

5TH GRADE NEWS

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Sammamish, WA

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5th Grade Service Project Update

For the 5th year in a row we are excited to support **Children of the Nations International (COTNI)** which allows our kids to feed children in 3rd world countries. Partnering with COTNI, our 5th graders will raise funds for and package meals to send abroad. Their money and efforts will provide thousands of life-sustaining meals for hungry children.

Last year's 5th Grade Class set a fundraising record of \$6,016.75 or 24,000 meals! This was an amazing effort as the previous fundraising record was \$1,528. We would love to see the magic that happened last year happen again, but we also want to be sure to set our 5th graders up for success. So we have decided to have the same goal as last year and just see what happens!

This year our goal is raise \$2,000, which is approximately \$16 per 5th grader. Let's all encourage the students to earn this money themselves. Some creative kids in the past have done chores at home, held bake sales, dog washes, lemonade or hot cocoa stands, asked friends & neighbors for donations, hunted for spare change around the house, used their allowance, done gardening or pet sitting for neighbors or even given mom or dad a massage.

Introduced last year, and we are excited to have again, a generous Angel Donor who will match every dollar raised over \$1,000 (up to \$1,000) so if the kids were to raise \$2,000, with our match we will raise a total of \$3,000! That is 12,000 meals for children!

The meals, which cost \$.25 each, will be packaged by the 5th grade students during school hours on March 15th, under the supervision of COTNI.

Service Project Dates:

Friday, Mar 1st	1:15-1:45	Service Project Kick-off Meeting/Assembly
Monday, Mar 4 th – Friday, Mar 8		Fundraising \$\$\$\$ Drive (we kindly ask for quarters and larger, if possible. Checks can be made out to Cascade Ridge PTSA)
Friday, Mar 16 th	1:15-2:45	Food Packing Event

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Re-Cap of Parent Camp Meeting

If you didn't make it to the Parent Camp Meeting on January 29, 2013, here is a summary:

- The 5th grade team presented a powerpoint about 5th grade camp at 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
- 5th grade teachers held camp chaperone lotteries for their classes

If you weren't able to attend the parent meeting you should have received your student's camp information packet from their teacher by now.

Some important upcoming dates related to Camp:

Friday, April 19	Permission slips for camp, waivers, confidential health form and payment are due.
Week of April 22	Students will designate their choices for cabin mates.
Wednesday, May 1	Authorization for Medication forms and medications are due to the school nurse.
Tuesday, May 28	Students will be given their cabin assignments; luggage due to CRE parking lot between 4:30-5:30pm
Wednesday, May 29	CAMP!
-Friday, May 31	Student will return between 1:30-2pm on Friday, May 31 and will be dismissed per their "going home from camp" plan

Cast-Off Ceremony & 5th Grade Party

The end of 5th grade at Cascade Ridge is a special time for students and is celebrated with the Cast-Off Ceremony followed by a special lunch and much anticipated 5th Grade Party. The date for this year's festivities will be officially set once all threat of snow days have passed (late March), but it is traditionally held close to the last day of school.

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 or nice pants and blouse or a dress. Standard school 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.

Following the ceremony 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.