



THE GRIZZLY GROWL

GRAND RIDGE ELEMENTARY NEWS

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SCHOOL NEWS

Vision & Hearing Screening

Monday, October 5 & Tuesday, October 6

Grand Ridge's vision & hearing screening is this week. If your child wears glasses or a hearing aide, please be sure he or she brings them to school the day of the screening. Any questions, please feel free to contact the school nurse, Terry Ostendorf, at 425-837-7930 or ostendorft@issaquah.wednet.edu.

Ride the bus to protect classroom dollars!

Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9

We need all regular bus riders to make sure to ride the bus from Monday, Oct. 5, through Friday, Oct. 9. That's when drivers will count each student who rides the bus in the morning and each student who rides the kindergarten bus at midday. These rider numbers determine the amount of funding our Transportation Department receives from the State of Washington.

Health Room needs clothes

We are in need of gently-used, size small and medium pants for boys and girls. Elastic waist pants are the best, but we are not picky! Also, if your child has come home in borrowed clothes from our health room, please send them back to school after you have had a chance to wash them. Thank you!

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 ostendorf@issaquah.wednet.edu as soon as possible.

Lost & Found

Our lost and found bin is bulging with coats, sweaters, jackets...and lunchboxes! Please make sure to check the lost and found bin to see if your son/daughter's coat or jacket is there. REMEMBER... marking garments with your child's name makes it easy for us to return items to your child's classroom.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

It's not too late—donate to the Issaquah Schools Foundation's [Calling for Kids](#) campaign by Monday, October 5, and your name will be printed in a thank-you ad in the Issaquah Press! As you may have learned in a recent letter mailed to your home, the *Calling for Kids* campaign funds essential programs and resources for students in our school and across the District, such as academic enrichment grants, after-school homework clubs, one-on-one mentor programs, curriculum updates, and educator professional development. High-school students will be calling families for the campaign on October 20 and 21, but why wait? [Go online to participate now!](#)

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.

Sept. 23 - Oct. 21..... Developmental Reading Assessment ("DRA") (Grade 2 only)
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 20 - 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

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 5 & 6..... Vision & Hearing Screening – remember to bring your eyeglasses!
- 5-9..... Ride-the-Bus-to-School Week – for bussing students only
- 6..... Free & Reduced Lunch Applications due
- 8..... 5th Grade Pacific Marine Field Trip (Bacon, Clausen, ½ of Stewart's class), 8:15am-3:30pm
- 8..... 1st Choir Rehearsal (4th & 5th grade only), Music Room, 8:20 – 9:10am
- 8..... Food Allergy Awareness Seminar, Grand Ridge Library, 7:00pm
- 9..... 5th Grade Pacific Marine Field Trip (Nichols, Sullivan, ½ of Stewart's class), 8:15am-3:30pm
- 9..... 5th Grade After-School Movie Permission Slips due, 4:00pm
- 9..... Reflections entries are due!
- 9..... Box Tops prize drawing
- 13..... PM Kindergarten Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch, 12:45 – 2:45pm
- 14..... AM Kindergarten Field Trip to Pumpkin Patch, 9:30 – 11:30am
- 14..... 5th Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:15 – 3:15pm
- 15..... Room Parent Coffee, Julie Hart's House, 9:30am
- 15..... 4th Grade Field Trip to Tiger Mountain (Cowgill & Dziedzic), 9:30am – 2:30pm
- 16..... 4th Grade Field Trip to Tiger Mountain (Rappin & Pathak), 9:30am – 2:30pm
- 16..... Box Tops prize drawing
- 17..... Art Workshop hosted by Clark Elementary, 500 2nd Ave., Issaquah, 9:00am - 4:00pm
- 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
- 27..... First Grizzly Grants Committee Meeting, 1:30pm
- 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

NOVEMBER

- 1..... Daylight Savings Time ends – “fall back” one hour
- 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
- 4..... **NO SCHOOL** for **all** students – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 5..... **NO SCHOOL** for **KINDERGARTEN ONLY** – Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 6..... Picture Re-take Day, all grades
- 11..... **NO SCHOOL** – Veteran's Day
- 13..... 3rd Grade After-School Movie Permission Slips due, 4:00pm
- 18..... 3rd Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:15 – 3:15pm
- 20..... 2nd Grade After-School Movie Permission Slips due, 4:00pm
- 25..... 2nd Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:15 – 3:15pm
- 26..... **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break

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