Hello Creekside Learning Community ~

We are in the home stretch! At least that is how it always feels following spring break. And yet, we still have a GREAT amount of time to push forward in all areas (socially, emotionally and academically). Here are a few upcoming things to support our efforts towards this end of year PUSH...

**Socially:**
- The **Talent Show** is on Friday, May 20th from 5 to 8 pm in our very own multi-purpose room. Come watch our students as they show off their talent.
- Come to our next **Parent Playground** on Friday, May 6th where you can be social with your child and their friends during recess.
- Come be social with the other parents at our **PTSA General Meeting** on Tuesday, May 24th in our Creekside Library!
- Our **Student Support Coach**, Lacey Borgen, is working hard on helping our students to have expected behaviors at dismissal. That social time can be tricky!

**Emotionally:**
- Our **Hawaiian Spirit Day** is on Wednesday, May 25th. Let’s hope for some sunshine to help us with our Hawaiian spirit! 😊
- Our **school counselor**, April Stevens is always available to support our kiddos when they are feeling sad or down. Don’t hesitate to reach out if needed.
- Our district has adopted a new **Social Emotional Learning (SEL)** curriculum. Our PBSES Team (Positive Behavior Social Emotional Support) will be working on getting this implemented across Creekside. We had a teacher pilot this curriculum at Creekside and she is ready to support the SEL curriculum moving forward.
Academically:

- We have a couple of **music concerts** left this year. Come see and hear all the amazing learning that has happened this year in music.
  - 1st grade: May 3rd, 2016
  - 5th grade: May 26th, 2016
  - Kindergarten: May 7th, 2016
- **Smarter Balance Assessment** is (almost) DONE! 😊 We will be working on make-up tests this week. Stay tuned for when those scores will be available. 😊
- Teachers will be working together on Wednesday, May 11th to score our post **Math Problem Solving** assessment. This data will help us determine if we were successful in our efforts towards our school improvement plan for problem solving and math communication.
- **Eureka!** That’s our new math adoption that the school team will be learning all about over summer! We had two teachers pilot this curriculum and their excitement is contagious! 😊
- **End of year Assessments** will be ongoing throughout the remainder of the year to provide data for teachers on the various content areas. This data helps teachers determine how much growth students had throughout their school year.

Thanks for supporting our work that we do to keep our kiddos feeling accepted, safe and successful!

June 16th will be here before we know it!
Tera ;o)

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**OPEN ENROLLMENT for FALL 2016**

Enrollment packets for "NEW to Creekside" students are now available in the school office. Families must live in the Creekside attendance area or be under contract to buy or lease a home within the Creekside attendance area by the fall. The following documents are required for registration:

- Child's proof of birth date (passport or birth certificate)
- Parent identification
- Child's immunization record
- Residency verification (a copy of the first page of your purchase contract, lease agreement or tax statement AND a recent utility bill)

It is very helpful for staffing purposes that families **register early** - please help us spread the word to new neighbors or friend that have children starting at Creekside next fall. **ALSO – if your family is moving this summer and your student will not be at Creekside, please let the office know at 425-837-5200. Thank you.**
Interested in Volunteering, Chaperoning or Parent Play Date?
Then you need to sign up online to complete the Washington State Patrol background check: Begin here:
https://issaquahvolunteers.hrmplus.net
To read the entire volunteer agreement, please click here, and follow the link to “Creekside Parent Volunteer Brochure”
We thank you for volunteering at Creekside!

A Reminder from Transportation as the school year winds down: PLEASE -
NO—Balloons / glass or glass containers / food /drink / snacks on the buses. If plant starts are going home on a bus, they need to be in plastic cups and then sealed in a plastic bag, so the soil does not spill all over the bus.
SKATEBOARDS—have to be in bag, completely covered.
HOVERBOARDS—are absolutely NOT allowed on buses...Marty McFly!
LACROSS BATS—are not allowed on buses

A Reminder on Summer Attire at School
The weather is absolutely wonderful. We are all very excited to see the sun and feel the heat. With that being said, it is also time to remind everyone of proper summer attire at school.

- All students must wear closed toed shoes. No flip flops or open toed sandals.
- Straps on tanks tops must be three fingers wide.
- Shorts and skirts must fall below your child's finger tips when hands are to their sides.
Thank you for helping us to make our school a safe and comfortable environment for all students to learn.

MUSICAL NOTES
SAVE THESE CONCERT DATES!
Concerts start at 7pm unless specified
April 5, 2016 – 4th Grade Concert
May 3, 2016 – 1st Grade Concert
May 26, 2016 – 5th Grade Concert
June 7, 2016 – Kindergarten Concert

Mr. Tom Cady & Mr. David Johnson
For more information, please check out the Music Website
Tent City Needs
Creekside Elementary’s Help!

