



# THE COYOTE CONNECTION

## Cascade Ridge Elementary School Newsletter

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**September 22, 2011**

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept 27	Vision and Hearing Testing
Sept 29	Math Club Information Night Café 7pm
Oct 6	Student Picture Day/Volunteer Picture Day
Oct 7	Dad's Play Day
Oct 14	Walkathon 3-6pm
Nov 4	Dad's Play Day
Nov 10	Picture Re-Take Day
Nov 11	Veteran's Day-No School for Students or Staff
Nov 23	End of 1st Trimester-Report Cards go home
Nov 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Holiday-No School For Students or Staff

### A NOTE FROM NATALIE

Our 2010-2011 MSP Scores are in and again, Cascade Ridge has reason to be proud! We saw an increase in students making standard in many content areas and with scores in the upper 80 to mid 90 percent, our scores continue to be significantly above the state average. For a more detailed breakdown by subject and grade level, you may click on the link:

<http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/summary.aspx?groupLevel=District&schoolId=1461&reportLevel=School&orgLinkId=1461&yrs=&year=2010-11>

If you had a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Cascade Ridge last year, you are able to view their MSP scores on Family Access. In addition, for last year's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, a more detailed score report should have come home with your student this week. Middle schools will be sending home last year's 5<sup>th</sup> grader score reports.

While the MSP is just one measure of how our students are performing, it helps to confirm what we already believe— we have great teachers, great kids and great parental support here at Cascade

*Natalie Wyowlek*

*Challenge, Support and Celebrate Each Student*

## SCHOOL NEWS

### *Riding Your Bike to School*

Many of our students love to ride their bikes to school on these beautiful Fall days. Before they do we ask that you and your students review the section on page 6 of "Our Rules" regarding Bicyclists and Scooters. In there it states:

#### **BICYCLISTS AND SCOOTER RIDERS MUST:**

- Be in grades 3 - 5 to ride to school.
- Wear a helmet.
- Dismount and walk bike/scooter on the school grounds for the safety of those on foot. Pedestrians have the right-of-way.
- Park and lock bike at the rack located at the school.

During arrival and dismissal times we are very congested with both car traffic and foot traffic; "Our Rules" are in place for the safety of all in our school community.

Thank you

### *Please Check Your Family Access*

Please check your Family Access account for accuracy. Email Jennifer Kirsch at [kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:kirschj@issaquah.wednet.edu) with updates. It is important we have your student's most current information on file. Thank you!

### **CARING COYOTES**

Are you interested in joining a club to help serve your community? Come check out the Caring Coyotes fall informational meeting next Tuesday, September 27!

This club is open to any **3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grade students** who would like to get together to plan and carry out service projects benefitting our local community. Students have the option to join us from September through December, January through June, or for the whole year! Students interested in joining later in the year can attend an informational meeting at a later date.

Our first informational meeting will be **Tuesday, September 27 from 3:00-3:30 in Ms. Bates' room** (Room 245). We have reserved Tuesday afternoons for our group meetings, but the actual number of meetings held this fall will depend upon the service project selected by our student members.

Our Mission: Caring Coyotes strives to provide members opportunities to serve and better their local community, to build relationships with one another and with community members, and to broaden both the understanding of need and the value of a helping hand within our community.

Contact Brooke Noone ([nooneb@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:nooneb@issaquah.wednet.edu)), Elaine Fritsch ([fritsche@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:fritsche@issaquah.wednet.edu)), or Anjuli Bates ([batesa@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:batesa@issaquah.wednet.edu)) with any questions. We hope to see you next Tuesday!

### **Picture Day with Dorian Studio is coming October 6, 2011**

Cascade Ridge is happy to announce that our new photographers, Dorian Studio will be at our school on October 6, 2011. Order envelopes and more information will be arriving home soon!

**Volunteers** please mark your calendars for October 6; Dorian is offering a complimentary picture badge for our wonderful volunteers. Just stop by at your convenience anytime October 6 and get your picture taken. Please sign in at the office then make your way to Portable 7 or 8.

### **Dad's Play Day**

Please join us for our first Dads' Play Day of the school year. On Friday, October 7th, dads, moms, grandparents and other special guests are invited to join us for lunch recess to play with your special kiddo(s).

Lunch times are:

11:00-11:25 (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Grades)

11:30-11:55 (K and 5<sup>th</sup> Grades)

12:00-12:25 (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Grades)

### **Wanted: Wagon For Safety Patrol**

Safety Patrol is in need of a wagon to carry out our traffic cones. Should you have one that you wish to donate please email Paula Parks at [parksp@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:parksp@issaquah.wednet.edu).

## **PTSA NEWS**

### **Vision and Hearing Screening**

Vision and Hearing Screening will take place Tuesday September 27th. We need additional volunteers for both the morning and afternoon shifts, to sign up, please contact Tina Yerges, [tinayerges@msn.com](mailto:tinayerges@msn.com) or Jaycee Cooper, [jaycee.cooper@gmail.com](mailto:jaycee.cooper@gmail.com)

### **Wild West Walkathon**

It's just around the corner! Listen up, y'all! It's time to head 'em up and move 'em out on Friday, October 14, 3-6 pm. **Events like this only happen once a year!** Walkathon - Dinner - Games - Prizes - Silent Auction – Entertainment. For more info or to volunteer, please contact Mary Jo Webb [maryjowebb@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjowebb@yahoo.com) or Chrisann Penz [chrisannpenz@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisannpenz@yahoo.com)

### **Site Council Volunteers**

Are you interested in working with other parents and staff member to support the Cascade Ridge mission statement? The Cascade Ridge Site Council is for you. We are looking for two new members to join our team. We meet the first Monday of the month from 6:00pm - 7:30pm. Being a member of the Site Council is a two year commitment. If you interested please contact Pam Gross at [grosspam@msn.com](mailto:grosspam@msn.com).

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee**

Thank you to all the parents who came to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting last Thursday. If you did not make it and would like to volunteer for one of the following committees, please contact Rachel Schnebele via email at [rachelschnebele@comcast.net](mailto:rachelschnebele@comcast.net) or Chrisann Penz, [chrisannpenz@yahoo.com](mailto:chrisannpenz@yahoo.com).

Committees include: 5<sup>th</sup> grade party, 5<sup>th</sup> grade service project, 5<sup>th</sup> grade castoff ceremony, 5<sup>th</sup> grade photographer for slide show.

### **Math Club Information Night – Sept. 29**

Cascade Ridge PTSA is excited to be kicking off this year's Math Club with an information night for interested parents and kids. Join us on September 29 at 7:00pm in the Coyote Café to learn all about this program. Math Club is for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who enjoy doing math and wish to stretch their thinking to solve challenging math problems. There is also an opportunity to participate in a competition in the spring with other area elementary schools.

Registration for Math Club will be done through our PTSA website at <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Packet/MathClub> Questions? Contact Rajeev Goel at [rgoel@live.com](mailto:rgoel@live.com).

### **First Lego League**

Does your **3rd, 4th or 5th grade** student love science? Robots? Are they crazy about LEGOs? If so, good news: Cascade Ridge is forming two First LEGO League Teams! Please go to <http://cascaderidgeptsa.org/Packet/Lego> for ALL of the details about this exciting new program and to register. **Hurry!** Registration is open now and will close at 4pm this Sunday, September 25. Team formation will be done by lottery.

### **POPCORN FRIDAY is back!**

The first Friday of every month, during their second recess, all students will have the opportunity to purchase a yummy bag of hot buttered popcorn for only \$.25. In order to make this happen, we need one volunteer a month to help Laura Fortner make and distribute the popcorn. Of course you are more than welcome to sign up for more than one month! The dates are as follows: Oct.7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2, Jan. 6, Feb. 3, Mar. 2, Apr. 6, May 4 and June 1st. The timing of second recess is 1:15-2:10pm. Please contact Laura if you want to help! 425-427-2280 or via email at [laurafortner@gmail.com](mailto:laurafortner@gmail.com).

### **Passive Fundraising Update**

**It's easy to support our school through this passive fundraising opportunity:**

1. Visit [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com) and shop from over 200 items.
2. Enter our school ID at checkout: **School ID: 10008581**
3. *40% of every dollar spent goes to our school.*
4. Make sure to register your student through the 'Seller Section' at [www.sallyfoster.com](http://www.sallyfoster.com). You can send personalized emails to friends and family to ask for their support. You can also track your sales.



*Note: Items get shipped directly to customers! Free Shipping with \$50 Purchase!  
Flat Fee Shipping of \$3.95 for orders under \$50!*

It's simple and fun, the items are delightful, and we really appreciate your support

### **Brown Bear Car Wash**

Get a clean car, save \$\$ and earn money for Cascade Ridge PTSA! For every \$5 ticket purchased CRE PTSA earns \$3.50 (normal price for basic exterior car wash is \$6.39). To purchase tickets email Nichole Wengert at [nwengert@msn.com](mailto:nwengert@msn.com) and provide the following information:

Your name  
Your child's name  
Your child's teacher  
How many tickets you would like to purchase



Then place a check payable to CRE PTSA (\$5/ticket) in the black PTSA box in the school foyer. Tickets will be delivered to your child's classroom within a week of your payment being received. Thanks for supporting our school! Order forms are also available on top of the black PTSA box.

### **Box Tops & Ink Cartridges**



Please remember to deposit Box Tops in the clear box in the school's foyer and ink cartridges in the box in the school foyer. Your contributions really do help support our programs!

### **Parent Education Opportunities:**

**Sammamish Plateau's Parenting Networking Group**, Thurs. Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, 7pm. Questions, contact Cherry O'Neill [dwo-mci@msn.com](mailto:dwo-mci@msn.com)

For more information about these upcoming seminars please link to: <http://www.issaquahptsa.org/parented>