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E-news is an important tool to keep our parent community informed. Please call the main office at 425/837-5800 if you have any questions about our e-news.

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Holiday Gift Barn
The Holiday Gift Barn is a holiday gift program for Issaquah School District families with children ages birth-18. Like last year, Pickering Barn will become a “department store” for families in need to do their holiday shopping. New this year: daycare will be available during shopping!

If you are in need and want to register as a shopper please click on the following Issaquah Food Bank link for more details and registration forms, http://issaquahfoodbank.org/. Information for donating items to the Holiday Shop is also available on their website.

Registration is required between November 1\(^{st}\)-30\(^{th}\).

NEW Elementary Report Card Process
We’ve gone paperless! Access to Elementary student report cards will be available through Family Access as of 5:00 on Wednesday, November 26, 2014. We are discontinuing the use of paper copies. Directions for accessing the report card via Family Access can be found on the Family Access section of the Issaquah School District Website. Please notice that when you click on the report card file, you will be prompted to electronically acknowledge that you have viewed the report card.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this step. This helps us to ensure that all student report cards are viewed by parents. Parent/Guardian Reference Guides will help parents navigate the grade level report cards. These documents are also posted on the Elementary Report Cards section of the Issaquah School District Website. Each report card and Parent/Guardian Reference guide has been translated into Spanish and Chinese (Traditional) and can also be found on the Elementary Report Cards section of the Issaquah School District website. Your child’s teacher would appreciate it if you would take time to review your child’s report card before their December conference.

5\(^{th}\) Grade Family Life & Sexual Health (FLASH)
The preview for FLASH and HIV/AIDS curriculum for parents of 5\(^{th}\) graders will be on Thursday, December 11\(^{th}\) at 6:00 pm and on Saturday, December 13\(^{th}\) at 9:00 am at the Issaquah School District Administration Building. Please click on the following links for more information, December Parent Letter for Schools Grade 5 and FLASH Announcement 14-15.

P.I.E. Night (Parents Involved in Education)
Thank you for the outstanding level of support for P.I.E. night! There is an amazing amount of
thinking, learning, and reflecting taking place each and every day by students and teachers and this is an opportunity to partner and better understand your child’s literacy world at school, building a stronger partnership between home and school.

Last night, several resources were shared as we know many of you are wanting to learn more about the shifts in the new standards and ways you can further partner with the teacher to support your child’s learning.

There is a PARENT RESOURCES link under construction on our school website. We will let you know when the tab is live!

In the meantime, here are a few of the links and docs shared last night!

- [http://www.cgcs.org/domain/36](http://www.cgcs.org/domain/36) (K-5 grade level specific parent Common Core supports for reading and writing) [https://www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources](https://www.engageny.org/parent-and-family-resources) (Wealth of ELA/Literacy resources to support the shift in the common core standards)
- [http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents](http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents) (K-3 resources)
- [www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/parented.aspx](www.issaquah.wednet.edu/family/parented.aspx)
- [www.schaffp.weebly.com](www.schaffp.weebly.com) (Parent Resources Tab – 7 Keys to Comprehension notes)

Thank you again for your partnership!

**Dates to Remember**

Nov 17th       Bullying Assembly, 2:30 pm  
Nov 18th       Video Club, 8:00 am  
               Chess Club, 3:40 pm  
Nov 20th       Chorus, 8:00 am  
               1st Grade Concert, 6:30 pm  
Nov 21st       Math Olympiad, 8:00 am