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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 ?... that the Issaquah Schools Foundation supports the entire Issaquah school district, and that the programs and grants that ISF offers directly impact Grand Ridge in several different ways? ISF has helped fund the following items that help our Grand Ridge kids. The elementary science initiative, new visual art program, VOICE mentor program, parent education books in our library, music software, leveled books, National Board Certification scholarships, GLAD training for teachers, and money for our learning garden the Grizzly Patch. To find out more, go to www.isfdn.org.

Grand Ridge Website is Moving!

After November 28th, you can find us at

<http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/grand/default.aspx>

Reminder

Students are not to be on campus before 8:55am, 10 minutes before the first bell. Parents may notice children playing outside earlier than 8:55am, however, those are Grizzly Club students. Students may arrive before 8:55am if they remain with their parents. Students who are not part of Grizzly Club will be sent to the office to contact parents for a ride back home.

Help....

As part of the new salmon science curriculum, our 3rd grade class is doing a "Class Action Project." We are collecting batteries which pollute our dumps and collecting florescent light bulbs which contain mercury. There is a collection box in the front hall. Please help us with our project and bring in these items. We will then take them to the Factoria Waste Disposal Center.

Dodgeball Sign-ups

It's time for a little fun! If you are in grades 3-5 and want to join Mr. Hogle in the gym for some before school play, click [here](#) to sign up for Dodgeball. Dodgeball begins on December 6th and ends February 15th on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Meet in the gym with comfortable clothes and PE shoes at 8:00 a.m. **When you sign up, be sure to enter your [CHILD'S](#) name in the "Name" box. For "Phone Number", enter your child's **GRADE**. For example, enter "3" for third.**

PTSA NEWS

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

Congratulations to Tami Curtis, our October Grand Volunteer of the Month! She's done an outstanding job creating and updating our PTSA website. Thanks to Tami, our site is a helpful and well organized resource that keeps the whole Grand Ridge community informed.

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.

Lost & Found - Items to be Donated 12/2

Have you been wondering where your child's favorite coat, sweatshirt, lunch box or water bottle could be? Please check the ever-growing Lost & Found located at the bottom of the main stairwell. *Unclaimed items will be donated to charity December 2nd.*

Membership

It's never too late to become a member of the Grand Ridge PTSA. Sponsorships are available and are kept completely confidential. Simply print and fill out a membership form on the PTSA web site www.grandridgeptsa.org, write sponsorship on the top, and turn it into the school. We'll take care of the rest! Please keep this in mind if you have kids in multiple schools. Memberships at 2-3 schools can seem daunting, but a sponsorship is a great option. Sign up today!

Gifts from Gilman

We will be collecting warm clothing, cleaning supplies, toiletries and food from Nov. 14th to Dec 2nd. Go to www.grandridgeptsa.org for more details.

Grizzly Gear

Holiday Orders for Grizzly Gear will be on for two weeks only! Please order from Saturday, November 19th through Saturday, December 3rd to ensure delivery before Winter Break. Online link for placing orders can be found on the PTSA website at www.grandridgeptsa.org

Popcorn Thursdays!

There is a need for a few good poppers to help with this popular event. Please contact Wendy Posey wendyposey@hotmail.com if you can volunteer!

Grand Ridge Auction February 11, 2012

Get tickets NOW for \$60. Ticket prices go up to \$75 on January 1st. Only 150 left!
For more information [CLICK HERE](#) or [REGISTER NOW](#).

Auction Donation Deadline coming soon!

DEADLINE to donate items to the Grand Ridge Auction is Friday, December 2. The best auction items come from the community - they come from you! Have a timeshare, extra hotel or airline miles? We could use them! Contact Karla Olson if you have anything you would like to contribute. [Donate today](#). Questions contact [Karla Olson](#) by email or 425-985-2254

Extra! Extra! Get your Auction Raffle tickets today!

