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Parent Newsletter

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A Note from Natalie

Dear Parents,
Over the past few weeks I have noticed an increase in the number of dogs that are being brought onto school property – specifically Parent Hill. I would like to remind you that per District Policy, all Issaquah School District schools prohibit animals on school grounds. There are many reasons for this, one being safety. This week there was a reported fight between a number of dogs on Parent Hill and safety was a real concern. This never would have happened if school policy was followed. I am an avid dog lover and as a parent myself, have often wanted to take our dog, Lucy, with me to go pick up my own children at their school. However, I abide by the school policy of no animals on school property. I respectfully ask that you all do the same.

Natalie Fowler

Calendar of Events

October

- 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



SCHOOL NEWS

Sidewalk Closure

We have been in contact with The City of Sammamish regarding the posted sidewalk closure due to occur 10/09/10 - 10/23/10. The City has been unable to confirm these dates with the developer and has told us that these dates might change. **In the event** that the closure occurs the plan for our walkers/bikers will be as follows:

- **Coming to School** - Walkers/bikers will be asked to cross at the North Crosswalk to the west side of the street (Sterling Square side) and continue towards the school. They would then cross at the Main Crosswalk at Parent Hill to the school side.
- **Leaving School** - Walkers/bikers will cross at the Main Crosswalk at Parent Hill and walk towards Sterling Square on the west side of the street. At the North Crosswalk they will be able to cross with our Safety Patrol and be allowed to walk on the east side of the street.

Parents please make sure that our students are aware of these new plans. **Help us keep our walkers/bikers safe during this period of construction.**

Test Dates To Mark On Your Calendar

January 31 - February 11	K - 5	Stanford 10 Achievement
March 9 - 23	2	Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) and SOI
May 11 - 27	3 - 5	Measures of Student Progress

Tardiness Is On The Rise!

Please help us by getting your student to school on time to avoid missing valuable instruction time. Students are to be in the classroom ready to learn when the final bell rings to be considered "on time." If your student arrives after the final bell we need them to come to the office to check in and take a tardy slip to their teacher. The final bell rings at 8:30am with the exception of Wednesday at 8:15 am. Please also note that when your student is more than a few minutes late we need a parent/guardian to sign the child in.

Vision and Hearing Screening - October 12, 2010

If you can volunteer for this important event, please contact Deanne King, 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.

Head Lice Awareness

Parents, please check your child's head. A few cases of head lice have been reported at Cascade Ridge, as well as other elementary schools in the district. Parents can be proactive in lice prevention by checking their child's head weekly and not sharing combs, hair adornments, hats or helmets. Head lice are primarily contracted through direct contact of these items. Head lice are not like fleas and do not jump from person to person. They do not carry disease and will not make your child sick. If you find head lice on your child, or, if you are not sure what to look for, please contact the school nurse, Karen Thies, RN, at 425-837-5506. For more information on the district head lice procedure, go to: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/health/HeadLice2.07.pdf>

PTSA NEWS

Wild West Stampede! - The Walk-a-thon & Fall Festival is Friday, October 15th from 2:45-6:00pm

Register Now!

Remember each "Charitable Donation" will be recognized with a Family Star on our Wall of Appreciation. Please register online at www.cascaderidgeptsa.org or complete the form in your Walkathon packet and drop it off in the PTSA lockbox in front of the office. Deadline is this **Friday, October 8th**.

Ranch Hands Needed!

Volunteers - Set Up, Concessions, Games, Clean Up

Middle School Student Volunteers – Carnival Games & Activities

Caramel Apple Makers – Make and decorate 12-15 Fancy & Fun Apples to be sold at the event

Bakers – Bake yummy baked goods to be sold at the event

Canopies, 8' Tables and Coolers - are needed

Lollipops – Donate a big bag of TootsiePops, we need 400 lollipops!

Please select your volunteer position online or contact Neeru Mahesh at ineeru@hotmail.com

So saddle up and come on over to the Coyote Corral where we'll be ropin' up some good fun for the whole family to enjoy! There will be music, food, dancing, games, raffles, prizes and T-shirts.

Questions: Jaycee Cooper jaycee.cooper@gmail.com or Bona Park chris_bona@msn.com

Walk-a-Thon Basket Raffle Ticket Information

- To retrieve your pre-purchased raffle tickets, you may pick them up on the day of the Walkathon, October 15th, at the "Will Call" table. They will be filed under your last name. Additional tickets may be purchased at this table as well.
- On Wednesday, October 13th, a sampling of the baskets will be available for viewing in the library from 12:30-1:30. Raffle tickets may be purchased during this time, and entered into the drawing if desired.
- The raffle drawings will be held live at the Walkathon @ 5:00 p.m.
- You must be present to win.