

Weekly News

Wednesday, December 16, 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.**



Parents Association Meeting January 8th

Come one, come all!

Highlights from *The Spawn*

Click CTRL and the following link here **Spawn** (<http://cacospawn.squarespace.com>) to be directed to the school's blog. Highlights this week include awesome photos from the Holiday Program, Science Fair preparations, and a visit to the Cyclocross Nationals.

NOTES FROM THE STUDENT COUNCIL

Warm Clothes Drive

CACO Student Council is having a warm clothes drive to help keep the needy warm this winter. It would be helpful if you would bring in any old coats, hats, mittens or gloves and drop them off in the cardboard box in the front hallway.

Pie Day Friday

Student Council in the past has sold muffins, but now we are trying something new. We are going to sell slices of pie on the last Friday of every month for \$1 a slice

Middle School Bowling Night

The Student Council is hosting a bowling night at Sun Mountain Fun Center on Jan 22. There will be more details after the break.

Introducing Donna Weekley – A note from Merry Fiore

It is with great excitement that I wish to introduce Donna Weekley who will be taking over for me while I am on my maternity leave. Donna comes to us with over 20 years of teaching experience! She has worked predominantly in a primary setting and her last teaching endeavors have been as a mathematics coach for children aged kindergarten through fifth. Donna retired from teaching and moved up to Bend just recently. However, she found she "had nothing to speak to her husband at the dinner table at night anymore" and that she continues to see everyday objects and books as items she could use in the classroom. Her passion and love for children is apparent when she talks, and can be detected even more so when you watch her interact with the students. Both Becky and I are happy with this choice for our special kindergartners.

Shaking Up The Front Office

With Julie Amberg on maternity leave (Congratulations Julie!) after the Holiday Break, you'll be getting to see a lot more of both Kelly McNamara and Barrie Robbins in the front office. Kelly will be here full-time and Barrie will be here four days (Tuesdays through Fridays). Joining the team is Kelly Tanguay who will be here on Mondays lending her can-do attitude and Cascades commitment to the team. We'll keep things as seamless as possible for you but we know everyone will miss Julie's omniscient and happy presence.

Middle Schoolers – Don't forget

MS students must return their red science textbook by the end of the week to avoid a \$20 fee.

Collect Stamps from the Newport Market

It is the last month to collect stamps from the Newport Market. They are discontinuing their stamp program at the end of December. Please bring in the Newport stamps from your household as well as from friends and family. Newport Market will redeem them in August 2010 for the school.

Annual Fund Update

As a reminder, we'd love to receive your annual fund pledges and donations received before the year is out. Each gift helps us get closer to our goals of \$125,000 and participation from all of our families and faculty. Of course, we will happily accept your donation in early 2010 as well. Thank you for all you do to support Cascades Academy.

Auction Update

Calling all TRAVEL Auction Donations

We're looking for silent and live auction items for our event. Do you have something you could donate? This week's feature...Travel donations. 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
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If you can make a donation, complete a form in the front office or contact Marci Surfas at marci@surfascad.com.

PICK OF THE LIVE Raffle Tickets Make a Spectacular Holiday Gift!

For a \$50 raffle ticket, you'll have a 1 in 200 chance at having your pick of the live auction on February 20th, 2010. Sign up in the entry hallway if you want to get your ticket before the holidays.

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

Scrapbooking Project

Seeking a creative scrapbooker 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



Database Building

This at-home project involves looking up addresses (whitepages.com) and entering the information into an Excel spreadsheet. Contact Barrie, robbins@cascadesacademy.org.

Calendar

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

- December 21 – January 4 – Winter Break
- January 5 – Classes resume on **Tuesday**
- January 7 – Ski Program MS/US begins
- January 14th, Lower School Ski Lessons begin

Quote of the Week

This week's Quote of the Week is actually a poem. The poets are our very own Denali Hart (7th Grade) and Autumn Elmore (8th Grade), written for the Holiday Program.

Close to the beginning of life, friends are easy to make.
Time goes on, people grow, and friendships begin to break.
In the beginning it's easy to stay,
Life continues and people drift away.
Forced apart, contact weak,
People become afraid to speak.
But once a year they see each other,
Hoping to be friends forever.
New faces pass, old photos grow faint,
Memories are lost at an alarming rate.
I hoped things wouldn't happen this way,
Months go by, day after day.
Life is full of stepping stones,
Each apart, separately grown.
The wave of life washes over the shore,
Friends are left hurt and sore.
Long years past, friends gone away,
Until remembered again, today.
Little blue phonebook found on a shelf,
My heart skips a beat, as I think to myself.
Seven little digits on one torn sheet,
Looking back, my memories complete.

Little pink sundress, big blue bow,
Puppets ready to put on a show.
Phone rings one, two, three times over,
They bring back memories of playing "red rover".
Long forgotten voice questioning who I am,
I ask the same thing to myself, thinking of our forgotten plan.
If we stayed in touch we would know each other's lives,
Empty words like forgotten bee hives.
Recognition dawns, a flood of words soon follow,
Sentences run over each other, talking till tomorrow.
Can old friends be found again, the question hangs in the air,
The answer lies in the truth, are you strong enough to care?