The CASH PRIZE is now at \$1000. They are being sold during Conferences, at Zeeks Pizza on 12/1 between 5:30pm- 9:00pm and after school on 12/6 & 12/7. What are you waiting for? More info on the [PTSA Website](#). Interested in buying or selling tickets? Please contact Kim Foster by [email](#) or 425-391-0337.

eScrip

Make your holiday shopping count! Families that shop through the [eScrip online mall](#) can earn Grand Ridge PTSA hundreds of dollars! Stores include Gap, Barnes & Noble, Nordstrom, Toys R Us, Apple Store and many more! Visit www.eScrip.com for more information and how to register for free.

Bartell's Rewards

Need Shampoo? Pick up a free 'B' Caring Card on your next trip to Bartell Drugs! Once you register your card Grand Ridge PTSA can earn up to 4% of your purchases.
<http://grandridgeptsa.org/Page/Fundraising/eScrip>

Cultural Focus: TURKEY

Did you get to meet Karagoz and Hacivat? They are Turkish shadow puppets created during the weekly cultural workshop. Fun crafts and cultural learning continues every Tuesday during afternoon recess. Turkish flags and beaded headdresses were also created - all sponsored by the Cultural Diversity Council! Find out about more things you can do with your kids to learn about the country and culture of Turkey by visiting [Cultural Diversity](#) on the PTSA website. If you'd like to volunteer to help with the Cultural Diversity group, please contact Lisa Callan at grptsavpprograms@gmail.com.
Get ready for some Spring cleaning in December! Cultural Diversity will be sharing traditions done in December from various countries with the kids, such as cleaning the home to have a fresh start for the New Year. Combining this with the spirit of giving during the holidays, we are asking the kids to donate a gently used toy

found in their cleaned room. Please have them bring the item to school on 12/6 or 12/13, to be collected and donated to Eastside Baby Corner.

Science Fair Is Coming! - March 21, 2012

Interested in volunteering with the Science Fair? Come and get involved - we are looking for people that are interested in helping with this wonderful event. Questions? Email: Theora Dalupan at tdalupan@hotmail.com

- Science Fair Kick off: February 28 and March 1, 2012
- Student Turn In: March 20, 2012
- Science Fair Event: March 21, 2012

Men of Grand Ridge

A special thank you to Gezahegne, Dawitt, Tim, Bryan, and Riley for taking a bite out of the weeds at Grand Ridge Saturday, November 19th. The crew worked for 3 hours cleaning up the grounds by the main entrance area. Barring snow or sideways rain we will have another clean-up day Saturday December 17th, from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Contact Tim Ryan (tryteo@comcast.net) if you are interested in helping out.

Nominating Committee

It's that time! We need a small group of people to participate on the PTSA nominating committee. We have a few elected positions that need to be filled for next year, so we need your help to find good candidates. Please email grptsa@gmail.com if you are interested in participating on this committee.

Issaquah Schools Foundation

Greetings Cyber Shoppers! Don't forget that shopping at Amazon.com can mean extra money for the Issaquah Schools Foundation. Just add a click to your shopping list and go to www.isfdn.org first, and then click the link to the Amazon.com site. Once you are there - BOOKMARK it as your Amazon link. Taking this quick detour means 8% of your purchase is donated back to ISF, without any charge to you! Make everyone's season brighter this year and shop today! Also, don't forget to visit the Foundation's **Business Partner** page to find great local deals that benefit you and our schools.

CALENDAR

November

- 23Report Cards
- 24-25...**No School** Thanksgiving
- 29Choir Concert 7:00pm
- 30**No School** - Parent-Teacher Conferences

December

- 1.....**No School** - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 2.....Last day for *Gifts from Gilman*
- 2.....Lost & Found donated to charity
- 2.....2nd Grade Choir Performance 7:00pm
- 7.....4th Grade Market Day
- 14.....Spirit PJ Day - Wear Your Pajamas to School!
- 19-Jan 2.....**No School** First Winter Break