Principal Coyle’s Message-

Dear Staff, Students, and Parents,

We have arrived at the “HEART” of the school year. Classroom routines are well-established, and teachers have an excellent understanding of students’ strengths and needs. By this time in the year, student learning is evident which results in a feeling of pride and accomplishment for our teachers and students. Yet there is still plenty of time to make significant progress before the end of the school year.

Thanks for working with us to continue to help our students learn and grow! We couldn’t do it without ya! 😊

I hope you all enjoy the upcoming mid-winter vacation!
Tera :o)

Families of current third graders: Are you interested in enrolling your student in our Science and Technology Magnet Program? The Issaquah School District offers three programs serving 4th and 5th grade students in unique multi-age classrooms. Each magnet serves 50+ students in a two-year program. Each program covers all standard 4/5 district adopted curriculum, with an added emphasis on science and technology. Grade specific math instruction is provided.

Families interested in enrolling their student in this program must attend a mandatory informational meeting—unless they have previously had a student enrolled in this program. Informational meetings will be held at Cascade Ridge Elementary School (2020 Trossachs Blvd SE) on Wednesday, February 25th, at Briarwood Elementary School (17020 SE 134th Street, Renton) on Tuesday, March 10th, and at Clark Elementary School (500 2nd Ave SE, Issaquah) on Tuesday, March 24th. All meetings are scheduled for 6:00-7:00 pm.
Registration for Fall 2015

New Kindergarten Parent Info Night: Feb. 24th
5:30 – 6:30 PM at Creekside, in the Commons
(Presentation and FAQ, paperwork pick up)

Kindergarten Registration Day & Open House
Wednesday, March 4th at 2:00 – 5:30 PM
(Drop off your paperwork, tour the school with current 5th grade students)

Things to remember:

- New kindergarten students must turn 5 years old by August 31, 2015.
- Families must live in the Creekside attendance area to pick up an enrollment packet.
- Parent identification, the child’s immunization records, and the child’s proof of birth date (birth certificate or passport) are required for registration in March, along with family address verification in the form of a utility bill (gas, water, or electric) and ONE of the following: (You do not need to bring these on Feb. 24)
  - Home purchase papers or property tax statement
  - Lease/Rental agreement (original)
  - Notarized verification of proof of residence
- Students will not be registered until schools have received the required items.

Full day kindergarten lotteries
Parents who want to register students for the full day kindergarten lottery may do so until 4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 10 provided that all required documents are received.

The full day kindergarten lottery will be held at Creekside on Wednesday, March 11 at 10:00am. Lottery results will be available on Thursday, March 1. Parent observation of the lottery process is welcome.

Kindergarten Transportation
New kindergarteners are invited to ride a school bus at Kindergarten Bus Rides during the summer break. This popular event gives students and parents a chance to learn about school bus safety and etiquette, meet some of the bus drivers, and take a ride on a school bus. Check the district website for more details on Kindergarten transportation.

Kindergarten questions? Click here, or call/email: Dolores D’Alo at (425) 837-5203 or dalod@issaquah.wednet.edu
Seymour Simon, author of hundreds of books for readers of ALL ages, will visit Creekside on Tuesday, March 3, 2015. During the day, Seymour will present two assemblies with students. Later that evening, he will share strategies for supporting writers at home with Creekside Parents.

**BOOK ORDER - DEADLINE EXTENDED**

If your child would like to purchase a Seymour Simon book and get it autographed before the event, **THE DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED**! Preordered books will be autographed by Mr. Simon when he is at Creekside during the day presenting to students. Due to time constraints with autographing, please no more than one book per student may be purchased.

To order, please return the [Seymour Simon Book Order form](#) and an accompanying check to the Creekside office no later than **2:00PM on Wednesday, February 4th**.

Please note that **orders will not be accepted after this date**. On-site book purchasing will be available at the parent evening event.

We are so fortunate to be able to enjoy an author visit. His visit is being funded through a PTSA grant.

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**PARENT NIGHT AT PINE LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

5th Grade Parents: Mark your calendars for Monday, March 16th at 6:30 PM for a meeting designed to provide current 5th grade parents with information about the middle school program and transition activities. This meeting follows your 5th grader’s visit to PLMS earlier on this same date. We look forward to meeting you! **From the Pine Lake Middle School Staff**
Recognizing bullying is challenging. Children and adults sometimes find it difficult to do. For example, fights between friends or mean behaviors between children with equal power are not bullying situations. This kind of conflict or disagreement is normal and often happens when children get together. However, hurtful words, gestures or physical attack are unacceptable ways to deal with conflict and disagreement at school. Moreover, when one person has more power and uses it to hurt, frighten, threaten or exclude the other, it can become bullying. How we respond to each - conflict vs bullying - is VERY different.

