



Weekly News

Wednesday, December 2, 2009

All School News

Important Vacation Schedule Change – No School January 4, 2010

The school will be closed on Monday, January 4, 2010, for an in-house Professional Development Day. This is a change to our previously published vacation schedule. **As such, we will return from break on Tuesday, January 5, 2010.**

Thanks for a Great Empty Bowls!

We had 100+ guests and raised over \$1,000 during our Empty Bowls fundraiser supporting the Hunger Prevention Coalition delivered 500+ cans of collected food to the Bend Community Center. If you accidentally went home with a mismatched soup pot/lid, please bring them to the kitchen at school.

Parent Association Meeting

Friday, December 4th at 8:15am.

Holiday Program at Aspen Hall, December 8th

This year's holiday program will take place at Aspen Hall on Monday, December 8th from 5:45 - 7:00 pm. The program features students in grades K-5 and 6-8. Aspen Hall is located at Shevlin Park, click here for directions, at 18920 Shevlin Park Road, on the north side of the road.

Chess Club Starting December 7th



Parent Steve Kearney will be leading CACO's Chess Club beginning December 7th. The club will meet Mondays and Wednesdays in the Art Room, from 3:15 until 4:30. The club will learn chess skills and strategies in preparation for the Regional Chess Tournament on February 20 at Redmond High School and is open to K-8 graders. Email robbins@cascadesacademy.org if your child would like to join.

Milk and Pizza, Oh Boy!

Milk is now available at lunchtime. 1%, chocolate, or strawberry. Any day of the week or every day. Sign up a month at a time or for the remainder of the school year. **Pizza** Mondays start on Monday, December 7th. Orders need to be in by the end of the day Wednesday for the following week's Pizza Day.

If you want to sign up, forms can be picked up on the Parent Board in the entry hallway. Leave your completed forms and checks in the appropriate envelope on the Board.



Regional Robotics Tournament

Wow! Our very own Robotics team, Robo Rubiks, made up of 4th and 5th graders, is competing among 314 teams in a regional tournament this Saturday at Sky View Middle School. This is a qualifying tournament for the state tournament being held in Hillsboro in January. Teams use lego pieces to build a robot programmed on the computer. Judging is based on teamwork, robot design, presentation, and technical talk.

Team Robo Rubiks: Olivia Colton, Dominic DeMarco, Jasper Ladkin, Clarissa Orton, Giovanni Ricci, Nick Armstrong, Robert Rice, Morgan Tien, and William Price. **Team Coaches:** Greg Hoshovsky, Hania Price, and Libby Rice. Lots of luck to Team Robo Rubiks!

Class Pictures

Lisa Armstrong, our resident photographer extraordinaire, will post her class photos in the entry hallway this Friday. There will be a signup sheet for ordering your very own copy. Cost is \$12 for a 5 x 7 photo.

School Spirit Day

It's **Crazy Hair Spirit Day** this Friday. Get out your favorite mousses and gels and show us your "do"!

Holiday Shopping Without the Kids

The School of Enrichment is offering parents a day to shop or rest without the kids before the holidays on Saturday, December 12 from 12:00 – 4:00 pm. While you take care of business, your child will experience enriching activities and a nutritious lunch with the wonderful School of Enrichment staff. Cost: \$20/child for ages 2 1/2 and older. Questions? Call 771-1257 for more information.

ERB Testing

Grades 2-8 will take the Educational Records Bureau standardized tests in the upcoming weeks before the December Holiday Break. The students take these tests each year to help with our overall assessment of their progress. They help provide teachers with additional information about each student's skills. Grades 6-8 will take the tests on December 15 and 16, and grades 2-5 will take them in their classes during the upcoming two weeks.

Tower Theater Sponsorship – We're Cruising Towards The Prize

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 \$3400 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." 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

December 10 is the final day to shop to support Cascades Academy and our local Bend merchants during our Community for Community Shopping Days. The merchants listed on the attached list will donate 10% of **CACO supporter purchases** back to the school. **YOU MUST MENTION THAT YOU ARE SHOPPING FOR CASCADES ACADEMY WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR PURCHASES IN ORDER FOR THE SCHOOL TO RECEIVE CREDIT.**

We don't want to limit this program to just CACO families. **So, please forward the attached flyer to your extended community.** See each merchant's description for specific details.

Auction Update

Calling FOOD & WINE Auction Donations

We're looking for silent and live auction items for our event. Our theme for this week is **Food and Wine**. Do you have something you could donate? Some examples of donations would be:

- Restaurant or wine shop gift certificates
- Vintage wines or champagnes



- Wine country tours, hotel stays, tastings, etc.
- Wine accessories – racks, chillers, openers, etc
- Catered dinners
- Cooking classes
- Any other gourmet service you can think of!

If you can make a donation , complete a form in the front office or contact Marci Surf as at marci@surf as.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) if you or someone you know is interested in becoming an event sponsor!

Volunteer Corner



Drivers Needed – Holiday Program Dress Rehearsal – Dec. 8

Want to help us move 68 fabulous children to Aspen Hall for a dress rehearsal? We need drivers to depart school on Tuesday, December 8 at 12:50pm, drop off kids at Aspen hall and then pick-up kids at 2:45 pm to bring them back to school. If you can only drive one-way, that will still help. (Sorry, you can't stay to watch the dress rehearsal – the show is a surprise!) There is a sign-up in the school.

Art teacher Marcy Monte needs 2 volunteers to help out in art class

Help art happen at Cascades Academy! Friday Dec 4, 8:00-10:00am. Email mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org if you're interested.

Partition Repair Needed

We have a couple of trade show style partitions that can use some simple TLC i.e. need some screws purchased and replaced. Want to help? Contact Kelly McNamara (mcnamara@cascadesacademy.org) if you are interested.

Calendar

- December 4 –Parents Association Meeting
- December 4 – Last Day of Fall Trimester (Middle/Upper School Only)
- December 5 – Regional Robotics Tournament
- December 8 – Holiday Program at Aspen Hall
- December 9 – Board Meeting 1pm
- December 10 – Community for Community Shopping Day
- December 12 – School of Enrichment's Day Without Kids
- December 15 & 16 – ERB Testing – More details to come.
- December 16 – K-2 Holiday Caroling at Touchmark Retirement Community
- December 21 – January 4 – Winter Break
- January 5 – Classes resume on Tuesday

Quote of the Week

I never teach my pupils. I only attempt to provide the conditions in which they can learn.
-Albert Einstein