



September 14, 2009

## SCHOOL NEWS

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### **CURRICULUM NIGHT**

Reminder... Curriculum Night for parents of 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders is Wed., September 16. Curriculum Night for parents of Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is Wed., September 23. The schedule is the same for both nights.

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| 6:00 – 6:30 pm | Sign up for conferences, meet our teaching specialists (music, PE, librarian, counselor, etc.), update volunteer forms -- in the Commons |
| 6:30 – 7:15 pm | Presentations by teachers will begin <b><i>promptly</i></b> at 6:30 – in your child's classroom.   |

**Who should attend?** Curriculum Night is for parents only, please.

**Where do I go when I get to school on Curriculum Night?** All parents are asked to enter through the Courtyard entrance – lower level, on the parking lot side of the building. Begin in the Commons (cafeteria) and then proceed to your child's classroom.

### **SAFETY ALERT**

We would like to remind you that immediately before and after school we have one lane that serves to drop off and pick up students. We ask that you pull as far forward as possible. Once you are safely stopped, your child may enter or leave from the passenger side of your car (the sidewalk side). Also, by law, the Handicap designated parking spots are reserved for vehicles with handicap sticker. Thank you for helping make Grand Ridge a safe place for all!

### **END-OF-THE-DAY DISMISSAL PLANS**

Please make arrangements in the morning for your child's end of the day dismissal plans. We ask that you limit changes in your dismissal plans to emergencies or events beyond your control. Our office and your child's classroom can be a very busy place during the school day, making it difficult to deliver messages to teachers. We also try to limit the number of interruptions caused by contacting teachers during their instructional time. Thank you for your help!

## **BUS PASSES**

The first day for bus passes will be Wednesday, September 16. If your child would like to ride the bus to a friend's house after school, please complete a [Bus Pass Request form](#) or send a note to the office with the following information:

- ☺ The date
- ☺ Your child's first and last name
- ☺ The full name of the child they will be riding with
- ☺ The bus number
- ☺ Teacher's name
- ☺ Your phone number
- ☺ Your signature

### **Who needs a bus pass?**

- ☺ a walker who is riding a bus,
- ☺ a student who is riding an alternate bus, or
- ☺ a student who rides his/her regular bus but gets off at a different stop.

## **PREVENT CONTAGIOUS DISEASE, INCLUDING H1N1 FLU ("SWINE FLU")**

Students and staff with symptoms of contagious illnesses including the H1N1 flu can spread the disease to others. The following are guidelines to help you determine when your child should stay home. **Keep your child home if he/she has any of these symptoms:**

\***Appearance/Behavior**- unusually tired, pale, lack of appetite, difficult to wake, confused, irritable.

\***Sore throat**- especially if associated with fever or swollen glands

\***Fever**- over 100 degrees F. orally. Temperature should remain normal **without fever reducing medication** 24 hours before returning to school.

\***Diarrhea**- more than one episode in a 24 hour period

\***Vomiting**- within the past 24 hour period

\***Rash**- body rashes not associated with heat, or allergic reactions to medications

\***Drainage from the eye**- thick mucus draining from the eye or if the eye is crusted or difficult to open

\***Nasal discharge** (yellow or greenish)- Clear nasal discharge may signal a cold or it may indicate an allergic reaction especially if accompanied by watery eyes. However, if your child's nasal mucus has a color and is accompanied by a fever or other symptoms such as coughing, sneezing, drowsiness, and a general sign of not feeling well, your child may be contagious and should remain at home until the symptoms subside. Call your doctor if you have any concerns or questions.

**Teach your child to cover coughs and sneezes by coughing/sneezing into their elbow, disposing of used tissues right away and remember: The most important thing you can do to prevent illness is for you and your child to WASH YOUR HANDS OFTEN!**

**Also, remember to keep the school office updated with new emergency and work numbers in case your child becomes ill at school!**

Before sending your child to school in the morning, ask yourself if they look healthy and ready to learn. Please be mindful that the H1N1 flu seems to spread fast as does many other illnesses. So please do not send your kids to school when they are ill.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me, the school nurse at Grand Ridge, Terry Ostendorf at (425)837-7930, [ostendorf@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:ostendorf@issaquah.wednet.edu).