With bullying, Creekside students are taught the 3 R’s: Recognize, Refuse and Report. When discussing how to recognize bullying, students are taught to ask themselves 3 questions:

- How does it feel?
- Does it keep happening?
- Is it unfair and one-sided?

In learning to refuse the bullying, students learn about using assertive behaviors. These behaviors include: staying calm, standing or sitting tall, looking the person right in the eye, and using a strong but respectful voice. We also discuss how to determine whether or not a situation is safe to refuse or if the student should report it immediately. Often this can be a very personal decision but some of the factors to consider are:

- Do I have friends nearby to support me?
- Are there any adults nearby?
- Is the person getting physically violent?
- Are there more of them than me?

Student should know that they can report bullying anytime to an adult and that reporting a bullying situation is not tattling. Conflict, on the other hand, tends to be more kid-sized problems and students are encouraged to try to problem-solve on their own before asking for adult help.

This year I have started to introduce a new curriculum called Kelso’s Choices. By the end of the year, hopefully all grade levels will have been introduced to it and their understanding and use of this conflict resolution program will continue to grow over the years as I incorporate the curriculum more and more throughout the school. The goal of Kelso’s Choices is to teach students several positive ways to deal with conflict situations. We will be asking students to try at least 2 of these ideas when they have a conflict before asking for help from an adult.

1. Go to another game or activity
2. Tell the person to stop
3. Respectfully talk it over and listen to each other
4. Walk away from the problem
5. Apologize
6. Ignore the problem behavior
7. Make a deal or compromise
8. Wait and cool off
9. Share and take turns

By using this plan, we believe that our students will develop effective problem-solving skills that they can use again and again. It will help them to deal with conflict in a positive manner and to make appropriate decisions. One of these decisions is to recognize when adult help is needed and to seek a safe adult for their help and support.

Please take some time to discuss the differences between conflict and bullying with your child and to practice the skills needed to deal with each of them. By working together, we can develop a healthy life skill for young people to use at home and at school.

Sincerely,
April Stevens
Guidance Counselor

**NEWS FROM OUR NURSE**

- **ISF: Empty Your Closets = Full Student Tummies**

Value Village is opening a store in Issaquah and has selected the Issaquah Schools Foundation as its local nonprofit partner. All clothing and household goods donated at the Issaquah store February 17-21 will result in a cash donation to the Foundation. We’ll direct the money to the Basic Student Needs program which provides food, health care, clothing and school supplies for students in need. Stop by 5530 E. Lake Sammamish Parkway with your donation, and thank Value Village for supporting our students.

**Free or Low Cost Dental Care For Your Children**

Children must be accompanied by parent/guardian during exam. Emancipated teenagers accepted. Consent forms required before service provided. Billing and insurance paperwork may be required for some events. Free family transportation is available, contact: Social Work at brenm@uw.edu (206) 543-6718 or 206) 543-0704. Translators may be available upon request.

**February 21, 2015**-Lake Washington Institute of Technology, 11605 132nd Ave NE, Kirkland 9am-2pm Free Kids Dental Day-FREE dental clinic with preventative dental care for low income children ages 5-13. Appointments by reservation only, space is limited. Call (425) 739-8100, ext. 8612 for an appointment.

**May 20, 2015**-University of Washington Center for Pediatric Dentistry, 6222 NE 74th St. Seattle 9am-2pm-Dental Home Day, free dental care for children ages 1-18, including children with special needs. Exams, cleaning, sealants, fillings, etc. Appointments by reservation only, space limited. Call (206) 543-5800.

*Linda Okamoto* - School Nurse - OkamotoL@issaquah.wednet.edu
I.S.D. ELEMENTARY TESTING CALENDAR FOR 2014 - 15

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Please avoid family vacations during these times.

VOICE Mentor Program

Resolve to make a difference this New Year
Volunteer just one hour a week supporting a student!

ONE Mentor  ONE Student  ONE Hour

The VOICE Mentor Program is looking for community volunteers to work one on one with ISD students. These students are referred by teachers and counselors as needing extra support whether it is academic, social or emotional. The Volunteers work in the school setting in partnership with the school staff.

