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SCHOOL NEWS

"Reach Far, Be Grand"

We make Grand choices that don't cause a problem for anyone.

Did you know? The Grand Ridge PTSA has a program where you can gift a book to the library? The Gift-a-book program is available online and can be found at: www.grandridgeptsa.org. Click on the Programs link on the side, and then click on Gift-a-book.

Birthday Parties

If your child is having a birthday party, please send invitations to families from your home. The school is not able to have students or parents hand out invitations at school. You are welcome to use the school directory to provide addresses for families. The school directory will be delivered to all PTSA members the beginning of November. Thank you for your cooperation.

Site Council

Tuesday, October 18th at 8:15am in the Library

Jake Kuper (district CFO) will be there to discuss the upcoming Bond package and impacts. All are invited to attend.

Library News

New Parenting Resources

Our library collection now includes quite a few new parenting resources. A list of materials that are relevant to parents is located on our [Destiny Quest Website](#). Once there, click on the Resource List labeled Parent List to view the collection. Thank you to the Issaquah Schools Foundation and the Issaquah Community Network for providing grant funding for many of these terrific resources.

Parents may check out up to five library items for a check-out period of three weeks. See Mrs. Gekeler, our librarian, and fill out a short information form to receive a patron number. Happy reading!

After School Plans - Office Lobby Phone

Please make sure you and your child are clear on what is happening after school. Do your children know where to meet you? Having clear plans in the morning helps your child feel secure and more relaxed during the school day.

The phone in our lobby should be used by students for emergencies only. Children should not be using this phone during or after school to make changes in plans, arrange play dates, request a rainy day pick-up, or for any other non-emergency reason.

Nurse's Corner

2011 Holiday Program to help families in need

There will not be a separate District Holiday Program this year. If your family is in need of some extra assistance in terms of food, clothing, necessities, please contact your school nurse ASAP to obtain information on the **Issaquah Food Bank Holiday Program**. New this year -- families will register online beginning October 25th at the website www.issaquahfoodbank.org There will be instructions to register and the last day will be November 23rd. Families will still need to pick up a letter at their child's school that says they attend school in the Issaquah School District! The Food Bank program fills up quickly so be sure to contact your school nurse before the end of October. School PTSA's desiring to participate in a "Caring through Sharing" program will receive their families to sponsor through the Issaquah Food Bank.

PTSA NEWS

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

Coffee with Principal Christy

Come join Principal Otley in the Grand Ridge Commons on Tuesday October 25th at 9:30am for coffee and a chance to chat.

FUNDRAISING

Grand Ridge Auction 2012

Save the Dates!

Grand Ridge One-Week Online Auction, January 22 - 29, 2012

Grand Ridge Live/Silent Auction event on February 11, 2012

Would you like to see more Arts, Music and Science in your child's education? The PTSA is proud to announce the first ever Grand Ridge Auction on February 11th from

6:30-9:00pm at Issaquah's Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets will go on sale for early bird registration on November 1st for \$60. For more information, please visit our [website](#).

Feed Gilman

A heartfelt THANK YOU for all of the wonderful participation in this year's Feed Gilman fundraising campaign! Your support and generosity were apparent as over \$15,000 was donated toward classroom enrichment! Our teachers will have the opportunity to bring in authors & guest speakers, provide assemblies, purchase writing study units, and expand on reading, math & science materials not covered by state funding. We are so fortunate to be surrounded by such giving and dedicated families!

We offered GR Bear Paw magnets to each family who donated to the Feed Gilman campaign. If you did not receive yours, please email grptsa@gmail.com and we will happily send one home with your child.

Gift-A-Book

Fall has arrived in the library! Come check out the "leaf pile" of books our librarian would like for the library. (Think giving tree, without the hassle of going to the store) You can come with your child before or after school and select a book title, or send a check with your child and the librarian will help him/her select a title. Book titles are \$15 \$20 or \$25 each. Your child's name will appear on a bookplate inside the book and they will be the first to check it out!

Jamba Juice

Click [here](#) to find out how a Jamba card can save you money and support our PTSA! Pick one up in the office!

Grizzly Gear

Deadline extended! Last Chance to order Grizzly Gear before the deadline of October 22nd! Don't forget, School Spirit Days are every Friday. Don't miss out on this year's all new Grizzly Gear designs and apparel. All available online on the PTSA website, <http://www.grandridgeptsa.org>

PROGRAMS

Calling All Men of Grand Ridge!

Monday Night Football at Zeeks, 6:30-8:30 pm

Come kick off the school year and meet other Grand Ridge dads and men, all while watching Monday Night Football at Zeeks. Feel free to share your child's most embarrassing antics with the guy sitting next to you.

Monday, Oct. 17: 2nd - 3rd

Monday, Oct. 24: 4th - 5th

ARTISTS WANTED!
2011- 2012 PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM
"DIVERSITY MEANS...."

Go to [Reflections Art Contest](#) for more information!

日本 (Japan) Cultural Focus:

Have your kids been talking about the sumo wrestlers or paper hats they made during recess last week? Find out about more things you can do with your kids to learn about the country and culture of Japan by visiting the PTSA website. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Cultural Diversity group, please contact Lisa Callan at grptsavpprograms@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to Amy Huryn and Carley Alexander, our September Grand Volunteers of the Month! Under the direction of Nurse Leslie Oakes, Amy and Carley have been working hard since August, organizing, recruiting and overseeing the challenging task of screening 800 students in just 2 days. (That's 1600 eyes and 1600 ears!) Their efforts, enthusiasm and smiles are greatly appreciated! We are so proud of our fabulous volunteers. Thank you for making Grand Ridge a wonderful place to learn, play and grow. If you would like to nominate someone for this GRAND honor, please email their name and your reasons for nominating them to erinfw@ihmail.com.

A huge THANK YOU to the other 50+ volunteers assisting with the Vision & Hearing Screening. Check out this [round of applause!](#)

Calling All Photographers!

Help out with items for the Grand Ridge Auction and get a professional photography class. Find out more [HERE!](#)

Grand Ridge Families "Feed the Hungry"

A big bear hug to Brownie Troop #42759, who provided dinner to the hungry at the Issaquah Fire Station on Friday, October 7th. If your family is interested in participating in the *Feed the Hungry Program*, please contact Lida Buckner, lidaj@bluebottle.com, or 425-557-6667.

****** NEED - 3 more families to support the "Feed the Hungry" dinner on Friday, December 2.**

School Directory Update

The Grand Ridge School Directory should be ready by the beginning of November and is just one of the many benefits of being a PTSA member. If you are not a PTSA member, join today! [Click Here](#) to see all perks!

CALENDAR

October

13Grand Ridge Book Swap 5:00-8:00pm

13Popcorn begins (every Thursday)

14Last day to turn in Box Tops

14Jubilee Farms 12:45-2:45pm, Ms. Dolen (PM), Ms. Lanham (PM), and Ms. Cooks

18Site Council 8:15am Guest Speaker Jake Kuper, District CFO

19Issaquah Salmon Hatchery 9:30-11:50am, Ms. DeTolla, Ms. Brown & Ms.

Mickelson

19Issaquah Salmon Hatchery 10:30am-12:50pm, Ms. Lockwood & Ms. Haroutonian

20Picture Retakes

25Coffee with Principal Christy, 9:30am, Grand Ridge Commons

27Reflections Entries Accepted 3:40-6:20pm