



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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## A Note from Natalie

I am very excited to tell you about a program we will be starting next week – GREAT KIDS. Every week, each teacher will select one or two students they feel is a GREAT KID and write a short description about that student explaining what admirable attributes/characteristics the student has displayed. On Wednesday mornings, I will announce all the GREAT KIDS for the week on the intercom and invite them all to eat lunch with me on the stage during their lunchtime. At lunch, I will visit with the GREAT KID students and read aloud what their teacher has said makes them a GREAT KID. Each GREAT KID will receive a copy of their teacher's words and a small trinket to help them remember how GREAT they are.

I feel it is important for every student in our school to see they are special. Every student will be a GREAT KID at least once during the school year. You will be receiving a phone call to let you know when your child has been chosen to be a GREAT KID. I encourage you to ask them to read what their teacher wrote about them and celebrate what a GREAT KID you have!

*Natalie Fowler*

*Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student*

## Calendar of Events

### 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
- 26th Picture Re-take Day 10:00-3:00

### November

- 5th Dad's Play Day
- 11th Veteran's Day - No School
- 24th Report Cards Go Home
- 25th & 26th Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

- 1st & 2nd Conference Days - No School for students
- 20th-31st First Winter Break



## DISTRICT NEWS

### **VOICE Mentor Program (Volunteers Of Issaquah Changing Education)**

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. ***Our volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and "get more than they give." We strive to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued.***

Placements are made based on the mentors' interests, location preference and time availability. Whether a mentor's passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, we have a place for you in Issaquah schools. ***Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor.***

For further information contact:  
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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **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](mailto:ddaking@yahoo.com)

### **Picture Re-Take Day - October 26, 2010**

Yuen Lui will be back to take re-takes from 10:00 - 3:00 in Portable 5. You will be receiving your picture packages prior to this date.

### **Is your information correct for the directory?**

Please be sure to view your students Family Access account to verify that we have correct information on file. Any corrections can be made by emailing Jennifer Kirsch @ [kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu). Please inform Jennifer of changes as soon as possible so we may give the most accurate information to our PTSA for your directory.

## PTSA NEWS

**Please join us for Dads' Play Day on the Playground on Friday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> during lunch recess. Hope to see you there.**

**Look for lots of PTSA updates and information in the October Howler to be posted on the PTSA website on Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>!**