ALOHA Creekside Staff and Families ~

I hope that you are enjoying this wonderful warm sunny weather that we have been experiencing lately. It is hard to believe that we are winding down the 2015/2016 school year! However, I must say...it has been another AWESOME school year. I owe a HUGE thank you to all members of this AMAZING learning community. My favorite thing about Creekside is how staff, students and parents work together to make tremendous academic, social and emotional gains for our students. **THANK YOU!**

I was hoping to be able to include a complete view of the staffing prior to dismissal on June 16th. Unfortunately, we will be doing some interviewing over the summer to find the perfect teammates to add to our school team. The following staffing is what we know as of TODAY:

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Specialists:
- Tom Cady (Music)
- David Johnson (OL Music)
- Teresa Mature (PE)
- Jeff Leeland (OL PE)
- Meagan Rhodes (Library & Job Share)
- Julie Siefkes (OL Library & Job Share)

Others:
- Tera Coyle (Principal)
- Pamela Washington (Dean of Students)
- **OPEN** (Instructional Coach)
- Cathy Wilson (LAP)
- April Stevens (Counselor)
- **OPEN** (SAGE/PEP)
- Lori George (LRC 1)
- Katie West (Psych)
- Amanda Leung (SLP)
- **OPEN (OT)**
- Linda Okamoto (RN)
- Katie Tasa (ELL)
- Allison Lehr (Student Support Coach)

EA’s:
- Joji Siegel
- Lynda Petry
- Julie Adamek
- Carol Walch
- Daniela Kappes
- Natalie Buxton
- Loretta Rieger
- Ann Stout
- Georgia Worden
- Susie Earll

Secretaries:
- Dolores D’Alo
- Andrea Garvey

Health Room Specialist:
- Susan Westcott

Custodians:
- Lead: Dave Holbrook
- Night: Chris Snoddy
- Night: **OPEN**

Kitchen Team:
- Jenni Wilson-Miller
- Lisa Crisp

Technology Specialist:
- Mary Jones

We are TERRIBLY SAD to say goodbye to a few of our Creekside team members, but wish these folks the BEST in their next adventure!

- **Judy Bogsch** ~ Off to enjoy retirement!
- **Kate Hubner** ~ Off to show South Kitsap School District how it’s done.
- **Anna Lowery** ~ Off to a new adventure in a different part of the state.
- **Mindy Toney** ~ Retiring to be a full time g-ma in Bellingham!
- **Janice Getchell** ~ Off to her next teaching adventure.
- **Nicole Tichauer** ~ Has accepted a Special Education teaching job in LWSD.
- **Lacey Borgen** ~ Back to a classroom in the Mercer Island School District which will reduce her commute time and increase her puppy time.
- **Kris Coleman** ~ Off to grow professionally in an Ed Tech TOSA and K-12 Health and Fitness Support Specialist position!
- **Kasie Pranghofer** ~ Off to be a mom full time.
- **Jenny Ritchie** ~ Off to explore OT gigs in the private sector.
- **Pat Barthe** ~ Retiring to be a full time volunteer!
- **Jill Ravenscraft** ~ Off to RULE the Mercer Island World as an Assistant Principal!
I look forward to sharing our complete team towards the end of summer vacation. Thanks for a TERRIFIC second year at Creekside! I love being an OTTER!
Have a GREAT summer and stay SAFE!
Tera ;o)

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 friends that have children starting at Creekside next fall.

ALSO – if your family is moving this summer or 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!

LAST DAY FOR BUS PASSES: Thursday June 2nd, except in the case of child care arrangements. Please continue to use the bus pass request forms on the Creekside website.
A Reminder on Summer Attire at School

We are all very excited when the sun comes out and we start to 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.

Library News!

To all of our library volunteers that have helped in the library school year – we want you to know how much we appreciate your time and dedication. The time that you spend with our students is so valuable in enriching their library experience. Have a fun & relaxing summer vacation! We hope to have you volunteer with us again next school year. If you know you are interested in volunteering in the library please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Sara Alexander at mailforsara@gmail.com and let her know so that she can include you when she sends out volunteer information in the fall.

ALL LIBRARY BOOKS DUE

Any library books that are not returned by June 3rd can be paid for online. If you would like this option to pay online please email Meagan Rhodes at RhodesM@issaquah.wednet.edu. Please keep in mind that it is Creekside’s policy that report cards will be held until all fines are paid.

JUNE 1ST - 3RD – PTSA SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

- Wednesday, June 1st [8:30-9:15 am & 1:30-2:30 pm]
- Thursday, June 2nd [8:30-9:15 am & 3:40-4:30 pm]
- Friday, June 3rd [5:00-7:00 pm during the BBQ]

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. 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 flyers will be distributed on June 3rd.

