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# OTTER TALES

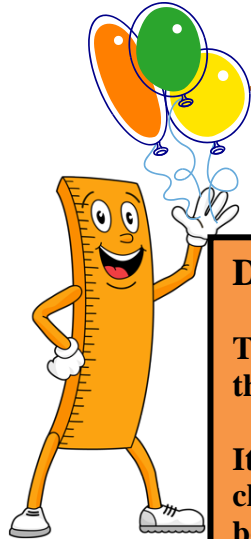
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## CONGRATULATIONS

# A Huge Success !! \$84,572



Dear Parents,

Thank you for the incredible job you did in supporting our school through the big Fall Fundraiser, the Orange Ruler Fun Run!

It was a tremendous success and we raised \$84,572 for our school! Our children and school will benefit greatly from these funds as they will be used specifically for student enrichment programs, sponsor family events, and provide teachers and staff with funds for classroom materials.

Not only did we raise these important funds but the overall Orange Ruler Program was a very positive and fun experience for our children, school and community. Throughout the past couple weeks, the consistent encouraging messages for our children to believe in themselves, work as a team and stay active made a big impact. The fun run was an overwhelming success for the kids. It was nice to see them moving and having fun outside. The kids were able to “sharpen their saws” in alignment with habit number 7.

We want to thank you again - it was great to see our whole school and community comes together for this important cause.



## Monthly Facts About Your Creekside PTSA

### Why YOU Need To Be Involved

#### Fact #1

#### It Is Good For Your Child

Research shows that children whose parents are involved in their school make better grades and have fewer disciplinary problems at school. When parents get plugged in at school, their children do better.

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# Event Highlights



*Ms. Martinson poses with her cute pig !*



*The Much Anticipated Pig Race Begins !*



## Thank You! Volunteers

For lending your extra hands in our  
Honk and Wave Campaign!

- Shiori Betzler
- Valentina Rodriguez de Ruan
- Karen Jen
- Paulina Gama
- Kari Feistner
- Elisha Logue

For making sure our Fun Run ran  
smoothly!

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|-----------------------------|------------------|
| Karen Jen                   | Katy Loucks      |
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| Linda Arnold                | Amy Lourance     |
| Lisa Bourdeau               | Kim Meade        |
| Valentina Rodriguez de Ruan |                  |



*Ms. Blake's Cute Pig Contest winners*



*Fifth Graders Having A Ton Of Fun*

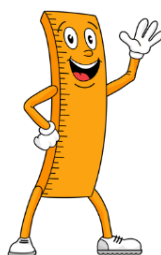


*Kindergarten gets ready to GO !*



*Lots of smiles at the RUN*

### Ready Set FUN RUN



*Keeping Our Otters Hydrated at the water station*

# SAVE THE DATE !



## DESTINATION IMAGINATION

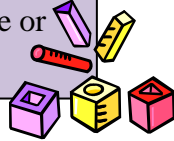
### Parent Orientation

**This Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm**

Does your Creekside student enjoy drama, science, and mathematics? Would you like him or her to develop better critical thinking, creative thinking, problem solving, and teamwork skills? Looking for an activity that can fit into a working parent's schedule? Join us at Creekside Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm for Destination Imagination Parent Information Meeting or visit <http://bit.ly/CreeksideDI> to find out more or sign-up.




## GEOGRAPHY Club



Geography Club  is coming to Creekside!

The bright sunny days have turned to cooler, breezier days...Pumpkins are everywhere. Out comes those fun umbrellas and rain boots. It is the season for **Yellows** and **Oranges**... Wonder how and why seasons change? Wonder why there are flood alerts on the News these days? Wonder why your friends at school celebrate different holidays?

Find out, at the Geography Club  on Monday mornings starting between 8:00 am to 9:05am, Oct -14th to Nov 4th. Discover land, nature forces and fun traditions and get ready for doing fun projects together!

