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Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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April 19, 2012

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 19	PTSA General Membership & Coffee with Principal 8:30am
April 24	Caring Coyote Meeting 3:00pm
April 26-27	Talent Show 6:00pm
April 27	Birthday Cupcakes
Apr 30-May 31	MSP Testing
May 4	Dad's Play Day
May 7	Site Council 6:00pm (Guest Speaker—Patrick Murphy)
May 15	Camp Chaperone Meeting 6:00pm
May 17	3rd Grade Concert 6:00pm
May 17	PTSA General Membership Meeting 7:00pm
May 23	Chorus/Marimba Concert 6:30pm
May 28	Memorial Day—No School For Students
May 30-June 1	5th Grade Camp
June 1	Dad's Play Day
June 6	1st Grade Concert 6:30pm

DISTRICT NEWS

Our Bond Passed

Thank you to everyone who voted in the April 17 election. [As of the initial results, the district's maintenance and construction bond is passing by 69.17 percent](#), and the Capital Projects team is already starting to plan the schedule and logistics of the projects.

Whooping Cough

The state Department of Health this month announced that the [number of cases of whooping cough \(or pertussis\) has grown significantly this year](#). In the Issaquah School District, nurses report seeing no similar pattern of escalation although there has recently been one confirmed case. This is a good reminder that the disease is always present in our county and communities, and for everyone to be extra cautious and follow best medical advice: Cover your cough, Stay at home when you're sick, and *get a whooping cough vaccine or booster*. [More information is on the King County/Seattle Public Health site](#).

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

Flash & HIV / AIDS Curriculum Information Sessions for Grade 5

Briarwood, Cascade Ridge, Clark, Cougar Ridge, Endeavour, Grand Ridge, Issaquah Valley and Maple Hills Only

Thursday April 19 at 6:00 PM

Saturday April 21 at 9:00 AM

Issaquah Valley Elementary Multi Purpose Room

Notice of the sessions will be posted in the April 11 and 18 editions of the Issaquah Press. Parent Reviews for all other Elementary Schools were held in January.

Community Safety Alert

Last week a student was walking on Klahanie Boulevard near 256th when an SUV approached him. The man inside asked the student through the passenger window if he wanted a ride. When the student refused, the man said "Get in the car!" and continued to follow him as he walked away. The student reported that the car sped ahead of him and when he turned the corner onto S.E. 37th Way, the vehicle was parked on the side of the street facing him and the man was out of the car. The student walked into a condo complex, waited until the man left in the car, and walked home. The student describes the car as a medium blue SUV. He describes the man inside as 60-70 years old with white hair, balding in front. If you have any information about this incident, call the King County Sheriff's office at (206) 296-3333.

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!

SCHOOL NEWS

Cascade Ridge Elementary Student Placement Process

Please see attached information from Natalie Fowler or go to our website www.cascaderidge.issaquah.wednet.edu.

Cascade Ridge Elementary Student Placement Process

April 5, 2012

Our staff takes the task of placement very seriously. We assure you that each grade level team (with assistance of specialists, guidance team, etc.) takes much time, effort and care in developing class rosters that result in offering all children a quality educational experience. Following are factors that are taken into consideration as class rosters are developed:

- the program needs of the child
- a balance of academic achievement levels
- behavior factors regarding each student
- social needs and the compatibility of students with others in the classroom (i.e., separating students who have not worked well together in the past)
- independent work habits and leadership skills
information provided by the teacher

Once balanced rosters are created and staffing is finalized, teachers will be assigned.

As parents you may have pertinent information about your child that you would like considered in the placement process. Examples of information staff find helpful are: "Please separate my twins, Sally and Suzie," or "Please do not place my son Joey in the same class as Fred as we are neighbors and they are together all the time," or "My child has only been in the United States one month and needs ELL support".

Examples of comments that we all agree upon are: "We want a warm, nurturing, caring environment for our child," "We want our child challenged," "We want our child in a structured classroom". We take these comments as a given; it is each teachers' responsibility to provide a nurturing, challenging, safe environment for every student. The task for the current year teachers is to develop balanced classrooms based on the knowledge they have about the students, not the teachers at the next grade level.

If you choose to provide specific information regarding your child that the teacher does not have or may be unaware of, please provide a written letter in a sealed envelope (**no e-mail will be accepted**) addressed to the Principal. Letters may be mailed to the address below or delivered to the office by parents. **WRITTEN LETTERS ARE DUE BY FRIDAY APRIL 27TH, 2012.** *Please note we do not accept letters that specify individual teachers by gender, experience level, or name.*

Thank you in advance for your understanding and support of this process and be assured we will do all we can to insure thoughtful placement of each child.

Natalie Fowler, Principal
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PTSA NEWS

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

Our annual PTSA Community Survey is ready to collect your thoughts and ideas. This is your chance to provide feedback to the PTSA regarding all that we do and how you think we should prioritize our activities for the coming year. It is crucial that we hear from you so we can continue to provide appropriate support to our children and our school according to what our membership considers valuable and most important.

Please take just a few minutes to complete the quick, simple, and anonymous online survey. The results from the survey are used to help develop the budget for the next year and we need this information from you. Click this link-- <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/cascaderidgeptsa>--before Wed, May 2nd and talk to us!

Thank you for taking the time to make Cascade Ridge a great school! Any questions or concerns? Please send them directly to Deanne King, PTSA President at deannewking@live.com

We Want YOU! The PTSA is asking for your help

What's not to love about Cascade Ridge? It's true, we belong to an amazing school community, with much credit going to you, the members of PTSA.

How can you insure CRE's outstanding programs, teacher grants, events and educational enrichment opportunities remain strong?

You can volunteer to help organize the 2012 Fall Fundraiser and Walkathon! The Fall Fundraiser, held each October, is critical to the strength of our school. Reach your inner project manager, your inner creative genius, your simple desire to bring our community together for a great family-focused event which benefits YOUR student!

Please Join the Walkathon and Fall Fundraiser Committee. There is a job waiting for you and there is no better time than now!

Contact: Nichole Wengert nwengert@msn.com or Ingrid Olsen olsenclan@mac.com today.



Eager Reader Update

Two weeks into Eager Reader, C.R. students have read an astonishing **245,931 minutes!** Wow! 4th grader Ellie Choi read the most minutes during the first week (2,250 minutes or 37.5 hours) and 3rd grader Arvu Peri was at the top for week 2 (2,010 minutes or 33.5 hours)! Congratulations to Mrs. Springborn's 4th grade class for reading the most total minutes so far (17,236). The competition between classes in the same grade level is FIERCE with many classes neck and neck to earn the coveted entry into the Jamba Juice party drawing!

Remember, there is still over a week to go so keep on reading and logging minutes at CascadeRidgePtsa.org.

PARENT ED

Creating a Whole and Healthy Family - presented by The Sammamish Plateau Parent Networking Group.
Thursday, April 26, 7-9 PM -or- Friday, April 27, 11:30AM-1:30PM
Sammamish Hills Lutheran Church
22818 SE 8th Street, Sammamish, WA 98074
(go to the back of the church and look for the Parent Networking sign!)
For more information, contact Cherry O'Neill at dwo-mci@msn.com

Do you need to talk to your middle schooler about the birds and bees?

Do you want practical advice to make your talks rock?

If your answer is, "Yes!"

Please join the Issaquah Middle School PTSA

Monday, April 30th, 2012, 7:00-8:30 pm

Issaquah Middle School Commons

Amy Lang will speak about the birds and the bees and present practical advice for talking to your kids about sex.

Free Event

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 March Box Top raffle winner, Derek Wilson and his 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: http://www.elabelsforeducation.com/Sites/Campbells_eLabels/Page/HomePage