

5th Grade News

A Message from the Committee Chairs

Upcoming Dates To Remember:

February 2 at 6pm — Camp Info Parent Meeting

February — Newsletter Issue 2

March — Service Project Kick-Off Assembly / Service Project / Newsletter Issue 3

May — Newsletter Issue 4

June 1st — June 3rd at Camp Warm Beach in Stanwood

June 14th — Cast-Off Ceremony at 8:45am at CRE

June 14th — Class Party

June 16th — Last Day of School!

Fifth grade is a special year at Cascade Ridge! Our students have the opportunity to participate in activities exclusive to the fifth grade, culminating in a promotion ceremony (traditionally know as "cast-off").

A 5th grade parent committee has been formed to support the school administrative staff and the 5th grade teachers in planning a memorable conclusion to their final days at Cascade Ridge. The committee coordi-

nates a class service project, the cast-off ceremony and party and an end of year gift for teachers and staff that were instrumental in our children's time at Cascade Ridge.

There will be future issues of this newsletter which will provide more details on the planned activities.

In the meantime if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

We look forward to working with you to make this an exciting and memorable time for our 5th graders!

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Service Project

Every year the 5th grade class participates in a service project giving them a hands-on opportunity to reach out and help the community in a meaningful way.

The committee, in conjunction with the 5th grade teachers, have selected Project Linus this year. Project Linus provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children who are seriously ill, traumatized, or otherwise in need through the gifts of new, handmade blankets.

In March, during school hours, our 5th graders will be making blankets, along with a personal note, and donating them to a local nonprofit organization where they will be given to a deserving child.

Our students will be raising funds to purchase fleece. Our goal is \$20 per student. Students can raise funds by collecting quarters (coin drive) and/or through a variety of other individual or group activities—Dog Wash, Bake Sale, Lemonade Stand, etc.



More information will be available as we get closer to our kick-off assembly in March.

To learn more about Project Linus, visit www.projectlinus.org

Volunteering



We've had many parents graciously volunteer to help with 5th grade committees. Thank you!!! As the activities draw closer, we'll be looking for more parent volunteers to pitch in. If you're interested please let us know.

End of Year Party 6/14

We are excited to announce the 5th grade students will be going off-site in celebration of their elementary school graduation.

Busses will be transporting the

kids from school to Lucky Strike in Bellevue for an afternoon of bowling and lunch.

In order to cover the cost of lunch and bowling, we will be

asking for a small fee per student.

Look for more details in the upcoming Newsletters.

Say 'Cheese'!

Cast-Off Ceremony Slideshow

This year for the 5th grade slideshow, we would like to include pictures of the 5th graders throughout their entire time at Cascade Ridge. We will be taking photos throughout their 5th grade year, but we could use your help in providing photos from Kindergarten through 4th grade. Please upload no more than 3 pictures to the following site:

[K-4th Grade Photos](#) (CTRL + click)



Yearbook Baby Pictures

We are excited to keep this sweet tradition of featuring a picture of your 5th grader as a baby. Your respective Room Coordinator sent a request and directions for the submitting the picture.

Deadline for pictures to be featured in yearbook is December 11th.

"Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory."

Dr. Seuss

Camp — June 1st through 3rd

Anxious to know more details about camp?! There will be a parent meeting on February 2nd at 6pm where you will find out answers to your questions.

Below are some bullet points—

- Camp Warm Beach in Stanwood
- June 1st – 3rd

- Each 5th grade classroom holds a lottery for parent chaperones

- Cost is \$240 per child

- An overwhelming vote of NO to fundraise to offset camp costs was tallied from the survey in September.

Scholarship Information

For camp scholarship information, please contact Natalie Fowler (FowlerN@issaquah.wednet.edu).



5th grade parent committee news and updates will come via 5th Grade News newsletters, Connection, Howler and are always accessible on the PTSA website under NEWS and FIFTH GRADE NEWS at:

www.cascaderidgeptsa.org

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