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 or Teresa Bretl VOICE Mentor Directors

E-mail: VOICE @issaquah.wednet.edu  Phone: 425-837-6801

VOICE is funded by the Issaquah Schools Foundation - In Cooperation with the Issaquah School District

MUSICAL NOTES

All Concerts begin at 7PM unless otherwise stated, in the Creekside Commons

2nd grade Music Concert – March 19
4th grade Music Concert – March 31
3rd grade Music Concert – April 23
5th grade Music Concert – May 28
1st grade Music Concert – June 10

For more information, please check out Mr. Cady's Website;
Half-Day Sessions
2015-2016 School Year
4-Days per Week
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday

The Issaquah School District is accepting applications for children to participate as Peer Models in our Early Childhood Special Education Preschool Program.

Applications Due By March 4th, 2015
Children must be 3 by April 15, 2015

Early Childhood Education Programs

ISD provides Special Education Services and Peer Model Tuition Programs for children ages 3-5. Our staff are highly trained certificated professionals who use evidence-based practices to deliver playful and quality instruction to our young learners.

For more information or to request an application visit the Main Office of any of our Peer Model School Sites or visit our website.

www.issaquah.wednet.edu -Family Resources -Preschool

Peer Model Tuition is $245 per month
* Financial Aid Forms are available upon request

Peer Model Preschool Sites
Brianwood Elementary
17020 SE 13th St., Renton 98059
Meg Iyer, 425-837-5188
iyerm@issaquah.wednet.edu

Discovery Elementary
2300 238th Ave. SE, Sammamish, WA 98075
Kelvie Carter, 425-837-4037
carterk@issaquah.wednet.edu

Issaquah Valley Elementary
333 NW Holly Street, Issaquah, WA 98027
Kristen Berwald, 425-837-7165
berwaldk@issaquah.wednet.edu

Sunset Elementary
4229 W. Lk. Sammanish Pkwy. SE.
Bellevue, WA 98005
Melissa Huppin Korch, 425-837-5679
huppinm@issaquah.wednet.edu

Active Exploration & Learning Within an Inclusive Setting Benefits All Children
ARE YOU READY? PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

We take your child's safety very seriously. Our district covers 110 square miles with varying terrain and conditions. We base our decision for school delays or closures on the safe operation of our buses. If ever you disagree with a decision not to cancel or delay school, please know that it is considered an excused absence if you decide to keep your child home from school, please inform your school. The final decision on whether or not to send your child to school is yours.

The Emergency Transportation Bulletin has been mailed to district families. The bulletin identifies snow routes and emergency stops as well as how schedule changes can affect district programs. The bulletin is also available on our website! Please take a moment now to make note of your snow route stop and put your bulletin in a safe place where it will be easy to access. Here are the snow route stops for Creekside neighborhoods. If you do not see your neighborhood listed, your regular bus stop will still be in use.

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Notification

School closures and delays are usually announced by 5:30 in the morning. Check your local TV or radio stations, or visit the ISD website for announcements. If the district’s servers are down due to a power outage, emergency messages are also available at www.ISDEmergency.com.

Get Closure and Delay Messages Sent to your E-mail and/or Mobile Phone

Parents and students wishing to receive Issaquah School District weather closure/delay announcements via text message or email can sign up by going to FlashAlert.net at http://flashalert.net/news.html?id=4234. When you get to that page, start the process by entering your email address and setting a password. Once the account is established, you may add one or two additional email or cell text addresses. Each new entry will require you to launch a test message to that address which will contain a three-letter code which must be entered back onto your account page to ensure that the address(es) are valid. If you already have an active account, you do not need to sign up again, however it is a good idea to login before the weather turns to make sure everything is up to date.

PLEASE NOTE: When School Schedules Change

- When we announce “schools are closed” all meetings, field trips, and after-school activities are cancelled. Morning and afternoon school-age care is cancelled.

- When there’s a weather delay in the morning with buses on snow routes, afternoon bus service follows snow routes too, even if the roads are perfectly clear in the afternoon.

- When there is early dismissal due to emergency conditions, after-school programs and school-age care are cancelled.

Please see the Emergency Transportation Bulletin for more detailed information.
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Up-coming events in March
March 3 – Author Visit – Parent Presentation 5:30 – 6:30
March 4 – New KDG Registration Day 2:00 - 5:30PM
March 11 – Full Day KDG lottery
March 16 – 5th Grade Parent Info Night at Pine Lake Middle School
March 20 – Class Photos & Spring Portraits
March 24 – PTSA General Meeting, 7:00 PM
March 26 – Science Fair Family Night

WHAT’S ON THE SCHOOL LUNCH MENU? Click here!