



Weekly News

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

All School News

Highlights from *The Spawn*

Click CTRL and the following link here **Spawn** (<http://cacospawn.squarespace.com>) to be directed to the school's blog. Photos of the Week can now be seen on the blog.

Highlights this week include:

- College Fair
- Not All That Meander Are Lost – Camp Polk Project
- Cascades Academy Cross Country

H1N1 Vaccination at Cascades Academy

Today, we sent home with your children all the forms you need to give permission for your child to receive the H1N1 vaccine. Look for a bright yellow cover letter complete with all the details. Kelly McNamara will be the point person for the vaccination day. **All forms must be returned to your child's teacher by Monday, October 19.** If you have any questions, please contact Kelly directly.

Original Works Art Program

Our annual art fundraiser, Original Works, is in full swing. The Original Works fundraiser is an art-based fundraising program that transfers children's artwork into professionally made custom products that you can wear and share. All proceeds will go directly to our art program.

Students have been working on their art creations over the last few weeks. Your child's artwork and order forms will be sent home on October 19th, and the order forms and checks will be due on Friday October 23rd. The products will be delivered to the school on December 11th, in plenty of time for the holidays!

Don't worry – we'll keep you apprised of the dates as we move ahead with the project. For more information on Original Works, go to <http://www.originalworks.com>.

Join Us at Jackson's Corner for Lunch

It's not too late to sign up for lunch at Jackson's Corner (845 NW Delaware) to learn more about the business side of running a non-profit, independent school. Sorry, the school won't be able to pick up that tab at the lunches, but we hope you'll still come and join us. Sign up for the lunches in the foyer at the school in order that we can reserve the right number of seats/tables at Jackson's Corner.

Currently, these lunches are scheduled to take place:

Thursday, October 15 – 12:00 pm

Tuesday, October 20 – 12:00 pm

Thursday, October 22 – 12:00 pm

Welcome New Student - Wyatt Wright

We were excited to welcome new kindergarten student, Wyatt Wright, to Cascades Academy this week. Wyatt is the younger brother of 4th grader, Carson Wright. As such, you already have the family contact information in your directories. Welcome, Wyatt!

Looking for Musical Instrument Donations

Do you have any musical instruments you'd like to donate to Cascades Academy? Specifically, we are looking for:

- 1) Percussion instruments of all kinds
- 2) Hand drums
- 3) Barred instruments (like xylophones) - all kinds welcome and it would be especially nice to have high quality Orff instruments

We also certainly won't turn down any other instruments that would help us build our music program. Been wanting to get rid of that clarinet you played in the 3rd grade? Bring it on over!

School Pictures Make-up Day – November 19

We had lots of students out yesterday for Picture Day. Mark your calendars for November 19 for the make-up day. Also, Lisa Armstrong cancelled the class pictures usually taken outside due to the inclement weather. Look for a make-up day for that to be announced soon.

Cascades Academy Sweatshirts for Sale – Last Call!

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. Several of you have signed up for the order- thanks! We need about 10 more sign-ups to place the order. So, please sign up for a sweatshirt if you are interested, and we'll get that order placed asap.

Next Auction Meeting – Tuesday, October 20 at Drop-Off

Come join us!

Eat, Drink & Think – Thursday, October 15 at The Loft

Join us for appetizers, beverages and brainstorming session for Cascades Academy's 2010 Auction this Thursday evening at the Loft from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm! You won't be signing up for a committee, no commitment; all we want are your ideas! Meet new parents, say hello to old friends, Eat, Drink and THINK! Hope to see you there. Any questions, please call Kelly Tanguay at 788-3047 or email - kellydan1@bendcable.com.

Private Native Plant Nursery Open to CACO Families on October 24

As a reminder, CACO parents, Mike Lattig and Jennifer O'Reilly, have offered to open up their native plant nursery, Clearwater Native Plant Nursery, to all Cascades Academy families on October 24. The nursery is not open to the public, and this is an amazing opportunity to pick up native plants at wholesale costs. October is still a great time to get plants in the ground, and Mike & Jennifer will be donating 100% of the plant sales to the Cascades Academy Annual Fund. So, save the date to come out to Redmond to go plant shopping on October 24. The nursery will be open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm.

Share Your Photos on Photo Bucket

For all of you who like to take photographs of our students in action, sharing those photos with the school just got easier. Just go to www.photobucket.com/cascadesacademy, give the password "CACO1234," and click 'Add Photos,' and upload! You will be prompted to login to your PhotoBucket account (or to create an account). Then, just keep following the links for 'Adding Photos.'

Do You Know Someone Who Wants to Carpool from Sunriver?

We have one Cascades Academy family who is driving in from Sunriver and would like to find a carpool. Do you or someone you know – outside the CACO community is fine too – drive in from Sunriver every day and want to carpool? If so, please contact parent, Aelea Christofferson, at aelea@atlc.com.

Middle/Upper School News

6th – 9th Grade Parents – RSVP for Upper School Discussion

Attention 6th – 9th grade parents: you should have received an email from Blair Jenkins this week inviting you to a meeting to discuss the Upper School program at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 20th. Specifically, we are looking forward to hearing what it is you, as parents, are looking for in an Upper School program for your sons and daughters. Please RSVP directly to Blair directly if you plan on attending: jenkins@cascadesacademy.org.

Lower School News

Lower School Scholastic Book Orders

The new book order fliers are out and are due Thursday, October 15th. Thanks to everyone who ordered Scholastic Books in September. We received over 4000 bonus points that the lower school teachers can use to order books and materials to use in their class rooms. If you have not received your books, check with your child's teacher.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteer Needed During H1N1 Vaccinations

We need one parent co-volunteer who has a flexible schedule who can help Dr. Jane Birschbach with the logistics of the vaccination process tentatively slated for the week of October 26. This person will be responsible for organizing paperwork, matching kids with paperwork, keeping order in line, lining up vaccines, etc. We won't know the exact date you'll be needed until our shipment of the vaccine arrives. Email Kelly McNamara if you'd like to help out. mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org

Calendar

- October 15 – Auction Brainstorming Evening at The Loft
- October 15 – 16 – Autumn Outings
- October 22 – Grade 4/5 Field Trip to Warm Springs Museum
- October 22 – Middle School Field Trip to Camp Polk
- October 23 – Middle/Upper School Progress Reports Mailed
- October 29 – Upper School Field Trip to Camp Polk
- November 4 – Board Meeting
- November 6 – Parents Association Meeting
- November 20 – Grandparents & Special Friends Day

Quote of the Week

“If you think in terms of a year, plant a seed; if in terms of 10 years, plant trees; if in terms of 100 years, teach the people.” ~ Confucious