



Weekly News

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

All School News

A Blog is Spawned

At such an active and dynamic school such as ours, frankly there's a lot we want to and need to communicate to our community. This year will use two main forms of all school communications to keep you abreast of the happenings in your child's school life. You are already familiar with the Weekly News which will continue to serve as your "nuts and bolts" communication tool. i.e. what do you *need to know* to keep you and your child "in the right place at the right time."

However, we also want to be able to highlight programs, activities and frankly just share some great pictures which we think you'll enjoy reading about. As such, we are excited to re-introduce you to *The Spawn* – the school's blog

Click CTRL and the following link here [Spawn](#) to be directed to the school's blog.

Highlights this week include:

- Lower School Storyline Announced
- Confluence 2009
- Mt. Mazama Missing in Southern Oregon
- Pine Mountain Observatory Field Trip
- Opal Creek Highlights

Steelhead Spirit Day – Wear your Blue & Green!

Encourage your kids to wear the school's colors (blue and green) this Friday, October 2. The entire school will gather together for a short assembly and celebrate the school's mascot – The Steelhead!

Fall/Winter Sports Swap – October 2

Please join us and participate in the 5th Annual CACO Winter Sports Swap on Friday, October 2nd. Drop off your new or (well maintained) used winter clothing or sports equipment to school between 2:15 and 3:15 in Katie Lamarre/Tim Green's classroom. Exchanges begin after students are released. This is a CACO community event where no money is exchanged – we are simply helping one another. Things to look for: Jackets, hats, ski equipment, sledding equipment, warm-up pants, snow boots, gloves and mittens etc.

Save the Date – Grandparents & Special Friends Day – November 20

We will host Grandparents & Special Friends Day on November 20 this year – this is the Friday before Thanksgiving break. So, if you have friends and relatives coming into town for the holiday, we hope they'll be able to join us at the school for a morning of festivities beginning at 10:00 am. We will be holding this day in conjunction with our annual Empty Bowls fundraiser, a luncheon facilitated by our middle school students that supports the Hunger Prevention Coalition. In addition, the lower school National Parks storyline will culminate that morning, so there will be LOTS to see and do. We will send out more details as the event approaches. Please pass this date along to grandparents and special friends who may be making arrangements for holiday travel.

School Handbooks

If you haven't already, please return the last page of the school handbook with a signature indicating that you have read the handbook to the front office. Thanks.

School Directories

If you didn't get your copy of the school directory at Back to School night, feel free to pick up your family's copy at the front desk.

Next Parent Association Meeting – October 2

Join us for this month's PA meeting on Friday, October 2 at drop-off.

Support the Tower Theater – Help Cascades Academy

As we announced last week at Back to School Night, we have an exciting opportunity to support the Tower Theater through a new sponsorship of several children's productions and films showing at the Tower this winter. Shows currently slated for presentation include *A Christmas Carol* in December 2009, *Happily Ever After: A Cinderella Story* in February 2010 AND *Tweeksters* in February 2010 as well. How does it work you ask? If you already support the Tower Theater through a donation or membership, we simply ask that you earmark your donation or membership dollars in the name of "Friends of Cascades Academy." The Tower is graciously letting us pool all of the monies contributed in the name of the "Friends of Cascades Academy" toward sponsoring the children's series. As the title sponsor of the series, the Friends of Cascades Academy will help to make tickets affordable for all families in the Bend community as well as increase visibility and awareness of our school. Simply pick up a donation form in the school foyer. Thank you for supporting the Tower and helping us get the word out about Cascades Academy!

Cascades Academy Sweatshirts for Sale

We still have a limited number of school sweatshirts for sale for \$35. Child size samples are hanging in the school foyer. We currently are all sold out of adult sizes, but if we have an order of at least 20 adult sizes, we will happily place the order for more. So, please sign up for a sweatshirt if you are interested, and we'll get that order placed in time for the cooler weather.

School Pictures Coming Up – October 13 – A Special Note About Class Pictures

You'll soon be receiving order forms for school pictures. Most of the packages include a class picture which is a grouping of the students' individual pictures. Parent and professional photographer, Lisa Armstrong, will also be taking group shots of the classes that day which are a nice way to capture the class in a more friendly and relaxed group pose. These group shots will be available for proofing before ordering and available for purchase for \$12.00 each. We simply want to give you this heads up as you decide which picture packages you may want for your child.

Middle School Student Council to Collect Yoplait Lids

Student Council is collecting pink Yoplait Lids again this year. Each lid collected and sent back to Yoplait is worth 10 cents donated towards breast cancer. Please make sure that the lids are clean before turning them into one of the yellow envelopes, located on the entrance message board and in the commons.

Do You Drink Coffee? If so, You Can Easily Support CACO!

The Cascades Academy Parents Association is pleased to be continuing the Strictly Organic Coffee Fundraiser. Order your coffee through Cascades Academy and a portion of the proceeds will benefit the Parents Association! You pay the retail price of \$12/lb for regular coffee or \$13/lb for decaffeinated coffee. As an added bonus you will receive 1 lb free for every 10 lbs purchased! Details about the program including descriptions of the coffee choices, a sign-up sheet and payment envelope are posted on the Parents Association Bulletin Board at CACO.

For your convenience and depending on your needs, there are a number of ways you can participate in the Strictly Organic Coffee Program. If you are a regular coffee drinker you might wish to establish a standing

order and have your choice of coffee delivered to you at the school on a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly basis. If you are more whimsical and eclectic, you might wish to pre-pay for a few pounds and place your order on the order sheet as the urge strikes you – we will be happy to track the balance and award you your free pound of coffee when you reach the bonus! If you are an occasional drinker of coffee, or only stock coffee when special relatives are in town, you can feel free to sign up on the order sheet whenever you have the need.

If you have any questions about the program or wish to establish a standing order or account, please feel free to call or e-mail the program administrator, Kathleen DeMarco (ph: 318-0987; email: demarco@bendcable.com). Thank you for supporting the Cascades Academy Parents Association.

Middle/Upper School News

Middle School Student Council Reps Elected

Congratulations to the following students who will serve on the middle school student council this year:

Kieran Hurst-McCreedy – President
Jack Armstrong – Vice-President
Elise Furgurson – Activities Director
Autumn Elmore – Secretary/Treasurer
Samantha McGee – 8th grade representative
Tommy King – 7th grade representative
Brady Boos – 6th grade representative

Autumn Outings Coming Up

Middle and high school students will have an opportunity to choose from one of three trips next week for the school's annual autumn outings trips – October 15 & 16. Trip details will be forthcoming but to date include a trip to the Oregon coast (October 14-16), a trip to the Malheur National Wildlife Refuge and two local day trips for students who cannot travel overnight due to prior commitments. Stay tuned for more details.

Volunteer Corner

We Need Help Stuffing Envelopes Next Week – Can be Done at Home

We'll be sending out a large mailing late next week and could use some stuffing and folding "human power." We anticipate needing this help on Thursday, October 8. Can be done at home Wednesday night if you are looking for a home project. Email Kelly McNamara if you are interested.

mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org

Photos of the Week

Pictures from the lower school trip to Crater Lake last week. . .



Calendar

- October 1 – Middle School Cross Country Meet – 3:00 pm
- October 2 – Parents Association Meeting – 8:15 am
- October 2 – Winter/Sports Swap – 3:15 pm
- October 9 – No School – Professional Development Day
- October 13 – Picture Day
- October 14 – PSAT Test
- October 15 – 16 – Autumn Outings
- November 20 – Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Quote of the Week

“The power of imagination makes us infinite. “ ~ John Muir