



THE COYOTE CONNECTION

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DISTRICT NEWS

**“What a difference an hour can make!”
Resolve to make a difference this New Year by
Volunteering just one hour a week mentoring a struggling Issaquah student.
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.**

Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student

Calendar of Events

January

17th MLK Day - No School
18th Love & Logic “Savvy Kids” IVE Library 8:00pm
25th/26th Class & Groups Pictures
27th Coffee with Principal & GM Mtg 8:30am
27th Love Logic CA Café 9:15am
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

March

2nd Kindergarten Round-Up 2-6pm
3rd Kindergarten Round-Up 10-3pm
4th Dad's Play Day
9th FDK Lottery 2:00pm



For Further information contact:

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SCHOOL NEWS

Upcoming Concerts at Cascade Ridge and a few words from Mr. Dunham:

Chorus and Marimba Club Concert – Thursday, January 27 @6:30 P.M.

The students have been working hard, and it has really paid off. We've got a variety of music planned, ranging from African-style marimba music, to pop music.

Second Grade Concert – “The Big Chill” – Tuesday, February 15 @ 6:30 P.M.

With the cool weather we've been experiencing this La Niña year, it seemed appropriate to perform a concert that is all about snow. We've just started working on this one, and the kids are very excited to perform!

I have truly enjoyed getting to know the students here at Cascade Ridge. It's so exciting to teach students who have so much talent and enthusiasm for music. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Musically yours,

Bret Dunham

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A Big Thank You to PTSA

On behalf of the staff another BIG THANK YOU goes out to Kim Anderson and her team for the delicious treats that were laid out for us all this past Tuesday. They were enjoyed by all of us after a day of crazy schedule changes due to weather.

Weather Related Delayed Starts and Closures

In case of weather (or other) emergencies, please listen to the radio, watch TV, check the district website or call the district hotline @ 837-7000 **rather than calling the school**. Decisions on late starts, early dismissals, etc. are made at the district level. We do not have additional (or early) information, and we really need to keep our phone lines open for emergency situations. If you do not have a copy of the district's Emergency Transportation Bulletin, it is available on the ISD website at: <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/socuments/emrg.pdf?dord=150>. If your student attends Coyote Club, please contact Katie Lange at 425-837-5546 to obtain their closure procedures. ***Please note that Half Day Kindergarten Students have special procedures.*** Even though we are a walking school we still follow bus route procedures as instructed by the district.

Morning Kindergarten:

If the School District announces:

Regular Route – 1 hour late – AM Kindergarten is **not cancelled**

Regular Route – 2 hours late – AM Kindergarten **is cancelled**

Snow Route – 1 hour late – AM Kindergarten **is cancelled**

Snow Route – 2 hours late – AM Kindergarten **is cancelled**

Afternoon Kindergarten:**If the School District announces:**

- Regular Route – 1 hour late – PM Kindergarten is **not cancelled**
 Regular Route – 2 hours late – PM Kindergarten is **not cancelled**
 Snow Route – 1 hour late – PM Kindergarten **is cancelled**
 Snow Route – 2 hours late – PM Kindergarten **is cancelled**

PTSA NEWS

Don't Miss the Upcoming PTSA Meeting! - Don't Forget: The next PTSA General Membership Meeting is on **Thursday, January 27th at 8:30am in the Coyote Cafe**. This one's a "biggie" with review of and voting on ideas for spending accumulated funds (see the related November and December Howler articles for more details), electing our Nominating Committee for developing the slate for our officers in 2011-12, and other interesting business. We will also have a special speaker presenting **"In the Kitchen with Kids: Burn and Scald Prevention"** (see flyer at http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented/attachments/2011-01-27_Burn_Scald.pdf) On top of that, we will provide coffee and treats, so you won't want to miss this meeting and we look forward to having a big crowd!

Join us for Fine Art and Dinner! - Come join us for a lovely evening of fine art and great food! **Friday, January 28th from 6:00-8:00pm** is the PTSA's Fine Arts Night! This year's theme is **"Night at the Museum"**. Come and see your child's art on display, learn a bit about famous artists in history, and enjoy an affordable dinner from Yoko's Teriyaki in our very own Coyote Cafe. Beginning today, you can pre-order your dinner: each meal will include teriyaki chicken, rice, vegetables, two potstickers, and a bottle of water. A vegetarian option is also available. **The last day to order is Tuesday, January 25th** so don't delay; go to <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Packet/FineArtsNight> to place your order!

Upcoming Parent Education Opportunities – Mark your calendars for these upcoming informative seminars.

“Saavy Kids”/Safe Kids presents a Parenting Workshop for Parent of Kids aged 8-12

When: Tuesday, January 18th from 8:00-9:00pm

Where: Issaquah Valley Elementary Library

"In The Kitchen With Kids. Burn and Scald Prevention" Information on Injury and Prevention

When: Thursday, January 27th from 9:15-10:30am (immediately following the PTSA GM Meeting).

Where: Cascade Ridge Elementary Coyote Café

For more information on these and other ISD Parent Education opportunities visit <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented>.

**New Fundraising Opportunity for Cascade Ridge!**

Attention Safeway shoppers! Now through **January 25th** purchase any of the select thousands of items marked with the school bus tags (see Sample Tag) while you shop at your local Safeway store and 10% of the proceeds from these select items will go directly to Cascade Ridge! All you need to do is:

1. Shop now through January 25th at Safeway and purchase items marked with the school bus tag.
2. Look for a message that will print on your receipt between **January 29th and February 22nd** indicating the amount your purchases earned.
3. Turn your receipts into the box in our school foyer.

Note: eScrip supporters with a registered club card will earn automatically. Question? Contact Diana Ver rue at dverrue@msn.com.

Congratulations Reflections Honorees - The results from the District Reflections competition are in and Cascade Ridge had an outstanding year! Five of our twelve school finalists were chosen as district finalists and will move on to the state competition. Congratulations to the following students who are progressing to the state level:

Visual Arts - Helen Yin and Julia Hong

Photography - Macey McCandlish

Literature - Sunchay Roy

Music - Ayush Varadhan

Honorable Mention went to Arya Ajwani for her literature entry. The awards reception and art walk are open to the public and will be held on **Tuesday, January 25th from 6:30-8:30pm at Pacific Cascade Middle School** (*re-scheduled from its previous date and time*). Next year's theme is "**Diversity Means...**" and all students can start now for the Fall 2011 competition.

Are you Receiving the Howler? - The Coyote Howler is the PTSA's monthly newsletter, and it contains many very important announcements and articles related to school events, activities, and deadlines. All teachers, staff, and parents should have received the January edition of the Howler in their email inboxes on Wednesday, January 5th. If you did not receive it, you are missing out on critical news. To be added to our distribution list, send a note to webmaster@cascaderidgeptsa.org or fill out the form at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Join>.

Note that the PTSA's Howler distribution list is *separate* from the district's E-News list which is used for the Coyote Connection newsletter and urgent school-related announcements. So, receiving the Connection does not necessarily mean you are also receiving the Howler. Please check and make sure you're receiving both.