Registration is limited to the first 15 students and will be available starting at 10AM on Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup> and closes October 5<sup>th</sup>. Students in Grades 3-5 are encouraged to register by clicking here

<http://creeksidepta.ourschoolpages.com/Page/Pta/Geography%20Club>

## Upcoming Events



October 3	Destination Imagination Parent Orientation
October 4	Popcorn @ Lunch Begins
October 14	Geography Bee Begins
October 25	Halloween Party
October 25	Reflections Entries Due
November 5	General PTSA meeting, 9:30-11am
November 12-14	Fall Scholastic Book Fair

### NEWS FLASH

**Amazon.Com & ISF**  
Remember to access Amazon.com through the Foundation website to earn up to 8% of your purchase price for the Foundation. Add Shop Amazon for ISF to your bookmarks. Add Shop Amazon for ISF to your bookmarks.

## Fall Scholastic Book Fair



The Fall Scholastic Book Fair is coming ! Please join us November 12-14 and stock up on some great titles while helping your school !

## Math Club



## Coming Soon

Look out for details in our next issue

## Popcorn

Popcorn will be starting

**October 4th.** If anyone is interested in volunteering on Fridays, please contact Heather Neil [hneil@jgneil.com](mailto:hneil@jgneil.com)





# 2013 MONSTER BASH

DANCE  
PARTY

A Frightfully Fun Time

FRIDAY OCTOBER 25TH  
5:00PM - 7:00PM

TREATS

CRAFTS

FOOD

DJ

COSTUMES

HELP WANTED

We are looking for  
Haunted House Chair



Haunted House responsibilities

- Attend weekly event meetings – **Fridays 12:30pm**
- Coordinate with Robin Earl to get panels out of storage in barn at school
- Obtain sponsor to cover necessary items used yearly like roof plastic and any additional props wanted
- Repair and repaint any broken or faded panels
- Coordinate with DeNikes to get inside décor items stored in their attic (a new storage location will need to be found going forward)
- Manage build, staffing and teardown of maze

Please email Christine Chafin at [thechafins@hotmail.com](mailto:thechafins@hotmail.com)

2013-2014 *Reflections* theme:

# *Believe, Dream, Inspire*

The Reflections Program is a National PTA and Washington State PTA cultural arts competition. The purpose of this program is to provide an opportunity for students to use their creative talents by expressing themselves through their own original works. Entries are judged primarily on how well the student uses artistic tools to communicate his/her Reflection on the theme.



## Literature

Literature entries may be a work of fiction or nonfiction. Prose, poetry and drama are all accepted.



## Visual Arts

A visual arts entry must be an original print, drawing, painting, collage, photographic collage, metal etching or punch work, fiber work or computer-generated artwork. Maximum size is 30"x24" and 3/8" thick.



## Photography

Photomontage, Multiple exposure, Negative sandwiches and Photograms. A photography entry must be an original black-and-white or color image produced by a photographic process. 11"x14" including mount, is the maximum size for this entry.



## Music Composition

A music composition entry may be for voice, instruments or a combination of voice(s) and instruments. Lyrics may or may not be included in vocal compositions. The composition is not to exceed 5 minutes.



## Film Production

Animation, Narrative, Documentary, Experimental. A film production entry must be an original work of fiction or nonfiction. The student submitting the entry must be the director, screenwriter, and camera person. If the student chooses to use a computer, all storyboarding, editing, etc. must be done by the student. The student is not required to appear in the film.



## Dance Choreography

A dance choreography entry must be an original choreographed dance. The choreography must be the work of one student and must demonstrate creativity and interpretation. It is very important that the student show a clear relation of the dance choreography to the theme. The connection should be made evident through the use of song(s), props, and the dance itself.



## Special Artist Division

The Special Artist Division is non-graded and limited to students whose physical, cognitive, or mental health challenges meet ADA guidelines. Qualifying students entering this division create their own artwork but may receive non-artistic accommodation and assistance from an adult.

Entries due October 25, 2013



Please see <http://www.wastatepta.org/programs/reflections/forms.html> for specific rules, guidelines and entry forms for your submissions. Entry forms must be filled out completely and signed by parent/guardian or art work will be disqualified.



