



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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DISTRICT NEWS

- Neighborhood safety: Do you know the King County Sheriff's Office operates an [online search tool to keep community members aware of registered sex offenders](#) who live nearby? While these offenders have met their legal obligations and are aggressively monitored by Sheriff's Officers, you have the ability to check your own community and even sign up for alerts triggered when an offender moves close to a certain address, such as your home or school. [The Sheriff's Office also provides safety tips for families](#). Take a moment to visit the website to take one more precaution as we work together to keep students as safe as possible.
- Please read the important safety, health, and equal-rights notices that are posted online at www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/. You will find information about asbestos, nondiscrimination, pest management, possession of firearms, sexual harassment, Title IX, and more.

Calendar of Events

September

23rd & 24th Picture Day
29th Cascade Chorus - 1st rehearsal 7:30am 4th/5th grade

October

1st Dad's Play Day
4th Volunteer Badge Picture Day 8:30-12:00
5th Math Club Parent Meeting 7:00pm Cafe
12th Vision & Hearing Screening
15th Walkathon 2:45-6:00

November

5th Dad's Play Day
11th Veteran's Day - No School
24th Report Cards Go Home



SCHOOL NEWS

Student Picture Day September 23 & 24

We are happy to welcome back our photographer, **Yuen Lui**. We will only be photographing our students at this time.

Volunteer Badge Picture Day - Monday October 4

Yuen Lui is again offering our volunteers a complimentary picture ID Badge on Monday Oct 4 from 8:30-12:00 in Portable 5

Vision and Hearing Screening - October 12, 2010

If you can volunteer for this important event, please contact Deanne King, ddaking@yahoo.com

Site Council Parent Reps Still Needed!

We still have an opening for at least one more parent representative for our Cascade Ridge Site Council. This is a great opportunity to be involved in shared decision making for our school. Site Council will meet one Monday night a month from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. If you would like more information, please contact Chrisann Penz at chrisannpenz@yahoo.com.

K-Kids in Jeopardy!

We would like to continue the K-Kids program here at Cascade Ridge but cannot without parent volunteers. Currently this program is in jeopardy of being cut. There is an opportunity to make changes/modifications to how K-Kids is organized but we need a parent or parents to take the lead. If you are interested in helping out or would like more information, please contact Danna Wickham at danna.wickham@comcast.net or Leslie Hickman-Boyd at lesliehickmanboyd@yahoo.com

Silly Bands Need to Stay Home

The Silly Band Craze has officially taken over Cascade Ridge! Unfortunately, they are causing problems – an interruption to instruction, distraction from play and eating during recess and lunch, and hurt feelings. Please remind your student that **silly bands need to stay home**. If students bring them to school, they will be taken by the teacher/EA until the end of the day. There are also small erasers in various colored designs that are being traded by students. These too need to stay home. Thank you for your help with this!

Measurements of Student Progress

The 2009-10 Measurement of Student Progress (MSP) scores for students in grades 3-8 are now available on Family Access:

Family Access gives parents and students on-line access to student information, including test scores, attendance records, class schedules, and immunization records. Parents can verify on-line that the emergency contact and personal information for their student(s) is correct. **Please proofread the information in the “Student Information” section of Family Access.** We ask you to please check your student's address/contact information and to report any changes or updates to our school office. For more information about Family Access, including troubleshooting tips, visit <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/FamilyAccess/>

Kitchen Reminder

When sending in lunch money (either checks or cash) please remember to include your child's full name and lunch number.

No Parking Zone

When you are dropping students off, volunteering or even running into the building for a “minute” - **PLEASE do not park along the curb as this is a Fire Lane.** The curb lane is a “drop off zone” only and drivers must remain with their vehicles at all times.

Bicycle Safety

- *Bicyclists must be in grades 3-5 to ride to school*
- *Must wear a helmet*
- *Must dismount and walk their bike on the school grounds for the safety of those on foot. Pedestrians have the right-of-way*
- *Ride safely while on the road watching for cars and pedestrians*
- *Park and lock bike at the rack located at the school*

PTSA NEWS

Wild West Stampede!!! - This year's Walkathon & Fall Festival will be Friday, October 15th from 2:45-6:00pm - Saddle up and come on over to the Coyote Coral where we'll be ropin' up some good fun for the whole family to enjoy! There will be music, food, dancing, games, prizes and T-shirts. Questions: jaycee.cooper@gmail.com or chris_bona@msn.com

Classroom Walkathon Reps Needed! – Join the fun!! Volunteering to be your student's classroom Walkathon rep is a great way to get involved with this fun event! Reps will be collecting classroom donations for “themed baskets” to be raffled off at the event. The basket theme examples include Lego or American Girl or Gardening or Wine & Chocolate, Video Games, etc. Also on the day of the event the reps pass out the T-shirts and walk the kids to the starting line. It's a pretty easy and fun job! Contact ddaking@yahoo.com if you would like to be the Walkathon Rep for your child's class.

Math Club - All 4th and 5th graders interested in advancing their math skills over and above the classroom level are invited to join the **Math Club**. For more information please attend a parent meeting on **Tuesday, October 5th at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room**. Questions? Contact Ranjani Chakrapani at cremathclub@yahoo.com or Sheela Pai at pisqr@yahoo.com.

Passive Fundraising Update

Brown Bear Car Wash – Get a clean car, save \$\$ and earn money for Cascade Ridge PTSA! For every \$5 ticket purchased CRE PTSA earns \$3.50 (normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$5.99). To purchase tickets email Diana Verrue at dverrue@msn.com and provide the following information:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Your child's teacher
- How many tickets you would like to purchase

Then place a check payable to CRE PTSA (\$5/ticket) in the black PTSA box in the school foyer. Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom within a week of your payment being made. Thanks for supporting our school! Order forms are also available on top of the black PTSA box.

Box Tops & Ink Cartridges - Please remember to deposit Box Tops in the clear box in the school's foyer and ink cartridges in the box in the school foyer. Your contributions really do help support our programs!



Calling for Kids – It's that time of year again! The Issaquah Schools Foundation's Annual Fund Drive campaign raises money to support the Foundation supported programs that benefit our students! Local high school students will be making calls on 10/25 & 10/28 to everyone in our District asking for donations to fund the programs offered to all ISD schools. If you **DONATE NOW** (before 10/25), your name will be removed from the call list and placed in the paper instead (if you wish).

To learn more about **Calling for Kids** Annual Fundraising campaign and to make your donation visit www.isfdn.org. **Remember...** the Foundation wants to recognize our school community's support. Be sure to fill in **Cascade Ridge Elementary** on your printed or online donation form. Questions? Contact Cathia Geller at cathia@cathiageller.com.

\$5/month or \$60/yr = Access to **BrainPop** for **15 elementary students!**