## **SPRING 2009 WASL RESULTS**

WASL results from spring 2009 testing are available in Family Access for students who tested in grades 3-12. Families without internet access may request paper copies from the school office.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) has created one-page summaries of learning expectations for students in grades K-10 called Your Child's Progress. These summaries may be viewed or downloaded at the following link on the OSPI website, <http://www.k12.wa.us/resources/default.aspx>.

This year, the Measures of Student Progress (MSP) will replace the WASL for grades 3-8

## **LEGAL NOTICES**

Please read the important safety, health, and equal-rights notices that are posted online at <http://www.issaquah.wednet.edu/district/legal/Default.aspx>. You will find information about asbestos, nondiscrimination, pest management, the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), possession of firearms, sexual harassment, Title IX, and more.

# **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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Volunteers are needed to help with the **Vision and Hearing Screening** that is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, October 5 and 6. No experience is necessary, and training will be provided. If you can help, please contact Jenell Tamaela, [grptsavolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:grptsavolunteers@gmail.com). Your help will be greatly appreciated!

Volunteers needed for the **Grizzly Tracks Walk-a-Thon/Fall Festival**. Help prepare for and work on the day of the event, October 1, from 3:30pm-6:30pm. Contact Karen Crowe at [grptsavpevents@gmail.com](mailto:grptsavpevents@gmail.com)

For more information about volunteer opportunities, contact [grptsa@gmail.com](mailto:grptsa@gmail.com).

# CALENDAR

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## **SEPTEMBER**

- 14 ..... Last day to turn in school supply donations
- 15 ..... Reflections Committee Meeting, Conference Room, 9:30am
- 16 ..... Curriculum Night for Grades 3, 4 & 5, 6:00 - 7:15pm
- 17 ..... Grizzly Tracks Walk-a-thon pledge forms and permission slips due
- 17 ..... After-School Movie Committee Meeting, Caffe Ladro, 1:00pm
- 18 ..... Art Docent meeting, Blakely Hall, 10:30am
- 23 ..... Curriculum Night for Grades K, 1 & 2, 6:00 - 7:15pm
- 25 ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Corn Maze, 9:30am – 1:45pm
- 28 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Field Trip to Salmon Hatchery
- 29 ..... Site Council, Grand Ridge Library, 4:30pm
- 30 ..... SAGE Curriculum Night, Room 112, 6:00pm
- 30 ..... First PTSA General Membership Meeting, Grand Ridge Library, 7:00pm
- 30 ..... Love & Logic Parent Education Seminar, Grand Ridge Library, 8:00pm

## **OCTOBER**

- 1 ..... Picture Day for Grades K, 1 & 2 (*only* if you missed Taking Care of Business Day)
- 1 ..... Grizzly Tracks Walk-a-thon & Fall Festival, 3:30 - 6:30pm
- 2 ..... Picture Day for Grades 3, 4 & 5 (*only* if you missed Taking Care of Business Day)
- 5 & 6 .... Vision & Hearing Screening – volunteers needed!
- 5-9 ..... Ride-the-Bus-to-School Week – for bussing students only
- 6 ..... Free & Reduced Lunch Applications due
- 8 ..... Allergy Awareness Seminar, Grand Ridge Library, 7:00pm
- 8 ..... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Marine Biology Field Trip
- 9 ..... Reflections entries are due!
- 14 ..... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:30 – 3:15pm
- 28 ..... 4<sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:30 – 3:15pm

## **NOVEMBER**

- 2 ..... PTSA General Membership Meeting, Grand Ridge Commons, 7:00pm
- 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

18 ..... 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:30 – 3:15pm

25 ..... 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:30 – 3:15pm

26 ..... **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break

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