We are so fortunate to live in such a wonderful, giving community here in Sammamish. We would like to have our families pay it forward to others who are not as fortunate, the folks who are currently residing at Tent City. They are in need of many supplies, and we would like to be the ones to help fulfill some of their daily needs.

The following items are requested:

- Check donations (checks payable to Mary Queen of Peace in any amount that you are comfortable with); donations would be used to purchase quarters for laundry and transit tickets (tickets are ordered by mail for group discounts)
- Camping supplies such as blankets, sheets, pillows, sleeping bags, tents, towels, and washcloths (new or gently used)
- Canned, boxed, and bagged food
- Drinks such as bottles of juice and water
- Paper goods such as plates, cups, paper towels, tissues, and toilet paper
- Electronic items such as batteries, flashlights, and lanterns

Donation drop offs may be made at Creekside Elementary from May 2nd - 31st. The drop boxes will be located at the end of the 5th grade hallway. The class that has collected the most donations will have a “Make Your Own Sundae” party on June 1st – provided by Creekside PTSA! Make sure you help Tent City residents receive these much needed supplies and help your class earn that sundae party!

***Thank you PTSA***

The Creekside Elementary Student Council thanks you for your support!

Any questions, please contact Ms. Tichauer Tichauern@issaquah.wednet.edu
**Parent Play Day (with an emphasis on Dads!)**

Join your student(s) on the playground throughout the school year for Parent Play Day. Dads and other special guests are invited to join us for **recess on the first Friday of each month**. Visitors must first sign in at the front office to get a visitor’s badge prior to joining your students outside to PLAY!

**You are more than welcome to join your child for lunch, however we ask that you bring your own so as not to overwhelm the Kitchen Staff on these Parent Play Days.** Hope to see you soon!!!

**Lunch times as follows (Recess immediately follows):**

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**If you have a child in AM or PM kindergarten, you may arrange a Parent Play Day with Ms. Ducoing on the dates listed below. Please email Ms. Ducoing so she knows to expect you.**

The times you are looking at are as follows:

- 10:30-10:45 AM Recess/10:45-11:15 AM Classroom (**this is for AM families**)
- 1:55-2:15 PM Recess/2:15-2:45 PM Classroom (**this is for PM families**)

**Future Parent Play Days for ALL grade levels K-5 are:** May 6 & June 3

Questions? Contact Jill Ravenscraft  Email: ravenscraftj@issaquah.wednet.edu  Phone: (425)837-5205

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**Greetings from the Library *Mark Your Calendars***

Congratulations to the fifth graders that chose to participate in the Sasquatch Award reading program in the library. Forms were due April 29.

Our celebration and pizza lunch will be May 25th during fifth grade lunch. We are collecting information about any allergies or food choices and requests for pizza toppings here at school. No need to bring lunch that day! If you have questions, please contact Julie Siefkes at Siefkesj@issaquah.wednet.edu. Congratulations to our participants on all of their hard work!
MAY 27th - ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE

Please mark your calendars! All library books are due back to the library on Friday, May 27th. Please take a look at the calendar below so that you are aware of when your child’s last library day to check out books. Any library books that are not returned by June 3rd can be paid for online. Please keep in mind that it is Creekside’s policy that report cards will be held until all fines are paid.

JUNE 1st – VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION BRUNCH

Please join us for our Volunteer Appreciation Brunch so we can honor YOU, our Creekside volunteers! This appreciation event is for all parent volunteers whether you volunteer in the classroom, library, field trips, or even volunteer for projects that you work on from home. Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, June 1st from 8:00-8:45 am. The event will be held in the Creekside multipurpose room. Watch for more details coming out soon.

JUNE 1st - 3rd – PTSA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

We are excited to share that the PTSA will be holding the annual spring book fair again this year. It is scheduled to run Wednesday, June 1st through Friday, June 3rd. It will be held in the Reading Club/LAP classroom #254. Stay tuned for more details!

JUNE 3rd – SUMMER READING PROGRAM PRESENTATION

Sara Jensen, a children’s librarian from the Sammamish King County Library is coming to present the Summer Learning Program: On Your Mark, Get Set... Read on Friday, June 3rd. Each Creekside teacher has been invited to bring their class to a presentation on that day. Starting June 1st, children can track their minutes to reach the goal of reading 1000 minutes in addition to completing optional activities in each of the six S.T.R.E.A.M areas and collect virtual badges online in our library catalog. The program fliers will be distributed on June 3rd. Students will come into the public library to get a reading log and participate all summer to earn a certificate and half way and finisher prize.
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Thank you,
Meagan Rhodes & Julie Siefkes - Creekside Teacher Librarians
RhodesM@issaquah.wednet.edu & SiefkesJ@issaquah.wednet.edu

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**VOICE Mentor Program Helping Students find their VOICE**

VOICE is an in-school volunteer mentoring program helping students in ALL Issaquah schools. VOICE is powered by caring community volunteers who donate one hour a week to mentor students in a one-to-one school setting.

