



**Weekly News**

**Wednesday, November 4, 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. Be sure to check out all of the great NEW photos on the blog . . .

Highlights this week include:

- Cross Country Wraps Up Season

### First Friday Festivities

**Spirit Day:** The month's spirit day is Pajama Day. So, when your kids tell you they can wear their pajamas this Friday, they aren't lyin'. Encourage your kids to wear PJs this Friday.

**Lost & Found:** First Friday is also when the lost and found gets donated to a local charity. The lost and found is set up on two tables in the front entrance. Come take a peek and make sure your child isn't missing anything. There seems to be a lot of middle school stuff in the pile from autumn outings. So all you middle school parents come take a look as well.

### Is Your Son or Daughter Interested in Learning Chess?

Cascades Academy parent, Steve Kearney, is looking to gauge interest in a chess club here at the school. Specifically, the club would meet to teach chess skills and strategies in preparation for the Regional Chess Tournament on February 20 at Redmond High School. The club is open to K-8 graders. Steve is looking for general interest right now and will determine a "practice" schedule based on interest and availability. If you are interested, please let Barrie Robbins know: [robbins@cascadesacademy.org](mailto:robbins@cascadesacademy.org)

### School Picture Re-Takes – November 19

Didn't love your child's school picture this year? Or perhaps your child missed Picture Day altogether? Never fear, Picture Re-Take Day is near on November 19. If you want your child's picture *re-taken* you must return the original picture packet you received. Re-take forms have been sent home with every child. There are extras in the school foyer.

### Tower Theater Sponsorship Off to a Strong Start

Thanks to everyone who has already contributed to Cascades Academy's sponsorship of the new children's film series at the Tower Theater. We have currently raised \$1750 of our \$5000 goal. 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. If you know someone outside of our school community that supports the Tower, they can earmark their donation as well. 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!

## Calling All Soup Makers – Can You Lend Your Ladle?

We are starting to prepare for our Empty Bowls luncheon which will take place in conjunction with Grandparents and Special Friends Day on November 20. We need volunteers to make soup for this event. Specifically, we are looking for 12 volunteers who can each make 1.5 – 2 gallons of soup. We are hoping to have about six different varieties of soup, and there is a sign-up sheet posted in the main hallway. Sign up and submit your recipe for our soup recipe book that will be distributed to all guests attending the luncheon.

## Super Science Club – After School Activity for Ages 3-7

Are you looking for an after school program for your kids? Sign-them up for the School of Enrichment's "Super Science Club." Complete details are available in the attached flyer.

## Annual Fund Update

### You Can Help!

We officially kicked off our Annual Fund drive last month. Thanks to all of the families who have already made a contribution to this year's Fund; it has been exciting to receive so much support! As you know, our goals for this year are to raise \$125,000 through 100% participation from our families. We have a stellar volunteer team who will be calling all families to remind and encourage you to participate. Every gift moves us closer to our goal, so thank you in advance for helping us get there.

### Nursery Sale Raises \$1000 for Annual Fund!

"Wow!" Wait, let me say that again, "Wow!" We want to thank Mike Lattig and Jennifer O'Reilly, parents of CACO kindergartener, McKenzie, for donating 100% of the proceeds from the plant sale they held for Cascades Academy families at their Clearwater Native Plant Nursery. We were absolutely thrilled to receive a check for \$1000 for this year's Annual Fund as a result of this sale. Thanks to all of you who headed out there to purchase plants. This is just another sample of our community working together for the common good. Thank you again, Mike and Jennifer, for this fantastic idea and for this wonderful contribution to our school.

### Community for Community Shopping Days to Support Annual Fund

You are going to hear a lot more about our "Community for Community" shopping days in the upcoming weeks. But, we'd like to ask you to save your holiday shopping for the following dates at area merchants: November 20, 21 and December 10. Why you ask? On these dates, participating local merchants will be donating 10% of their sales to CACO supporters back to our school. We will be sending out a list of these local merchants shortly. But, in the spirit of community, we are asking our CACO community to support our local merchant community during this holiday season, and in return they have agreed to support Cascades Academy. Community helping community – that's what it is all about!

### Tune-up Your Bike & Support the Annual Fund

Cascades Academy parent and bike guru, Mike Kerkmann, is opening up his "shop" to anyone's bike that needs a little bit of TLC this fall. A typical tune-up at one of the local bike shops runs \$40 - \$60. Mike is suggesting a minimum donation of \$25 for a full tune-up (not including parts). Mike will then donate 100% of the proceeds to the Cascades Academy Annual. To schedule a bike tune-up with Mike, please call him at 350-4031. Thanks to everyone who has already taken advantage of this great offer!

## Calendar

- November 6 – Parents Association Meeting

- November 11 – Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
- November 19 – School Picture Make-up Day
- November 20 – Grandparents & Special Friends Day, Empty Bowls luncheon. K-5 Storyline Culmination
- November 23 – 27 – Thanksgiving Break
- December 4 –Parents Association Meeting
- December 8 – Holiday Program at Aspen Hall

## Quote of the Week

"I am of the opinion that my life belongs to the community, and as long as I live it is my privilege to do for it whatever I can." - George Bernard Shaw