Thank you,
Meagan Rhodes & Julie Siefkes - Creekside Teacher Librarians
RhodesM@issaquah.wednet.edu & SiefkesJ@issaquah.wednet.edu
MUSICAL NOTES

Our final grade-level concert of the year:

June 7, 2016, 7PM – Kindergarten Concert

Mr. Tom Cady & Mr. David Johnson
For more information, please check out the Music Website

IMPORTANT: Confirming your child’s enrollment for the Fall:
Elementary verification (EVP) is once again online! That means all of the paperwork and processes to confirm your NEW and RETURNING student’s enrollment and get ready for the new school year will be in one easy place, accessible from the comfort of your home at any time, between August 5th and 12th. We will send out reminders when it is closer to the registration window, but in preparation, please make sure that you have your login information for Family Access and Touchbase ahead of time. Login tips are right on the login pages for both databases. Remember, your child’s teacher’s name will be available on Family Access only, on August 30th at 4:30 PM. Questions may be directed to the main office at 425-837-5200.

School Start and End Times – Information Night
Following up on the feedback and input received from our parents, staff, students, and community, the Issaquah School District is continuing to consider new school start and end times for the 2017-2018 school year. Superintendent Ron Thiele has committed to a decision on new start and end times by December of 2016. To begin this next phase of the process, the community is invited to attend informational meetings to learn and dialogue with District staff about the issues around changing our start and end times, including, sleep science studies, transportation, before and after school care, and potential effect on athletics and activities.

The last meeting will all be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on the following date:

TONIGHT - June 1st: Issaquah High School Commons, 700 2nd Ave. SE, Issaquah
Thank you Creekside families for your generous contributions to Tent City! Almost 6000 items have been collected…and are still trickling in!

Thanks to Ms. Tichauer for starting and organizing this project and to Laura Senenko for helping facilitate and deliver the items!

The Creekside Elementary Student Council thanks you for your support!
Counselor’s Corner - Benefits to Boredom

As you plan your family summer activities, consider including time for absolutely nothing. While most adults dread hearing the words “I’m bored” these words could mean the beginnings of some great learning opportunities.

Beginning in infancy, our children are bombarded with constant noise, distraction, stimulation and instant gratification. They have crib mobiles that move with flashing lights and music to DVD entertainment systems in the family car. Between TV time and computer time, children’s interactions with the world around them becomes more and more passive, robbing them of the opportunity to learn how to become an active agent in their own lives.

David Walsh, founder and president of the National Institute on Media and the Family coined a term for this: mental operating software. “It’s as if this software is wired into them in the crib that sets an expectation for entertainment and instant gratification,” he says. “As a result, when things get tough, children are more likely to throw up their hands and throw in the towel than figure out what to do.”

We all know that too much TV time is a big source of the problem. But psychologist Sharna Olfman suggests that computer time is also a culprit. “We think we are giving our kids an edge when we use software to introduce them to art, language, nature, etc. All it does is teach them to be dependent on the screen for instant gratification,” she says. “They are not developing the capacity to use their own creative intelligence.” Children need to encounter and engage with the raw stuff that life is made of: unstructured time. Unstructured time gives children the opportunity to explore their inner and outer worlds, which is the beginning of creativity. This is how they learn to engage with themselves and the world, to imagine and invent and create.

Educators couldn’t agree more. Teachers know that children learn best by initiating, manipulating, and observing cause and effect. As one educator lamented, “they don’t know how to carry through with a project – any project – on their own.” Researchers believe we have more restless, agitated, and unhappy children because they are so dependent on instant gratification. Too often playmates can’t solve the problem of what to play and end up in front of a video because they’re bored. “Life is boring when you haven’t acquired the capacity to solve problems as basic as knowing how to fill your own time.”

The problem with using TV or electronic games to alleviate boredom is that it is one of those temporary solutions that digs you into a deeper hole. Studies show that kids who regularly use electronics are more likely to feel bored when not doing so than other kids. Even after eliminating the habit, it can take months for them to find other activities about which they’re passionate. But don’t give up – you are doing their creativity an enormous favor!

I will never forget a period in our family when my children were young and the T.V. was broken. At first, it was disaster. Then, slowly I began hearing noises I didn’t often hear – laughter as they played imaginary games together, music as they fooled around on the piano, and even silence as they concentrated on their art projects and drawings.

Most of the time, once our children get the hang of it, they are able to come up with some ideas for “what to do”. However, just in case, you might want to create a ‘Boredom Buster Jar’. Together, write down as many ideas for activities that you can think of that would be safe and acceptable to you, each on a piece of paper and stuff them into the jar. Whenever a child says she’s bored, she picks three pieces of paper from the jar and chooses one of the activities. (* Please go to my website for a list of ideas)
The next time your child complains the s/he is bored, take a deep breath and smile. Remember, boredom can be a good thing.

