



5th Grade News

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Fifth Grade Service Project Update

For the 6th year in a row we are excited to support **Children of the Nation International (COTNI)** which allows our kids to feed children in 3rd world countries. Partnering with COTNI, students raise funds for and package meals to send abroad. Their money and efforts will provide thousands of life-sustaining meals for hungry children.

In years past, 5th graders have done an amazing job raising thousands of dollars for this project. This year our goal was to raise \$3,000. Over the course of two weeks our students worked towards this goal through a variety of activities: collecting change in their classrooms each day, doing extra chores at home to earn money, holding bake sales & lemonade stands throughout the neighborhood, using their allowance, and simply asking friends and neighbors for donations.

We are proud to say their efforts earned over \$5,200!! As a result, they were able to provide over 20,000 meals for COTNI. The money raised covered the food and packaging supplies as well as the overseas shipping costs to deliver the meals to hungry children in need. On Friday, March 14th the students spent a productive afternoon in the Coyote Café, in hair nets and aprons, packaging meals of rice, lentils, spices and protein powder in plastic bags. Way to go 5th graders!!

Special thanks to **Stacie Lacina** and **Michelle Lyman** for organizing such a fulfilling and successful service project!



Re-Cap of Parent Camp Meeting



- On January 28th, the 5th Grade team presented a Powerpoint slide show regarding Camp Warm Beach, featuring photos and details of the fun-filled, three day curriculum.
- Health forms were distributed and discussed.
- Teachers distributed camp information packets which included important dates, camp payment information and required forms to be completed for each student and turned in to their teacher.
- Teachers held camp chaperone lotteries for their classes.

Important upcoming dates related to Camp:

Friday, April 18: Permission slips for camp, waivers, confidential health form, and payment are due.

Week of April 21: Students will designate their choices for their cabin mates.

Friday, April 25: Authorization for Medication forms and medications (in their original containers) are due to the school nurse.

Monday, May 12: Teachers will send home the “Going-Home-From-Camp Plan” to be filled out and returned back to your child’s teacher. Forms are due **May 16**.

Tuesday, May 13: Chaperones attend the mandatory training session at 6:00 pm in the library.

Tuesday, May 27: Cabin assignments given, luggage drop off at the school between 4:30-5:30 pm.

May 28-30: Camp Warm Beach

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Cast-Off Ceremony & 5th Grade Lunch/Party

The end of 5th grade at Cascade Ridge is a special time for students. It is celebrated with the Cast-Off Ceremony followed by a special lunch and much anticipated 5th grade party. This year however, there has been a slight change. Rather than all events occurring on the same day, the Cast-Off Ceremony will be held on Monday, June 16th and the Lunch/Party will be held the following day, on Tuesday, June 17th. Please note parents do not attend the Lunch/Party, only the Cast-Off Ceremony.

If you have not attended a Cast-Off Ceremony in the past you and/or your child may be curious about appropriate attire for the ceremony. General guidelines suggest wearing something you’d wear to church or a wedding.

Girls: Skirt, Dress, or nice pants/blouse. Standard school dress code rules apply. Shoes should be comfortable enough that your daughter can easily walk up to receive her diploma.

Boys: No jeans or shorts. Dress pants with a polo or button down shirt.

Following the ceremony students will return to their classrooms where they may change for the rest of the afternoon if they choose.