



Weekly News

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

All School News

Parent Association Meeting, January 29th

The next Parent Association Meeting will be Friday, January 29th (not Feb. 5th).

Important Re-enrollment Deadlines

February 1 – Flexible Tuition applications due: Go to sss.nais.org to apply for tuition adjustment online. Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). You only have to complete one PFS even if you have several children attending Cascades Academy.

Week of February 15th - Re-enrollment Contracts Sent

March 1 – Re-enrollment contracts due to Cascades Academy.

Admissions Open House

Cascades Academy is hosting two Open Houses for prospective families to get a glimpse into a day at the school. This is a chance to meet teachers, see classrooms in action, and more. Spread the word! **February 9th, 9-10am or March 9, 1-2pm.**

Scholastic Book Fair...it's almost here!

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to the halls of Cascades Academy! The Book Fair will open early Monday, **February 1** and continue through noon on Friday, **February 5**. Students in the lower school will have a chance to visit the Fair with their class and peruse the books. They can even create a "Wish List" of favorite titles. Middle School students can check things out on their lunch breaks and free time. We hope you will stop by as well and enjoy the Book Fair with your child. Look for the "Classroom Wish List" board where teachers feature some titles they would love to have donated to your child's classroom. The Book Fair will accept cash, credit cards, and checks, so stop by and select some quality books for your young reader. Would you like to volunteer to help at the Scholastic Book Fair this year? We would love to have your help! Volunteers are needed to help packing everything up on the afternoon of February 5th. If you would prefer to be a cashier we could certainly use your help anytime during the Book Fair hours. If you have the time to volunteer, contact Kelly McNamara at mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org.

Skiing – wheeeeeeeeeee!

Skiing continues this Thursday. Don't forget, Lower schoolers get dropped off at the Mt Bachelor Shuttle Parking Lot at **8:15 (please no earlier)** and then picked up at 4:00 in the same place.

Bonus Mountain Quote: *Must we always teach our children with books? Let them look at the mountains and the stars up above. Let them look at the beauty of the waters and the trees and flowers on earth. They will then begin to think, and to think is the beginning of a real education.*

- David Polis

School Email Addresses - Middle and Upper School Students

Just when you thought it couldn't get any better...How about an easier web address to remember for accessing your Cascades Academy mail? How about this one... **mail.cascadesacademy.org**?

Likewise, access your documents at docs.cascadesacademy.org and your calendar at calendar.cascadesacademy.org.

A Message from the 4th and 5th Grade - Pennies for Peace

Pennies for Peace continues this week...Help Greg Mortenson build schools in Pakistan.



Mortenson will be in town on February 12th. Also of interest, there will be a benefit auction of Tea Cups and beautiful art at the Athletic Club of Bend on February 3rd from 2:00-5:00 which will include some items created by CACO students in Mrs. Monte's art class.

NOTES FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Bowling Fun – January 22, 5-8pm

Parent chaperones will be appreciated. Email lamarre@cascadesacademy.org. Students should bring between \$5 and \$10, or more if they're planning on snacks or other games.

Warm Clothes Drive

Collections will continue through President's Day. Every week, the high school students take that week's donations to the Bend Community Center where they are volunteering.

Compassionate Communication Classes for Parents

Learn to communicate from your heart and mind. Next class starts March 2nd. See attached flyer for details.

Annual Fund Update

Annual Fund contributions to-date total \$62,242 with 44% of our families participating. We are so grateful for all who have contributed. Each gift helps us get closer to our goals of \$125,000 and 100% participation from families and faculty. Although the Annual Fund is open until July 31, we encourage you to contribute as soon as you are able.

Thank you for all you do to support Cascades Academy!

Auction Update

CACO's Dinner and a Show – ANNUAL AUCTION February 20, 2010

Get your RSVP's in for the Auction. Here's a sneak preview of the amazing donations that will be up for auction:

LIVE AUCTION

A chance to purchase your dream vacation! Win 4 nights at an Exclusive Resort home in either Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, Scottsdale, AZ or Aspen, CO! *Exclusive Resorts, the world's leading luxury destination club, recognized in Robb Report's 21st annual "Best of the Best" issue as the top "Destination Club" in the world. - "With Exclusive Resorts quality time with friends and family is no longer a luxury. It's a way of life."*

SILENT AUCTION

- **Have you always wanted to be on the radio?** Now is your chance! Join Steve and JT on "The Mountain", 99.7. One hour of DJ heaven during their morning show!
- **Special occasion?** Book a party for 40 people at The Loft of Bend, a private social club in downtown Bend!

- **Back by popular demand...Brian Kent will be hosting Video Game Night!** Held from 7pm to midnight at Cascades Academy. Four to five video game systems will be set up for 10-12 kids to enjoy. Pizza and pop are included to keep your gamers focused on fun!

Attend the auction by volunteering!

Great opportunity to gain admission to the auction and support the school! Lots of fun – guaranteed! Contact Marci Surfas at marci@surfas.com.

Do You Know Someone Who Can Sponsor Our Event?

We are offering four sponsorship levels for this year's event. Partners can sponsor for \$500, \$1000, \$2500, and \$5000. Each sponsor receives a variety of benefits including event tickets, complimentary raffle tickets, advertising and more! Please contact sponsor chair, Else Kerkmann (ekerkmann@bendbroadband.com).

Volunteer Corner



Scholastic Book Fair, February 1 – 5

We're looking for volunteers for the book fair, mornings and afternoons.

Contact Kelly McNamara at mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org.

Assemble CACO Press Clippings

Seeking someone to tackle an at-home ongoing school pride scrapbook. We have a folder full of press about CACO ready to be commemorated in a book. Contact Jenny Green at tjverde@gmail.com

Calendar

<http://www.cascadesacademy.org/calendar.html>

- January 22 – MS Bowling Night
- January 29 – Parent Association Meeting
- February 1 – Flexible Tuition Applications Due
- February 1 – Scholastic Book Fair
- February 9 - Admissions Open House – 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- February 15 – President's Day observed – no school
- February 19 – Admissions Lunch??
- February 20 – CACO Auction
- March 9 – Admission Open House – 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Attachments not to miss

Photos of Julie's baby, Maël.

Flyer about Compassionate Communication Class.

Quote of the Week

A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions.

- Oliver Wendell Holmes