Have a Happy Summer!
Ms April
Guidance Counselor

*You can find my link on the staff page of the Creekside Elementary webpage:  
http://connect.issaquah.wednet.edu/elementary/creekside/staff/default.aspx

Last Parent Play Day (with an emphasis on Dads!) is June 3RD

**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)

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

News from the Nurse

**Medications can be picked up by parents in the Creekside Health Room on the last day of school or no later than Friday June 17.** The office will be open from 9am -2pm. All medication left in the health room after this date will be discarded. Thank you!

**5TH GRADE PARENTS** - If your student has already received their TDAP immunization in preparation for 6th grade, please send us their name and the date of the immunization. We will update the information on their immunization card and in the district database. All students that are 11 years old entering 6th grade must have the TDAP before school begins in the fall. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Okamoto, RN Creekside School Nurse at 837-5204, or OkamotoL@issaquah.wednet.edu.
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**
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: Susan Gierke or Barb Walton 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

**ISF Updates**

**School Supply Drive for Tools4School!**
Tools4School is a community-wide partnership led by the Issaquah Schools Foundation to provide new backpacks and school supplies for students in the Issaquah School District. This year the PTSA and Issaquah Schools Foundation are partnering on a school supply drive in YOUR school.

YOU CAN SUPPORT students in your school by donating new school supplies. Donation bins are in your buildings from **Monday, May 16th through Monday, June 13th**. For school supply lists, or to donate funds, volunteer or get more information, please visit: www.isfdn.org/programs/tools-4-school

DO YOU NEED A BACKPACK OR SUPPLIES? Please register by August 5th at www.isfdn.org/programs/tools-4-school or in person at the Issaquah Food & Clothing Bank, (179 First Ave. SE) or at the Issaquah Schools Foundation (1st Ave SE - Portable 1). The annual Tools4School Event will be held on **Saturday, August 20th from 10 am - 3 pm** at Eastridge Church, (24205 SE Issaquah Fall City Road).

QUESTIONS?
Please contact Krista at krista@isfdn.org or Carolyn at Carolyn@isfdn.org or call 425-391-8557.

**Nourish Every Mind Event Success!!!**
Thank you to the more than 1200 of you who attended the Nourish Every Mind Breakfast and Luncheon!
YOU collectively raised more than $735,000, building bridges that change lives!
**Missed the event?**
- All speaker videos from the **Nourish Every Mind** events are available on our **YouTube channel**. Please enjoy, view and share!
- You haven’t missed the chance to join in the fun! Get your ticket for upcoming Foundation socials. Bring a friend and meet new ones. Tickets range from $50 - $125 per person.
  - Wine Tasting with Friends - June 6th - Wine tasting and apps at Capri Cellars. Kick off summer with a salute!
  - Batali Dinner Party - June 25th - Six-course Italian dinner party for 30, catered by private chef Mick Batali.
  - Casino Royale - September 17th - Blackjack, craps, food, cocktails and games - need we say more?

**All tickets can be purchased at the online auction.**

**Volunteer Open House**
Love kids, education and making a difference? Attend the Issaquah Schools Foundation's **Volunteer Open House on Wednesday, May 25th, 6:30-8:30 pm.** Discover how you can use your talents to help improve education for every Issaquah School District student. **RSVP now**

**Can’t attend but want to learn more?**

**The 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. This exhibit aims to stimulate conversation and end the stigma surrounding mental illness through artistic displays and programming. Please join us **Tuesday, June 7th, 6 – 7:30 pm** for a Student Art and Social Change Exhibit at Issaquah High School’s Black Box Theater, featuring the work of Issaquah High School and Issaquah Middle School students in conjunction with artist Michelle de la Vega and poet Ann Teplick. Live music performed by Issaquah School District Evergreen Orchestra String Quartet, including a selection from composers with known mental illness. **Click here for detailed program and event information.**

**Dining for Kids June 1st *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.

Join us anytime Wednesday, June 1st at Flying Pie Pizzeria. This family-owned establishment takes a homemade approach with all their fresh ingredients. You may know Katheryn from her “Art of Making Pizza” enrichments classes at your child’s after-school care program. Come check out this local favorite – everyone is happy when you can order pizza by the slice!

**Flying Pie Pizzeria**
30 Front Street S
Issaquah, WA 98027
(425) 391 - 2407
Open 11 am – 9 pm
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.

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Coming up in August
5-12 – Electronic Verification Process
On Family Access
Click here for Login and Password Tips

PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK THE DISTRICT AND CREEKSIDEB WEBSITE FOR INFORMATION ON:

SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR
SCHOOL SUPPLIES for 2016-2017
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

HAVE A WONDERFUL SUMMER!