



# THE GRIZZLY GROWL

GRAND RIDGE ELEMENTARY NEWS

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### **Curriculum Night**

Reminder...Curriculum Night for parents of Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> graders is this Wednesday, September 23. The schedule is:

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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.

### **Bus Ridership Week**

The Transportation Department will hold their annual School Bus Ridership Count Monday, October 5 through Friday, October 9. On those dates, bus drivers will count each student who rides the bus in the morning and each child who rides the kindergarten bus at mid-day. ***It's very important for students to ride their buses during the count week because those numbers determine the funding the Issaquah School District's Transportation Department receives from the State of Washington.***

## ***Voice Mentor Program (Volunteers of Issaquah Changing Education)***

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with Issaquah students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteer commitment is one hour per week through the school year. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff. Our volunteers routinely state that they make a strong bond with their student and “get more than they give.” We strive to make the students and mentors time together meaningful and valued. Placements are made based on the mentors’ interests. Whether a mentor’s passion is literacy, ESL students, math or another area, we have a place for you in Issaquah schools. Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor.

For further information contact: Susan Gierke, [VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu), 425-837-7139

VOICE is funded by the Issaquah Schools Foundation in Cooperation with the Issaquah School District.

## **PTSA NEWS**

For more information on the following articles, go to [www.GrandRidgePTSA.org](http://www.GrandRidgePTSA.org)

### ***First PTSA General Membership Meeting***

***Wednesday, Sept. 30, 7:00pm, Grand Ridge Library***

Please join us for our first General Membership Meeting, followed by the “**Love & Logic**” Parent Education Seminar.

### ***Join the PTSA!!!***

Our PTSA goal each year is to have 100% membership. Last year we achieved our goal by January 1<sup>st</sup> – let’s see if we can break that record. We are off to a great start! The astounding news is that on day #11 of school we already were at **82%!** Our applause and thanks goes out to everyone who seriously “took care of business” this year! To the remaining 18%, please join and help us set an amazing standard that showcases the strength of Grand Ridge parent involvement and interest! We are so impressed with this momentum – let’s keep rolling! Click [here](#) for a printable order form.

Questions? Contact Tami Curtis at [grptsamembership@gmail.com](mailto:grptsamembership@gmail.com)

### ***Grizzly Tracks Walk-a-thon and Fall Festival***

**Thursday, October 1, 3:30-6:30pm**

The Grizzly Tracks Walk-A-Thon and Fall Festival is fast approaching. A huge thank you to all of the families that have already turned in permission slips and pledge forms. We are so excited you will be joining us on October 1<sup>st</sup> and appreciate the effort you

have all put into collecting those pledges. For those of you who would still like to participate there is still time! You can even still volunteer!

### **PERMISSION SLIP DEADLINE EXTENDED: Friday, Sept. 25!!!**

Registration for the Grizzly Tracks Walk-a-Thon and Fall Festival has been extended to Friday, September 25th. Please remember if your child **does not** have a permission slip on file he or she will go home after school via their normal routine on the day of the event.

We look forward to seeing you at the Walk-a-thon!

If you have any questions, please contact Karen Crowe at [grptsavpevents@gmail.com](mailto:grptsavpevents@gmail.com)

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

**Q:** When do I get my t-shirt if I collected \$50 **and** turned in my pledge form and permission slip on the original due date which was September 17, 2009?

**A:** They will be distributed in the classrooms at the end of the day on October 1<sup>st</sup>, which is the day of the event.

**Q:** Will my child still qualify for a t-shirt if they get \$50 in pledges up to the day of the event?

**A:** Yes, but your pledge form and permission slip **must be turned in by September 25<sup>th</sup>**. The T-shirt will be delivered at a later date.

**Q:** Can I get a T-shirt for myself or my child simply by volunteering?

**A:** No, but we are really grateful for your support!

**Q:** If I didn't pledge any money can I still walk in the WAT?

**A:** Yes, we'd love to see you there! Remember you **MUST** have your permission slip turned in by Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Grizzly Gear**

#### **orders due: Wednesday, Sept. 23**

Show your school spirit by ordering your Grizzly Gear today. We have short sleeved adult and youth T-shirts in pink and brown (\$10). Plus, stay dry with our 62" golf umbrella (\$30), and 40" x 60" stadium blanket, water repellent on one side and fleece on the other (\$30). All items are imprinted with our Grizzlies paw. Orders are due by September 23rd. Sorry, no late orders or size changes. Click [here](#) for a printable order form.

Questions? Contact Theresa Janecek at [grptsafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:grptsafundraising@gmail.com)

### **"Popcorn Fridays" are back!**

#### **starting: Friday, Oct. 2**

Thank you to our new Popcorn volunteers, we can now start "Popcorn Fridays". Every Friday during lunch recess, bags of popcorn are available for only 25 cents. So kids, don't forget your quarters.

#### **Popcorn Volunteer Training: Tues., Sept. 22, 9:30am, Grand Ridge Gymnasium**

Questions? Contact Theora Dalupan at [grptsafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:grptsafundraising@gmail.com)

## ***Box Tops Collection & Prize Drawings!***

It's that time of year to start bringing in your Box Tops. Please make sure the Box Tops are in a zip lock bag with your **child's name** and **teacher** written on the bag. Box Top collection bags can be placed in the Official Box Tops bins outside the main office or by the Cafeteria. Our goal, this school year, is to raise \$1800!!!

For the four Fridays between October 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 23<sup>rd</sup>, there will be a weekly raffle. Principal Walton will draw a random name of a lucky prize winner from those students that have turned in Box Tops! So start clipping and good luck!

