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Parent Newsletter

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DISTRICT NEWS

Give the gift of time to a student needing extra support! Become a Mentor!
VOICE Mentor Program is in need of more mentors for students.
(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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In Cooperation with the Issaquah School District

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

Calendar of Events

December

8-10th Scholastic Book Fair

10th Winterfest

20th-31st First Winter Break

January

3rd Back to School

7th Dad's Play Day

17th MLK Day - No School

25th/26th Class & Groups Pictures

27th Coffee with Principal & GM Mtg 8:30am

27th Chorus & Marimba Concert 6:30pm

28th Fine Arts Night 6-8pm

February

1st-11th Stanford Testing

4th Dad's Play Day

15th 2nd Grade Concert 6:30pm

17th Parent Kindergarten Info Night 6:30pm

21st-25th President's Day/2nd Winter Break

SCHOOL NEWS

5th Grade Orchestra Cancelled on December 10th

Please note that due to a PLMS early morning assembly that involves all of our music programs, our orchestra teacher will not be available to teach your 5th grade orchestra students that normally would be attending here on Friday, December 10th.

The teacher will be sending that information home with students. If you could run something in your e-news about that as well it would be helpful.

Thanks.

Roy Adler
Principal
Pine Lake Middle School

Revised School Year Calendar

The 2010-2011 school year has been updated on our District website. Keep track after any major weather event to see how closures have impacted our calendar at the following website:

<http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/documents/calendar/2010-11SchoolCalendar.pdf>

Adjusting for last week, the final day of school will be Thursday June 16, and students will attend school on Friday May 27.

PTSA NEWS

“Becoming a Love & Logic Parent” Offered at Cascade Ridge!

Registration is open now through December 31, 2010! Reserve your spot, as space is limited!

Learn to set limits without anger, lectures, threats or warnings. Expect lots of laughs as videos and discussion center around raising kids who are “respectful, responsible, and fun to be with.” It is facilitated by Madelyn Jansma, M.Ed., a presenter trained at the Love and Logic Institute in Golden, Colorado, and sponsored by the Cascade Ridge PTSA. For more information on *Becoming a Love and Logic Parent* visit www.loveandlogic.com or the Cascade Ridge library.

The seven week series will be held at Cascade Ridge from **7:00-9:00pm** on the following Thursdays: **January 6, 13, 20, 27; February 3, 10, 17**. The series is being offered at a discount - \$65 for PTSA members and \$80 for non-PTSA members - bring a spouse or grandparents for free. Registration forms can be found at <http://www.cascaderidgeptsa.org>. To Sign Up, Contact madelyn.jansma@live.com.

Got Stocking Stuffers???

Brown Bear Car Wash tickets make perfect stocking stuffers or co-workers appreciation presents. Send me an email, Diana Verrue at dverrue@msn.com, if I can help you check a few people off your holiday gift list. Tickets are \$5 and \$3.50 goes to our school! Happy Holidays:

Cyber Shopping this Holiday Season? - Remember that Cascade Ridge receives percentages of every purchase made through eScrip.com. Participating merchants contribute a portion of your purchases back to our school at NO COST to you or to the PTSA. Some participating merchants and the percentages of funds returned to our school include (there are many others):

Walmart.com 2.4%
Eddie Bauer 4.8%
Macys.com 3.6%
Orbits and Travelocity 1.8%
Apple Store 1.2%
Best Buy 1.2%
eBay 1.2%

Visit eScrip.com to register you credit cards today! Imagine the extra funds our school could receive if every family made their cyber shopping purchases through this site. Thanks for considering.

Caring Through Sharing Update - Just a reminder that this is the final week for Caring Through Sharing. All gift donations must be purchased and returned no later than this **Friday, December 10th**. The CTS team will begin sorting gifts for pick-up at 2:00pm on Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Erin Rooney at roon888@msn.com. Thank you, again, for your extraordinary generosity - the response of the community has been heartwarming.