



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

GRAND RIDGE ELEMENTARY NEWS

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SCHOOL NEWS

Reminders from the School Office

If your Child is Late to School

Please honor our "Late Arrival" policy:

"If students arrive after the final morning bell, they should come to the office to get a late slip, and be **signed in by a parent.**"

Student Safety Tips

Please remind your children of these important safety tips:

- never talk to a stranger;
- never let a stranger get too close, whether the stranger is in a car or walking;
- never tell a stranger any personal information, such as name, age, or address;
- try to walk in pairs with a friend or an adult;
- stick to safe, well-lit paths when walking;
- do not obstruct hearing with iPods or portable music players when walking or waiting outside;
- if a stranger tries to grab you, yell as loudly as you can and run away;
- immediately alert an adult if you are approached by a suspicious person.

Thank you for your help keeping students safe!

Flu Season

The cold weather is an indicator that winter is sweeping in along with the flu season at our school and schools throughout the region. We have not experienced any abnormalities in the severity of symptoms or the number of student absent for a flu season, but the heightened public focus on good hygienic practices warrants another reminder: Please evaluate your children every morning and make sure they stay home if they exhibit signs of influenza or other sicknesses (until 24 hours after a fever has passed). To stop the spread of germs and viruses, everyone should wash hands frequently and properly; get vaccinated for H1N1 and the seasonal flu; and cover coughs with a tissue or sleeve. More information is available on the [Issaquah School District](#) and [Seattle-King County Public Health](#) websites. District officials continue to be in contact with health experts at the regional and state level to make sure we are following best health and notification practices. We are also working with custodians to be extra vigilant about cleaning and sanitizing our facilities. All advice from health officials is the same: No need for overreaction—H1N1 is a flu subtype comparable to other seasonal flu strains we experience annually—but keep vigilant and follow good hygienic practices in your household.

Community Fliers

Click on the [Community Fliers](#) link at the bottom of this E-news message to discover all kinds of enrichment opportunities for the Grand Ridge Community. This is the online bulletin space where non-profit organizations, and community groups are able to post family-friendly information and events such as art and language classes, athletic leagues, parenting workshops, and charitable drives.

*Groups represented include **Girl and Boy Scouts, Allergy Awareness and Support Group, Issaquah Parks & Recreation, Issaquah Community Center, Sammamish Symphony Orchestra, Parent Education Love & Logic Classes,** and many more.*

Check our school's [Community Fliers](#) link every time you receive an E-News to keep up to date.

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 22 Welcome Coffee, hosted by PTSA & Principal Walton, Library, 9:15 - 9:45am
- 22 2nd Grade (Austin & Herzberg) Walking Field Trip
- 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
- 10 Grizzly Joggers Club, 8:10-9:00am
- 10 Student Council Meeting, 8:15am
- 11 **NO SCHOOL** – Veteran’s Day
- 12 Global Reading Challenge afternoon session, 3:45-4:15pm
- 12 4th Grade (Pathak & Rappin) Field Trip to Water Treatment Center, 9:30am-2:30pm
- 13 Global Reading Challenge morning session, 8:30-9:00am
- 13 4th Grade (Dziedzic & Cowgill) Field Trip to Water Treatment Center, 9:30am-2:30pm
- 13 3rd Grade After-School Movie Permission Slips due, 4:00pm
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