



Weekly News

Thursday, November 12, 2009

All School News

Highlights from *The Spawn*

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Highlights this week include:

- Nature of Words and of Students
- Cross Country Team Accolades

Christmas Comes Early – New Computers Arrive in Lab

Perhaps you have already heard the buzz through your children? Cascades Academy received 17 brand new computers with 17 inch flat screens last week thanks to the generosity of two families: Marc & Cezanne Blank and Sanders & Danielle Nye. The new computers are faster, lighter, and just plain better. And, the impact of this amazing gift has been immediate and profound – just ask your kids. We are all so thrilled to have this significant upgrade to our lab and to our program. We extend a huge thank you to the Blanks and the Nyes for this contribution and for their generosity.

Bring in Your Non-perishables for our Food Drive

With just 10 days to go before the Thanksgiving break, we are launching a food drive in conjunction with our Empty Bowls event. Our upper and lower school students worked together last Friday to decorate food drive baskets for every class. So, bring in any non-perishable items to contribute. Our upper school students will bring the baskets to the Bend Community Center next Friday. Bend's Community Center's Feed The Hungry program (FTH) is now the largest food kitchen in Central Oregon, providing up to 800-1,000 meals per week to hungry and homeless men, women and children in our community.

Grandparents & Special Friends Day – November 20

We're looking forward to a great day on November 20th. Official invitations have been mailed. If you have a special friend to whom you'd like to send an invitation, pick up an extra invite or send Kelly McNamara the address, and we'll do the mailing for you. **Please remind grandparents and friends to RSVP to the school for some or all of the events.** The schedule of events includes:

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| 10:00 – 11:30 am | Storyline Culmination – Our National Parks
(A presentation by grades K-5) |
| 11:00 – 11:45 am | Upper School Classroom Visit – Chemistry anyone? (Grades 9-12) |
| 11:45 am -1:00 pm | Empty Bowls luncheon hosted by Grades 6-8
\$15 suggested donation to benefit the Hunger Prevention Coalition |

CACO Sweatshirts Are In!

Those who have ordered one please pick up at the front office. There are extras in each size. So if you still want one, they are available.

Snow Means Possible School Delays/Closures

The flurries this week remind us that we might have that rare day when we have to delay/close school due to winter weather conditions. As a reminder, this is how we handle delays/closures:

If prior to the start of school in the morning the Bend-LaPine District closes or has a delayed start to the school day due to adverse weather conditions, then Cascades Academy also delays/closes for the day. Parents can check any number of sources to determine a delay/closure:

- a. Listen to local TV/radio coverage for public announcement information.
- b. Check KTVZ's website: www.ktvz.com for posted information.
- c. Call the school's phone. There will be an automated message on the school's voice mail indicating a delay/closure due to weather/emergency.

Individual & Class 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.

Also, Lisa Armstrong will take class pictures on November 19 as well. She did not do this on the first picture day because so many students were out sick.

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

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!

Annual Fund Update

Community for Community Shopping Days to Support Annual Fund

As a reminder please save your shopping days for November 20, 21 and December 10 and support Cascades Academy and our local Bend merchants during our Community for Community Shopping Days. On these days, the merchants listed below will donate 10% of CACO supporter purchases back to the school. **Be sure you mention that you are shopping for Cascades Academy when you shop.**

We don't want to limit this program to just CACO families. **So, please forward the attached flyer to at least 10 people you know and encourage them to shop for Cascades Academy.** See each merchant's description for specific details. For example, some merchants are donating back for a couple of weeks not

just a couple of days. Some merchants offer online shopping as well. So yes, out of town friends can participate too! Complete information is attached.

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!

Auction Update

Save the Date – February 20, 2010

You’ll be receiving a Save the Date card shortly for the big event . . . Cascades Academy 2010 Auction, “A Dinner and a Show.” Mark your calendars. You won’t want to miss it.

Calling All Auction Donations

We’re looking for silent and live auction items for our event. Do you have something you could donate? Some examples of donations would be:

- Airline Miles or American Express Membership Rewards points
- A week or weekend at a second-home/vacation home
- A private plane flight
- Use of a boat or other recreational vehicle
- Experiences—do you have an area of expertise you could share?
- A donation from your business

If you can make a donation and/or would like to be a sponsor for our event, please complete the attached form and return it to the CACO front office by January 15, 2010.

Calendar

- November 17 – Auction Meeting – Drop-off
- 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

“The way I see it, you can either run from it or learn from it.” – Rafikki, *The Lion King*