



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

Parent Newsletter

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### A Vision and Hearing Thank You

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Karen Thies, RN and Adrienne Parker, SLP

### Wildlife In Our Area

There have been some wildlife sightings throughout the school district recently, and Fish and Wildlife officials report that it is a particularly active season for our furry neighbors. Unless the animal sighting presents an actual threat, we will not send an alert each time; instead, we want you to assume and remind your children that they are in the presence of wildlife every time they are at school or play outside their home. The district has posted safety tips online.

## Calendar of Events

### October

25th & 28th ISF Calling Campaign  
26th Picture Re-take Day 10:00-3:00  
26th Family Portrait Night 5:00-7:40pm

### November

3rd Love & Logic—Apollo Elementary 6:30pm  
5th Dad's Play Day  
11th Veteran's Day - No School  
16th Reflections Entry Deadline  
24th Report Cards Go Home  
25th & 26th Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

1st & 2nd Conference Days - No School for students  
3rd Dad's Play Day  
20th-31st First Winter Break



**Sidewalk Closure**

The Glencoe developer and the City of Sammamish have now confirmed that the posted sidewalk closing will start Wednesday October 20 and stay closed until work is completed; date unknown at this time. 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 talk with your students and make them aware of these new routes.**

**Lane Closures**

The school has been made aware of lane closures and blocked left turn lanes; our staff and patrol kids are not allowed to direct traffic. Please do your part to allow traffic to move smoothly around the school. Please be courteous to one another, allow yourself extra time to get to your pick up area, carpool with neighbors or walk to school when possible.

## PTSA NEWS

**Thank You From The Walkathon Committee**

We would like to warmly thank all of our Cascade Ridge Families, Volunteers, Teachers, and Staff for their contribution and involvement in this year's Wild West Stampede. The Walkathon/Fall Festival was a true community event and not possible to execute without the generous gift of your time, effort and donations.

We are so proud to announce that we have exceeded our fundraising goal and have raised \$52,000 for our school!

We want to especially thank all our volunteers. When we say we couldn't have done it without you, we mean it! We had over 150 volunteers! Many of you helped prior to the Walkathon and still more volunteered on the day of the event in so many capacities. Thank you all for making the Walkathon 2010 a success!

**2 Raffle Baskets Still Unclaimed!** - Thank you to our amazing Cascade Ridge community for making this year's Walkathon such a huge success! We hope everyone had a great time, and so appreciate all of the contributions and effort that was put into this event!

And the winning continues, as there are still TWO baskets unclaimed! The winning ticket numbers are:

**Golf Basket, Yellow ticket, #604964**

**Outdoor Fun, Pink ticket, #654737**

Please contact Nichole Wengert if you have one of these tickets, at [nwengert@msn.com](mailto:nwengert@msn.com) or (425) 392-1802.



**Everybody in! Get ready for CFK!** - Our area high school volunteers will be calling you! If you haven't already made your donation to the ISF Calling for Kids campaign online you can donate today at <http://isfdn.org>. Any monthly or one-time donation made before the calling campaign next week will take you off the call list. Donate today or pick your phone on **October 25<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>**! Take this call for our kids! Questions? Contact [cathia@cathiageller.com](mailto:cathia@cathiageller.com)

**Parent Education Opportunity – Love & Logic** - Are reading, writing and arithmetic getting you down? Are you dreaming of kids who actually do their homework, without being reminded? Discover essential **Love and Logic**® school time skills such as: neutralizing arguing, whining and complaining, avoiding homework battles, dealing with morning and bedtime challenges and more. You will learn practical and effective parenting tools suitable for school-age children. Join author, certified parent coach, Love & Logic facilitator, and parent, Lisa Greene, for this free presentation. All parents of ISD elementary school children are welcome to attend, no registration required.

**When:** Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30-8:00pm  
**Where:** Apollo Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room  
15025 SE 117<sup>th</sup> Street, Renton, WA 98059

**Passive Fundraising Update** - Cascade Ridge Families....we need your help. Please consider supporting our PTSA through our passive fundraising efforts.

**3 Ways you can help:**

Buy Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets at \$5 each: email [dverrue@msn.com](mailto:dverrue@msn.com) with your student's name and teacher along with the number of tickets you would like to order. Place a check (or send it in an envelope marked "Car Wash" with your child) in the black PTSA box in the schools' foyer. Tickets will be delivered within a week to your child's classroom.

Register with eScrip at [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com): This is a safe and easy way for the school to earn money from your purchases made at participating retailers like Safeway and Whole Foods.

BOX TOPS: Cut those little logos off the sides of packages, write your student's name and teacher on the back, and have your student put them in the clear box in the school's foyer. Once a month a name will be drawn from the box for a **FREE CAR WASH**.

**Recent Free Car Wash Winners**

September's winner: Patrick McLoughlin, Mr. Marckx's class

October's Winner: Will Foreman, Mrs. Shaffer's class

***Please Note: Do not turn in Betty Crocker Points. Unfortunately that program is no longer valid as of 2006.***

**Employer Matched Donations** - If you recently donated to the PTSA Walkathon, thank you for your contribution! Don't forget that many employers will match dollar for dollar the amount you donated to the PTSA (*raffle tickets & pre-purchased meals do not qualify for matching*). **The process must be initiated by you**, and usually begins with your company's Human Resources Department. Your employer may have a website to enter your donation information online. This is a great way to double your donation to Cascade Ridge. Thanks in advance for taking the time to check this out! Questions? Contact Janet Jacobson at [djj1909@yahoo.com](mailto:djj1909@yahoo.com).

**The PTSA Reflections Art Contest is Here!** - Put your creative brain to work! Do you like to draw, paint, take photos, write stories or poems, compose music, dance, or make videos? The annual Reflections art contest is here and we are looking for 12 entries to represent Cascade Ridge at the District level (and maybe even the state or national level!). The theme this year is “**Together We Can**” and all students are invited to enter art that represents this theme. All participants will get to attend a recess DESSERT PARTY! **The deadline to turn in your entries (with a signed entry form) is Tuesday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.** Entry forms and rules are available on the PTSA table by the office or can also be found at [www.wastatePTA.org](http://www.wastatePTA.org) (click “programs” tab then the “Reflections” tab.) Questions? Contact Barb Cluff at [cbcluff@yahoo.com](mailto:cbcluff@yahoo.com) or (425) 657-0336.

**We Need You!** - Picture Retake Day is on **Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**. We are still in need of a few volunteers. If you are available to help out, please contact Deanne King at [ddaking@yahoo.com](mailto:ddaking@yahoo.com). Thank You!

**Reminder - Family Portrait Night – Tuesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>** – Don’t forget to sign up for your family photos with Yeun Lui. The sign-up sheet is located at the PTSA table in the school lobby. A 20 minute sitting fee is \$10 with packages ranging from \$35-\$199.

### **Coyote Wear**

Coyote Wear has arrived and has been distributed to classrooms. If something is missing from or incorrect with your order, please contact Lynette Springborn: [lspringborn@gmail.com](mailto:lspringborn@gmail.com).

If you would still like Coyote Wear, we have extra pieces of the most popular items. These include: pink sweatshirts (YM), adult (S,XL), pink camo t-shirt: 2 adult (S), grey camo t-shirt: 2 adult (S), black sweatpants: