



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

GRAND RIDGE ELEMENTARY NEWS

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SCHOOL NEWS

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

November is the time we look forward to seeing you at Grand Ridge for parent conferences. This is such an important opportunity for teachers and parents to communicate and to share strategies for student success in learning. Please stop by the office to say hello when you are here on November 3 or 4. We look forward to seeing you.

Respectfully,

Barb Walton

Principal

New Music Website

There is now a Grand Ridge Music website that you can visit to see what is going on in the Grand Ridge music rooms! You can find information about concert dates, curriculum, and much more! Please visit us at www.wix.com/abadgley/Grand-Ridge-Music and be sure to check out the Grand Ridge music blog while you're at it!

Caution: Road Work Ahead

Between October 19 and 23, the streets in and around Central Park may be blocked or closed as construction crews work to upgrade the soccer fields. Please plan accordingly so that you make it to school on time. Thank you!

From the Library

Greetings from the Grand Ridge library! We are off to a great start this year. The classes have been coming in for their library lessons, listening to great literature, and selecting books. The children love browsing through the books that are available and are excited about the ones they select. Have your children share what they have chosen to ensure that the books are perfect for them and your family. Happy reading!

Barb Hinthorne and Michelle Ensey, Teacher-Librarians

Vision & Hearing Screening Follow-up

If your child was absent during the recent vision and hearing screening, the school nurse will follow-up individually to screen each student. Students failing the screening will be re-checked in 4-6 weeks. If they still do not pass at that time, then you will be notified in writing of the results of the failed screening requesting further evaluation by your personal physician.

Parents, as required by state law, students in the Issaquah School District have their vision screened annually in grades Kindergarten through 3rd grade, 5th grade and 7th grade. This is a mass school screening test for distance vision only. It does not measure the eye health, eye movement control, focusing ability, or how well the eyes work together. **Just as you would bring your child to the dentist/doctor, I would encourage you to bring your child to an eye doctor.** If you do not have vision insurance and feel this is a huge burden on your family, please feel free to contact the school nurse for possible resources.

Any questions please feel free to call Terry Ostendorf, school nurse, at 425-837-7930.

Reminder: Please Label Your Child's Clothes

Attention Parents: Our lost and found bins are overflowing. To make it possible for our parent volunteers to return items to your children, please take a minute to put your child's name inside of all their jackets, coats, lunch boxes, etc. It helps us immensely when returning those items to your kids. Many thanks from your Lost and Found Committee.

Holiday Program for Families in Need – “Gifts from Gilman”

If your family, or a family you know, is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, or necessities, please contact our school nurse ASAP to obtain information regarding the Issaquah Food Bank's Holiday Program. In order to participate in the program, families must provide a letter from the school nurse verifying that their student attends school in the Issaquah School District. The Food Bank will accept applications between October 13 through November 31; however, the program fills up quickly so be sure to contact the school nurse, Terry Ostendorf, at (425) 837-7930 or ostendorft@issaquah.wednet.edu as soon as possible.

A Note from Teaching & Learning Services on High School Math Curriculum

Join us for a slice of pi and rational (hopefully) expressions! The Issaquah School District has scheduled three upcoming math-conversation nights. In light of the current **geometry and algebra curriculum adoption** process, administrators and math teachers invite all parents to come learn about the rationale for the recommended curriculum, *Discovering Mathematics*; to test-drive the recommended materials; to hear the results of District-wide parent and student math surveys; and to provide feedback about what type of math supports their students need. This is a comprehensive effort to understand families' math experience in the Issaquah School District. The math-conversation nights are 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at [Issaquah High](#); Tuesday, Nov. 3, at [Liberty High](#); and Monday, Nov. 16, at [Skyline High](#). More information about the geometry and algebra curriculum adoption, including FAQs and links to the new state standards, is [available online](#).

Correction: Planning Ahead - School Closings & Assessment Dates

Planning a vacation? Here is a list of the days that school is closed as well as important assessment dates for the remainder of the 2009-10 school year. Copies of the complete [school calendar](#) and [assessment calendar](#) are available on the Issaquah School District website.

November 3 & 4 Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 11 Veteran's Day
November 26-27 Thanksgiving holiday
Dec. 21 - Jan. 3 First Winter Break
January 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 1 - 12..... Stanford 10 Achievement (Grades K-9)
February 15 Presidents Day
February 16 - 19 Second Winter Break
March 10 - 24..... Cognitive Abilities ("CogAT") (Grade 2 only)
March 29 - April 2..... Spring Break
May 12 - 28..... Measurers of Student Progress ("MSP" – formerly WASL) (Grades 3-8)
May 28 - 31 Memorial Day (4-day weekend)
June 17 Last day of school for students

PTSA NEWS

For more information on the following articles, go to www.GrandRidgePTSA.org

REMINDERS:

- **Make a donation to Issaquah Schools Foundation's *Calling for Kids*** when you get your phone call on October 20th or 21st. Or log on to www.issaquahschoolsfoundation.org today!
- **4th Grade After-School Movies** permission slips due Friday, October 23, 4:00pm. NO EXCEPTIONS! The movie is "Monsters vs. Aliens."
- **Bring in your Box Tops.** Final prize drawing Friday, Oct. 23.

EVENTS

The Science Fair is Coming!

Purchase Your Science Fair Display Boards - Limited Time ONLY!

Tuesday, Nov. 3, & Wednesday, Nov. 4 – During Parent-Teacher Conferences

The Science Fair will be coming in March, but it's not too soon to start planning. Science fair display boards (tri-folds) will be available for purchase for only two days! You can pick up a tri-fold during your Parent-Teacher Conference at the Grand Ridge main entrance for only \$5. Children are unable to take tri-fold display boards home on the bus, so this is the only opportunity for parents to grab a tri-fold for their child.

Details about the Science Fair will be disclosed at a later date. If you have any questions about tri-fold display boards ONLY, please contact us at grptsavpevents@gmail.com

Welcome Coffee

Thursday, October 22, 9:15am-9:45am, Grand Ridge Library

Welcome! Welcome! Newcomers and Returning Parents!

You are invited to enjoy some goodies and coffee at the Welcome Back-to-School Coffee hosted by the PTSA and Principal Walton on Thursday, October 22nd from 9:15am-9:45am in the school Library. We hope to answer any questions you may have about Grand Ridge and the PTSA. We look forward to meeting you! Children are welcome!

PROGRAMS

Reflections Art Walk Reception

DATE CHANGE: Thursday, October 29, 7:00pm, Grand Ridge Commons

Reflections Art Competition entries will be presented to our Grand Ridge families at a special reception honoring **ALL 70** of the artists. The 12 finalists will be announced.

PTSA MEMBERSHIP

The Student Directory is Almost Ready!

The highly sought-after Student Directory (complimentary to Grand Ridge PTSA members) is in its final stages – secure your copy now by becoming a member! Not sure if you already are a member? Confirm your status by checking the Membership List on the PTSA bulletin board near the front office.

Membership is now at 93%. Our goal is 100% membership ... which means 100% support for our Grand Ridge students. Are you one of the remaining 7%? Click [here](#) for a membership form.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Be a part of deciding who is on your 2010-2011 PTSA Board of Directors. Join the Nominating Committee. If interested or for more information, contact Lida Buckner at grPTSA@gmail.com

Volunteers needed for the **Science Fair**. If interested, contact Theora Dalupan at grptsavpevents@gmail.com.

For more information about these and other volunteer opportunities, contact grptsa@gmail.com.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 19 Volunteer Workroom Training, 9:30am OR 1:00pm OR 5:30pm
- 19 2nd Grade (Lusk & Miller) Walking Field Trip
- 20 2nd Grade (Bolam & Evanger) Walking Field Trip
- 22 2nd Grade (Austin & Herzberg) Walking Field Trip
- 22 Welcome Coffee, hosted by PTSA & Principal Walton, Library, 9:15 - 9:45am
- 23 2nd Grade (Pendergast & Beck) Walking Field Trip
- 23 Last Box Tops prize drawing
- 23 4th Grade After-School Movie Permission Slips due, 4:00pm
- 26 2nd Grade (Johnson) Walking Field Trip
- 26 Grizzly Joggers Club, 8:10-9:00am
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- 27 First Student Council Meeting, 8:15am
- 27 Science Fair Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 9:30am
- 27 First Grizzly Grants Committee Meeting, 1:30pm
- 27 Grand Ridge Site Council Meeting, Library, 4:30pm
- 28 4th Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:15 – 3:15pm
- 29 **DATE CHANGE** -- Reflections Art Reception, Grand Ridge Commons, 7:00 – 8:00pm
- 29 Global Reading Challenge afternoon session, 3:45-4:15pm
- 30 Global Reading Challenge morning session, 8:30-9:00am

NOVEMBER

- 1 Daylight Savings Time ends – “fall back” one hour
- 2 Grizzly Joggers Club, 8:10-9:00am
- 2 PTSA General Membership Meeting, Grand Ridge Commons, 7:00pm
- 2 Voters of Issaquah - Levy Information Parent Ed Seminar, Commons, 8:00pm
- 3 **NO SCHOOL** for **all** students – Parent-Teacher Conferences
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- 5 **NO SCHOOL for KINDERGARTEN ONLY** – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 6 Picture Re-take Day, all grades
- 9 Grizzly Joggers Club, 8:10-9:00am
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- 10 Student Council Meeting, 8:15am

- 11 **NO SCHOOL** – Veteran’s Day
- 12 4th Grade Field Trip to Water Treatment Center, 9:30-2:30
- 12 Global Reading Challenge afternoon session, 3:45-4:15pm
- 13 Global Reading Challenge morning session, 8:30-9:00am
- 13 4th Grade Field Trip to Water Treatment Center, 9:30-2:30
- 13 3rd Grade After-School Movie Permission Slips due, 4:00pm
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