### Help the Foundation Help Your Student

If you haven't yet participated in the **All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign**, please make your gift today. Proceeds support ongoing Foundation programs including FREE After-School Homework Labs, Open Library Programs, Highly Capable and Special Needs program support, Academic Enrichment Classroom Grants, the Dedicated Fine Arts Fund, VOICE Mentor Program and so much more. Whether you can give \$5 a month or \$5,000 a year your gift will help the District give your child the dynamic, 21<sup>st</sup> century education he or she needs to succeed. Respond now to the **All in for Kids Annual Fund Campaign** mailing or give online at [www.isfdn.org](http://www.isfdn.org). Thank you!

### Welcome ...

... to our new class of PTSA/ISF Reps. These dedicated men and women volunteer to be the 'go-to' source for all things Issaquah Schools Foundation at their school. During the year, you may find them manning Foundation tables at Curriculum Nights, Kindergarten Registration and/or surprising teachers during grant season as members of our Balloon Brigades. Please join us in thanking them for their service to school, Foundation and community. [Find your school's PTSA/ISF Rep.](#)

### Battle of the Fans in the Stands – Part II

Football fans ... show your spirit and support the Foundation at the rivalry game of the season – **Issaquah vs. Skyline, Friday, October 25** at Issaquah High School Stadium. **Battle of the Fans in the Stands** is a friendly competition between Issaquah and Skyline to see fans can rally the most support for the Foundation. Foundation representatives decked out in Purple/Gold and Green/Silver will meet attendees at the entry gate. They'll ask fans to feed the jar with a \$1 or \$5 donation (or donation of their choice). Those who do will receive a commemorative wristband in their school colors. The Foundation will tally the donations and announce the winning 'stand' after halftime. **One side will win bragging rights ... but there are no losers.** Donations will be used to elevate education for all Issaquah School District students.

### Take Charge of Homework

It doesn't take long for the homework and classroom assignments to begin piling up. Make sure your child takes advantage of two FREE avenues of support at our middle and high schools. **After School Homework Labs** at high schools are staffed by teachers and/or counselors who offer assistance on a variety of subjects. **Open Library Programs** at middle schools offer students a safe, supervised place for group study as well as access to technology. Visit your school's homepage to learn what's offered at your location.



**Donors Did It!** [Read about the new Elementary Writing Curriculum coming your way](#)

## HELP WANTED

**Open Chair Positions**

**Golden Acorn Awards**

**Cookies & Cocoa with Santa**

**Staff Appreciation/Cookie Exchange**

**Talent Show**

**To Volunteer Please contact Christine**

**Chafin or Marquelle Morgan**

[thechafins@hotmail.com](mailto:thechafins@hotmail.com) or

[chrisandmarquelle@hotmail.com](mailto:chrisandmarquelle@hotmail.com)

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fundraiser

### SHOE DRIVE

## Donate Your Old Shoes



SAVE YOUR OLD SHOES (and ask your friends and family to do the same) to donate to our 5th Grade Camp Fundraiser! Any condition, shape or size - we want them! In the coming weeks our 5th Grade students will be collecting shoes to be donated or re-purposed to create and/or sustain micro-enterprise opportunities in developing nations. This project will also support Creekside's Green Schools objective by encouraging recycling to dramatically reduce the impact of post consumer waste in landfills. The best part is through our efforts, we help others AND generate revenue to offset the cost of camp for our 5th Graders at Creekside! Questions on how to help? Contact Jennifer Edson at [jennifer.edson.cpa@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.edson.cpa@gmail.com).

# Things To Order



## Brown Bear Car Wash

After a busy summer of road trips and camping we know your car is probably in need of a little TLC! Get your Brown Bear Car Wash Tickets and help Creekside PTSA at the same time!

### STOCK UP NOW!

1 for \$6  
5 for \$25  
10 for \$40



To purchase these tickets, please contact Lisa Bourdeau at [lisabourdeau22@gmail.com](mailto:lisabourdeau22@gmail.com) or Kim Meade at [meadek@comcast.net](mailto:meadek@comcast.net).

