

# 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NEWS

Cascade Ridge Elementary  
Sammamish, WA

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## Cast-Off Ceremony & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party

It's almost here! **Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>** promises to be a fun-filled day for Cascade Ridge 5<sup>th</sup> Graders and their families. Here is some general information to help you & your 5<sup>th</sup> Grader prepare for this exciting day.

### **Timeline**

8:30-8:45	Families Line-Up Outside Locked Doors
8:45-9:00	Doors Open and Families are Seated
9:00-10:30	Cast-Off Ceremony
10:30-10:50	Reception with Parents (don't forget your camera!)
10:50-11:20	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Lunch ( <i>5<sup>th</sup> Graders &amp; Teachers Only</i> )
11:20-11:55	Students Change Clothes & Recess
12:00-12:30	Trivia Game in Classrooms
12:30-2:40	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Class Party
2:40-2:53	Kids Pack Up for Dismissal

If families would like to pull their younger children out of class to attend the Cast-Off ceremony they need to check them out of their class through the office and then check them back in through the office.

Following the reception parents can head to work or home unless you are volunteering to help with the remainder of the day's activities. The rest of the day is just for students, teachers and volunteers.

### **General Attire Guidelines:**

**Girls:** Skirt or nice pants and blouse or a dress. Standard dress code rules apply (tank top must be at least three finger width, length of dress or skirt should extend past fingertips when hands are down by side). Shoes should be comfortable enough that your daughter can easily walk up to receive her diploma.

**Boys:** No jeans or shorts; Khaki (or another color) pant with a polo or button down shirt.

After lunch students will return to their classrooms to change for the afternoon. In the past, students have worn their camp t-shirts for the party with shorts or jeans or whatever is weather appropriate. Remember to pack athletic shoes for your child because they will be running a lot at the party.

## Camp Reminders

5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp at Camp Warm Beach in Stanwood, WA is only a couple of weeks away! The 5<sup>th</sup> graders leave for camp on **Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** and return **Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>**.

### **Things to Remember**

- Drop off your child's luggage in the CRE parking lot between 4:30-5:30pm on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents who volunteered to provide camp snacks need to deliver them to the luggage drop-off area of the CRE parking lot between 4:30-5:30pm on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Students arrive at school at 7:40am on Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> with a large, completely disposable sack lunch marked with their name and cabin assignment. Buses depart at 7:50am.
- Students arrive back at school between 1:30-2:00pm on Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of some 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Volunteers to help on June 18<sup>th</sup> with Cast-Off and the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Party. If you like to contribute your time to make this a fun and memorable day for our 5<sup>th</sup> Graders please contact Kim Streamer at [kim.streamer@gmail.com](mailto:kim.streamer@gmail.com)

## Service Project Recap

The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project was a HUGE success! The students did an AMAZING job raising over \$6,000 in one week through a variety of creative community fundraisers including dog washing, bake sales and lemonade stands exceeding their fundraising goal by \$4,000. As a result they were able to provide 24,000 meals for Children of the Nations (COTNI). The money raised covered the food and packaging supplies and well as the overseas shipping cost to deliver the meals to the hungry children in need. On March 16<sup>th</sup> the students spent a productive afternoon in the cafeteria in hair nets and aprons packaging meals of rice, lentils, spices and protein powder in plastic Ziploc bags. The Sammamish Review and the Issaquah Reporter featured articles and photos of the kids packaging meals and COTNI included an article about the student's service project in their newsletter. Special thanks to Diana Verrue and Jaycee Cooper for organizing such a fulfilling and successful service project!

Links to the newspaper articles and COTNI Newsletter:

<http://www.cotni.org/news/fifth-graders-raise-record-amounts-to-feed-children-in-africa>

<http://www.issaquahreporter.com/news/143889296.html>

<http://sammamishreview.com/2012/03/21/cascade-ridge-students-raise-thousands-for-africa>

## Matching Volunteer Hours

**Attention Camp Chaperones!** Did you know your time spent at 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp may be eligible for a matching gift from your employer? Many companies support their employees giving back to their communities in the form of a per hour payment for volunteer hours, however, guidelines for matching gift programs vary. To find out specifics about your employer's matching gift program visit your internal company website or ask your HR representative. In some cases the process for submitting your volunteer hours is completed on-line and in other cases a form must be completed by the employee, signed by an PTSA or Cascade Ridge representative and submitted to the employer for approval and payment. In either case, the process must be initiated by the employee. If you have questions about this process please contact the PTSA Matching Funds Chair, Janet Jacobsen [djj1909@yahoo.com](mailto:djj1909@yahoo.com). A long list of employers with Matching Gift Programs is attached to the e-mail from the 5<sup>th</sup> Grade teachers. Check to see if your employer is listed!