All money raised from collecting Box Tops is reinvested into our school through PTSA programs. The Box Tops website, [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com), lists all participating products as well as coupons and recipes.

Questions? Contact Pam Cabrera at [grptsafundraising@gmail.com](mailto:grptsafundraising@gmail.com)

## ***Corporate Matching Gift Programs – Double the Money!!***

Grand Ridge PTSA benefits from Corporate Matching Gift Programs. We were fortunate to have companies like Boeing, Microsoft, Safeco, Weyerhaeuser, etc. match your donations last year and hope to do the same again this year!

Here are the current opportunities to MATCH your donations:

- Feed Gilman
- Walk-a-thon
- PTSA Membership

After contributing to one of the activities above, please complete any matching gift request forms through your employer – either hard copy or online.

- For hardcopy forms: complete the form and send it to school with your child in an envelope marked 'Grand Ridge PTSA – matching gifts'.
- If submitting online: please make sure to indicate Grand Ridge PTSA. Your employer will contact us and we'll take care of the rest.

If you have questions on how to direct your donations made through your corporate sponsored matching gift program, send email to [grptsa@gmail.com](mailto:grptsa@gmail.com).

## ***2009 Reflections Art Competition***

***Entries due: October 9<sup>th</sup>***

Theme: Beauty Is...

Submit entries to the Grand Ridge PTSA Office.

Join the Fun! Submit Your Original Artwork...

Categories:

- Literature
- Music Composition
- Photography
- Visual Arts

Entries judged by age categories. Artwork will be displayed! Reception for all participants and their families!

To learn more about the *Reflections* Program, print an entry form, or read important contest rules, please go to [www.ptareflections.org/cs/about\\_reflections](http://www.ptareflections.org/cs/about_reflections). Questions? Contact Theora Dalupan, *Reflections* Chair, at [grptsavpprograms@gmail.com](mailto:grptsavpprograms@gmail.com).

### **Gift-a-Book Program and Honorees**

THANK YOU to everyone who has helped get our new program off and running! The Grand Ridge School Library will be growing with beautiful and interesting books thanks to all of you who contributed at Taking Care of Business Days. Now let's keep the momentum going through the year and celebrate a student's special occasion or achievement, or honor a special person or teacher by participating in Gift-A-Book. Please stop by the school library to view available books and pick up an order form. These students have had a book donated in their name to the Grand Ridge Library: Alex S., Olivia B., Charlie W., Megan L., Jacob H., Justin B., Ty B., Tristan G., Annika B., Ella F., Matthew F., Cory K., Mitchell K., Alex C., Molly B., Anna B., Caroline O., Avery C., Sydney C., Min K., Meghana A., Pranav D., Tejas D., Chloe H., Sophie C., Ben D., Eric C., Tanner D., John P., Lydia P., Aubrey W., Henry Q., Cameron R., Vikram P., Shane T., Cole T., Ian D., Meghan S., Ava N., Mackenzie O., and Riley O. For more information, or to print an order form go to [www.GrandRidgePTSA.org](http://www.GrandRidgePTSA.org). Questions? Contact Michelle Enebo at [grPTSAsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:grPTSAsecretary@gmail.com).

### **REMINDER:**

**Volunteer Surveys:** Parents, please turn in your Volunteer Surveys as soon as possible so that we can better plan our programs and events for this school year. The PTSA is run strictly by volunteers and we appreciate every generous moment you have to offer. Remember, it takes Many Hands + Many Hearts to = the Grand Ridge PTSA. Thank you so much for your support. For a printable Volunteer Survey form, click [here](#).

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

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

## SEPTEMBER

- 22..... Popcorn Volunteer Training, Grand Ridge Gymnasium, 9:30am
- 23..... Curriculum Night for Grades K, 1 & 2, 6:00 - 7:15pm
- 23..... Deadline for Grizzly Gear orders
- 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..... Raptor Presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders, 9:30 – 11:30am
- 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..... “Popcorn Friday” begins (during lunch recess) – only 25 cents per bag!
- 2..... Picture Day for Grades 3, 4 & 5 (*only* if you missed Taking Care of Business Day)
- 2..... First Box Tops prize drawing
- 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..... 1<sup>st</sup> Choir Rehearsal (4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade only), Music Room, 8:20 – 9:10am
- 8..... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Marine Biology Field Trip
- 8..... Food Allergy Awareness Seminar, Grand Ridge Library, 7:00pm
- 9..... Reflections entries are due!
- 9..... Box Tops prize drawing
- 14..... 5<sup>th</sup> Grade After-School Movie, Grand Ridge Commons, 1:30 – 3:15pm
- 15..... Room Parent Coffee, Julie Hart’s House, 9:30am
- 16..... Box Tops prize drawing
- 17..... Art Workshop hosted by Clark Elementary, 500 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Issaquah, 9:00am - 4:00pm
- 19..... Volunteer Workroom Training, 9:30am OR 1:00pm OR 5:30pm – each session lasts approximately 30 minutes
- 22..... Welcome Coffee, hosted by PTSA & Principal Walton, Grand Ridge Library, 9:15 - 9:45am
- 22..... Reflections Art Reception, Grand Ridge Commons, 7:00 – 8:00pm
- 23..... Last Box Tops prize drawing
- 27..... First Grizzly Grants Committee Meeting, 1:30pm
- 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
- 2..... Voters of Issaquah - Levy Information Parent Education Seminar, Grand Ridge 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
- 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
- 27..... **NO SCHOOL** – Thanksgiving Break