff. For more information visit the PTSA website. [Register](#) by April 6th.

Eager Reader 2012

Mark your calendars.....This year's Eager Reader program **open to all Cascade Ridge students** will run from March 31st through April 26th and we are aiming for 100% participation. This year's program promises to be better than ever with individual incentives, fun grade level contests and the ever popular student/staff challenge! Oh, and of course, one (or more?) lucky student(s) will win an Amazon Kindle!
New to the Eager Reader program? Don't worry...all of the details are coming soon.

Way to Go D.I. Teams!

Congratulations to the students and coaches of the six D.I. teams that represented Cascade Ridge at the Regional tournament. The Coyotes, Lightning Bolts, Crazy Crimson Pandas and SUPERCRE8ORS all had great showings. The 5th grade A Team took 4th place in their group out of 11 teams. The other 5th grade team, They Who Must Not Be Named, took 3rd place and won a Renaissance award for outstanding skill in the areas of engineering, design or performance. Way to go everyone and best of luck to the Crazy Crimson Pandas who agreed to represent the entire region at the State competition coming up soon.

PARENT ED

Eastside Summer Options Fair: recreational and academic resources for children and young adults with disabilities - Friday, March 23rd from 7 to 8:30 pm at Sunset Elementary School MPR. This informational fair is a free event intended for parents, but children are welcome as long as parents maintain supervision. We will have a representative available from over 20 local organizations providing information for summer opportunities for all ages (preschool through adulthood) and all levels of ability. For more information, please contact Roseann Popa or Becky Gordon at info@IssaquahSpecialNeedsGroup.org

“BECOMING A LOVE AND LOGIC PARENT”

7 Week Series: Mondays, March 26—May 21

Cost: \$80/family

Cascade Ridge Elementary Library

Questions, Contact: Madelyn@healthyhappyfamilies.net

FUNDRAISING

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!

Box Tops for Education

Thanks 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 February Box Top raffle winner, Maya Joe-Monday 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.

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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: http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage