

THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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September 06, 2012

Calendar of Events

- Sept 14 Coffee with the Principal, 8:30am Cafe
- Sept 14 1st Day Packet Paperwork Due
- Sept 14 Coyote Wear Orders Due
- Sept 20 Curriculum Night for FDK, AMK, 1st, 2nd, Ms. Hill and & LRC1-5:30pm
- Sept 20 Staff Intro & Welcome-6:15 Café
- Sept 20 Curriculum Night for PMK, 3rd, 4th, 5th and Mrs. McLoughlin- 6:45pm
- Sept 25 5th Grade Parent Meeting-6:15pm
- Sept 25 PTSA General Membership Meeting-7:00pm
- Oct 1 Site Council-6:00pm
- Oct 4 School Picture Day
- Oct 5 Dad's Play Day
- Oct 15 Vision and Hearing Screening
- Oct 26 Walkathon 3:00-6:00pm

<u>A NOTE FROM NATALIE</u>

Welcome back for another GREAT year of learning together! Every school year, I like to have a theme that embodies the professional development we will be working on throughout the year. This year we have a nautical theme and I can confidently say the first few days have been "smooth sailing"!

We opened this school year with 572 wonderful students. Although we have seen the Glencoe neighborhood develop over the past year, our enrollment is consistent with last year's opening number. We have sadly said goodbye to some great families over the summer but also warmly welcome new ones to the Coyote Family and look forward to developing strong partnerships with each of you.

Along with new families, we have said "Ahoy" to new staff members! Please help me welcome the newest members of our "crew":

Courtney Little – PM Kinder Vanessa Perry – 1st grade Jane Lyons – 4th grade Science Tech Magnet Olivia Lenoue – K/1 Music Jessica Burke - LRC1

Lindsey Thomas – 1st grade Nicole Holley – 2nd grade Meredith Osborne – Counselor Mandy Hill - Primary LRC2

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We have also had a few members of our "crew" return from leave and are excited to have them back aboard:

Kimberly Lanman – 1st grade Holly Wehner – 1st grade Kristin Page – 5th grade

The first few days of school are filled with establishing routines and expectations, building relationships, and creating a cohesive classroom community – all necessary components to running a productive and successful "ship". Cascade Ridge is an amazing crew of staff, students and parents and I look forward to "sailing" through another successful and rewarding school year together.

Ahoy to the 2012-2013 school year!

Natalie Wowler

SCHOOL NEWS

Don't Forget Our Bell times:

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Start Time 8:30 AM End of Day 2:55 PM AM Kindergarten – Start Time 8:30 AM End of Day 11:00 AM

PM Kindergarten - Start Time 8:30 AM End of Day 11:00 AM PM Kindergarten - Start Time 11:40PM End of Day 2:55PM

Wed.

Start Time 8:30 AM End of Day 12:45 PM AM Kindergarten - Start Time 8:30 AM End of Day 11:15 AM No PM Kindergarten

Students **are not** to arrive at school prior to 8:15 AM unless they are participating in a designated before school program.

Construction on Trossachs Blvd.

We understand that construction in the middle of Trossachs Blvd at the Sterling Square/Glencoe neighborhoods has severely impacted our students creating problems for both walkers and bike riders. Until the situation is remedied we ask that you please speak to your students regarding some safety practices to follow:

- Bike Riders need to go slower and be more aware and careful around pedestrians
- Use our main crosswalk as an alternative during construction

Now more than ever it is important for drivers to slow down to 20 miles or less in our school zone and construction zone.

HELP US KEEP OUR CASCADE KIDS SAFE!

Please Review Your Students Family Access Account ASAP!

Please follow the below steps to retrieve OR set up your Family Access Log In/Password:

- Log onto the Issaquah School District website: <u>www.issaquah.wednet.edu</u>
- Click the Family Access tab on the left hand side of page.
- Click log in to Family Access on the right hand side of page.
- If you do not know your log in and/or password or you are retrieving it for the first time, click on forgot login and password button.
- Enter your email address (the one provided to the office at time of registration).
- Click on submit button.
- Login and password will be sent to your email address

If you find an error; email changes to kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Attendance:

If your child is ill or going to be late for school:

Please call the school office prior to school starting at 425-837-5500 and press 2 to leave a message regarding your student's absence **or** you may email our attendance secretary, Jennifer Kirsch, at <u>kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu</u>

If you are going on vacation:

Please familiarize yourself with our Attendance Policy found at www.cascaderidge.issaquah.wednet.edu

Messages to your student:

If you need to get a message to your child about a change in end-of-day plans, please call the office,not the classroom. The office makes those calls into the classroom at the end of the day to limit classroom disruptions.

Please help us by limiting these messages to emergency changes only!

Special Thank you

To community member Wendee Mathiesen and family who cleaned up and repainted our United States Map located by the covered basketball area. Time and supplies were all donated by Wendee and her family for the enjoyment of Cascade Ridge Students!