## Passive Fundraising for Creekside PTSA

Creekside PTSA is participating in the following passive fundraisers. Please read below to find out how you can support Creekside.



**SAFEGWAY eScrip & Safeway** is a proven, passive fundraiser that contributes a percentage of your grocery loyalty cards from participating business partners, credit card and debit/ATM card purchases to our PTSA. Getting signed up is easy! If you would like to sign up or get more information, please click [here](#) or contact Theresa Nguyen at [thn12@uw.edu](mailto:thn12@uw.edu) for more information.



## Looking for GREAT gift ideas? Introducing Creekside's Gift-A-Book Birthday Club!



**Gift-A-Book** is a great way to help our librarian add new books to the Creekside Library, as well as honor your student. You can honor your student for any occasion – birthdays are great ways to do so.

Click [here](#) to obtain a donation form or for more information, please contact Theresa Nguyen at [thn12@u.washington.edu](mailto:thn12@u.washington.edu) or Meagan Rhodes at [rhodesm@issaquah.wednet.edu](mailto:rhodesm@issaquah.wednet.edu).

## OtterWear is available to order!

OtterWear is now available online!  
Visit Our Website

[www.creeksideptsa.ourschoolpages.com](http://www.creeksideptsa.ourschoolpages.com) to place your order today!

The OtterWear store will be open from now until October 30th. New Merchandise Will Be Available Later In The School Year.

Please note the sizing and different options available. Once the order is placed, changes cannot be made to the order. We do not keep any inventory on hand.

If you have any questions, please contact Katy Loucks at [katyLO@comcast.net](mailto:katyLO@comcast.net).

## Creekside PTSA - New Website! Check it out!

Our Webmaster has worked tirelessly to give our PTSA a new, fresh look! Check out our new website at:

<http://creeksideptsa.ourschoolpages.com/Home>

You'll be able to find information about all our programs, PTSA meeting minutes, financial reports and other helpful information.

For the upcoming General PTSA meeting, you can see copies of financial reports by going to our Creekside PTSA website, under "Important Information" then "Finances" or by clicking [here](#).





# **APPRECIATE THE VOLUNTEERS**

**Please help us appreciate and honor the Volunteers here at Creekside.**

**There will be a “bucket” in the office for you to put in the name(s) of any volunteer(s) that you appreciate for their service to the school and kids. We will draw names the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month and honor them.**

**Everyone is welcome to recommend names.**

**Thank you,  
Creekside PTSA**



# Keeping Up With Social Media

## Your Child's Online World

### Did you know ?

9 out of 10 middle school students have had their feelings hurt online or via texting?

**43% of kids have been bullied and one in four has had it happen more than once.**

### Dates:

October 23, 2013

7:00-8:00 pm

Pacific Cascade Middle  
School Library

24635 Issaquah Fall City Rd  
Issaquah 98029

No Cost

### Parent Education Opportunities

The Pacific Cascade Middle School PTSA proudly presents a workshop that parents of any school age student should not miss, whether your child has already begun his/her 'online' life, or is about to. If you think you've heard it already, think again!

Come hear Issaquah School District's popular speaker Stefanie Thomas from the Seattle Police Department Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force as she helps us help our children safely navigate their 'constantly connected' online world.

### Social Networking

- How to keep your child's social networking page safe & private.
- The reality of texting and sexting
- How to effectively monitor your child's social networking activities

### Cyber-bullying

- What signs to look for if your child is the victim of cyberbullying
- How to respond to incidences of cyberbullying effectively

### Children as Victims

- What signs to look for in your child & what makes them vulnerable to online victimization by bullies/predators

### Safety Tips

- What type of rules to implement to ensure your child's safety online

For more information please contact Pacific Cascade Middle School PTSA Parent Education Representative Julie Siefkes @ (425) 890-2948 (or) [jsiefkes@siefkespetit.com](mailto:jsiefkes@siefkespetit.com).