**ONE MENTOR**  
**ONE STUDENT**  
**ONE HOUR**

*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, location preference and time availability.

*Please help us recruit your neighbors, friends, relatives or colleagues to become a mentor*

For further information contact: Website: VOICEMentorProgram.org
Susan Gierke VOICE Mentor Director E-mail: VOICE@issaquah.wednet.edu
Teresa Bretl VOICE Mentor Director (Skyline High feeder Zone) BretlT@issaquah.wednet.edu
Phone: 425-837-6801

VOICE is made possible by Issaquah Schools Foundation Donors
In Cooperation with the Issaquah School District
Sparrow Club Service Vouchers for Dustin  Creekside will be accepting Sparrow Club volunteer vouchers through Friday, May 27th. A big thank you from Dustin’s family! For more information on this program, ask your child, or click below to watch Dustin’s story.

http://www.sparrowclubs.org/sparrows/dustin_canady or:  https://youtu.be/_89QAvdxO_k

If interested, here is the link for making tax deductible online donations toward his project:
https://app.etaperestry.com/hosted/SparrowClubsUSA/OnlineDonation.html
**ISF Updates**

**Incredible Intensity of Just Being Human**
Sponsored by the Issaquah Schools Foundation in partnership with artEast, the nationally acclaimed exhibit, *The Incredible Intensity of Just Being Human* has arrived in Issaquah. Aiming to stimulate conversation and de-stigmatize mental illness through artistic displays, all are encouraged to attend the opening reception. Join us Friday April 29th, at the Issaquah Senior Center for this important event. **Click here for detailed program and event information**

**GiveBIG Issaquah Schools Foundation May 3rd!**
The Issaquah Schools Foundation is participating in Seattle Foundation’s sixth annual GiveBIG on May 3! This **once a year event stretches every donation** the foundation receives. All donations made through the GiveBIG website, will receive a percentage of matching funds during this campaign. (The matched funds depends on the size of the stretch pool and how much is raised in total donations on GiveBIG.) **For the first time ever, you can schedule your donation NOW through May 3rd.** To schedule your donation, visit: https://givebig.seattlefoundation.org/npo/issaquah-schools-foundation-1

**Dining for Kids May 4th *ALL DAY***
On the **first Wednesday of every month**, restaurants around the Issaquah Community partner with the Foundation to donate a portion of their proceeds to benefit our students. **Last month YOU raised $1,500 in a single day!** Join us Wednesday, May 4th ALL DAY at GasLamp Bar & Grill. Come check out this hidden gem! **ISD family-owned this family-friendly establishment features a fantastic patio to dine alfresco or a variety of seating options to bring the whole gang.** Lunch plans with friends? Dinner with family? Skip the cooking and **join us anytime May 4th at GasLamp Bar & Grill, 1315 NW Mall St, Issaquah 425-392-4547**

**2016 Kateri Brow Grants Awarded**
Recently the Issaquah Schools Foundation awarded the 2016 Kateri Brow Grants! Honoring Kateri Brow, a past superintendent of the Issaquah Schools District, grants are awarded for programs that reflect vision and innovation in education and respond to a compelling need.

Kateri Brow awards range in amount from $1,000 to $10,000. **Find out if your school or child’s teacher was a recipient on our website.**

**Thank you to our Foundation donors that make this possible and to the long-time chair, Debbie Rossman.**
Volunteers are needed for the 2016/2017 grant committee. Please **contact us** if you are interested in volunteering on this rewarding committee.
Applications for 2017 grants will open in the fall of the 2016-2017 school year and are due January, 2017.

**Ongoing Donation Drive at Value Village**
Start your spring cleaning early and support our Issaquah School District students! **Mention the Issaquah Schools Foundation** when donating clothing or any household items and a portion of the proceeds will go to benefit kids.

**Value Village Thrift Store Issaquah**
5530 East Lake Sammamish Parkway SE  
**Or Value Village Thrift Store Redmond**
16771 Redmond Way
May 2016

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Fifth Graders at Camp Colman

**Coming up in June**

1, 15 – Bank Days
3 – PTSA Family BBQ
7 – KDG Concert
13 – 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 9:45 – 11:00
14 - Student Council Wrap up Meeting
16 – Last day of school – 11:45 dismissal

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