



COUGAR RIDGE WEEKLY

Parent Newsletter

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This newsletter is also available on our school website:

www.cougar.issaquah.wednet.edu

PTSA website:

www.cougarridgeptsa.org

Jackie Tanner, Principal
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Fourth graders stand for recognition of their use of RESPECT, our October tool to reach the Summit, at a school wide assembly.

Calendar



- 5th Picture Retake Day
- 9th Reflections Reception, 5:30-6:30, MPR
- 11th VETERAN'S DAY- NO SCHOOL
- 12th Family Fitness Night- 5:30-7 pm, 3rd-5th grades
- Nov. 13-Dec. 11 Caring Through Sharing
- 17th Student Council, 7:20 am, MPR
- 17th 1st Grade Read-In, 7-7:45 pm, LIB
- 18th Monthly Birthday Celebrations
- 19th PTSA General Membership Mtg, 6:30 pm, MPR
- 25th Spirit Day
- 25th Report Cards go Home with students
- 26-27 THANKSGIVING BREAK



ATTENDANCE LINE If your student will not be coming to school please call the 24 Hour Attendance Line at:

425-837-7232



MUSIC NEWS Several students have asked for lyric sheets for the songs in our upcoming Veteran's Day Assembly. Those can be found on the school website:

<http://www.cougar.issaquah.wednet.edu/>

Click on the Calendar/Events link

Then click on "Veteran's Day Assembly Music"

There you will see a document for each grade level.



**Veteran's Day is Wednesday,
November 11th**

There will be no school on that day.

GIFT-A-BOOK Happy November Birthdays! Look for the purple Gift-A-Book form coming home today.



Reflections Art Walk and Reception is November 9th, 5:30-6:30 pm in the MPR

Please come view and celebrate all the amazing art that has been submitted by Cougar Ridge Students for this year's National Reflections art competition. The 12 finalists will be announced at the reception. Finalist and participation ribbons will be handed out.

PTSA General Membership Meeting is Thursday, November 19th at 6:30 pm in the Cougar Ridge Multi Purpose Room. Anyone interested in learning more about the upcoming levies or wishing to weigh in on the CR PTSA granting of funds requests, please attend. We are thrilled to have Ron Thiele from Issaquah School District and Leigh Stokes from Volunteers for Issaquah Schools coming to talk about finance, funding and the February levies. Several funds requests will presented for a vote, and only PTSA members are eligible to vote. Join today! You can find the membership form at <http://www.cougarridgeptsa.org/>.

District Math Assessment: Are you aware that the state will soon begin mandating that secondary students pass math end-of-course assessments in order to graduate? Do you know how many secondary students and parents in the Issaquah School District are generally happy with their math experience? Are you concerned about conflicting math curriculum recommendations from the state? Then please come to the remaining Issaquah School District math conversation night: Monday, Nov. 16, at [Skyline High](#). The night will focus in particular on the current geometry and algebra curriculum adoption and more broadly on families' overall math experience. Parents will be invited to discuss the rationale for the recommended curriculum, *Discovering Mathematics*, with teachers and administrators; to test-drive the recommended materials; to hear the results of the District-wide math survey taken by almost 10,000 students and parents; and to provide feedback about what type of math supports their students need. This is a comprehensive effort to understand families' math experiences so the District can better serve all levels of learners. More information about the geometry and algebra curriculum adoption, including FAQs and links to the new state standards, is [available online](#).

Matthew's Thriftway has generously sponsored a 1% rebate program to Cougar Ridge for a number of years. They recently decided to discontinue giving rebates from paper receipts and go wholly to the PACE program. With PACE they give back 2% of purchases made at Matthews and all receipts will now be tracked electronically. A special thank you to those families who have collected and submitted receipts for the past years. Please turn in any receipts you have collected prior to 9/1/2009 to the collection box across from the library by Friday 11/13/2009.

Matthew's will be running a PACE member savings special during the week of Nov 8-14th. Along with the 2% given back to Cougar Ridge, members will receive a rebate check of 10% of all purchases made during the week. If you would like to become a PACE member please register at www.4pace.com. There is a \$25 registration fee where \$10 will automatically be donated to our school. As a PACE member there are other member only savings discounts. There are information packets available across from the library. Any questions, please feel free to contact Kimberley at kimberleychung@comcast.net