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COMETS OF THE MONTH

December 2011

Kindergarten - Shaeinna Cherrey, Alexandra Krueger, Evelyn Shaffner
1st Grade - Jonathan French, Logan Loonam, Hayden Herndon, Lauren Wage
2nd Grade - Miranda Case, Chrysie Floring, Paige Thomas, Angelina Agustin,
Caitlyn Appel, Jonah Jellison, Ashlynn Alvey
3rd Grade - Carmen Macanas, Abigail Robinson, Linne Stuart, Logan Sonnenberg
4th Grade - Chase Thomas, Cadyn Kinsfather, Summer William-Rothrock, Baillee Comeau, Ryan Geier, Patrick Mattson
5th Grade - Jacob Byron, Jayda Day, Zach Kitchen, Natalie McCoy,
6th Grade - Nicole Evitts, Kaitlynn Sampson, Ashley Hamm, Ryley Petoff

ASB NEWS

The Cottonwood ASB had its first meeting November 2nd and is currently discussing some potential service projects that may also involve fundraising. We are also discussing some fun events such as Spirit days to begin in January.

Congratulations to President Brent Bohlmann, Vice President Reese LeBeau and Secretary Mia Kabelac. All officers and reps do a great job representing their classes.

Thank You!

On December 9, 2011, each third grader at Cottonwood received a dictionary from the East Bremerton Rotary. Students wrote their names in their dictionaries, practiced looking up words, and learned how Rotary serves our community. We greatly appreciate the Rotarians' generous donation!

Thanks from the Library:
Thanks to Sebastian Allen's family for the donation of a personal CD player. Personal CD players can be checked-out from the library to listen to audiobooks.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Jan. - Feb. - Cottonwood Reading Olympics

Jan. 16- NO SCHOOL
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan. 25 - Comet of the Month Assembly - 2:45 p.m. GYM

Jan. 27- Furlough Day, 11:45 dismissal

Jan. 30 - Non-Student Day

Feb. 2-Skate Night, 6:30

Feb. 8 - 6th Grade Outdoor Ed McTakeover - 6-8 p.m.
Hwy 303 by Wal-Mart

Feb. 13-16 Candy-Grams

Feb. 17-Non-Student Day

Feb. 20 - NO SCHOOL
President's Day Holiday

Feb. 21-Furlough Day, 11:45 dismissal

Feb. 27-Mar. 2 2012-2013
KINDERGARTEN Registration for next year

Feb. 29 - Comet of the Month Assembly - 2:45 p.m. GYM

Mar. 7- Science Fair- 6 p.m.,
Multi-Purpose Room

CK Furlough Days:

All students will be dismissed at 11:45am.
Friday, January 27
Tuesday, February 21
Friday, March 30

6TH GRADE OUTDOOR ED McTakeover

**Wednesday, February 8th
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.**

**McDonalds by
East Bremerton Wal-Mart
Coupon books on sale for \$5.00**



2012-13 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

**Feb. 27th - March 2nd
9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

To register for kindergarten, a child must be five years old on or before August 31st. A copy of your child's birth certificate, proof of immunization, and verification of your **current** address is required prior to being enrolled.



Notes from the principal...

On February 14, 2012, voters will decide on a supplemental levy that would provide \$7.6 million over two years. The state does not fully fund education, so our current school support and capital projects levies are essential. They are, however, no longer enough to cover the loss of state and federal funding.

The purpose of the supplemental levy is to minimize, not eliminate the impact of this budget deficit. It will help limit cuts to programs, continue various academic opportunities for students and minimize staff reductions. Please remember to vote.

What is important to you for our schools?

Central Kitsap Schools District invites you to participate in the 2012-13 school year budget discussion. This is your opportunity to help us prioritize the list of items for reduction or elimination. Don't miss the forum closest to you:

- Wednesday, January 18, 6:30 p.m., Klahowya Secondary School
- Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m., Central Kitsap High School
- Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., Olympic High School

Over the past five years, we've managed millions in funding shortfalls while protecting the classroom. Next year, our budget situation will require more significant reductions. Our budget shortfall is now estimated at \$6.3 million. CKSD has never faced funding cuts of this magnitude. Your feedback will be a vital part of the 2012-13 budget development process.

We hope to see you at one of this month's budget forums.

Together we make a difference!

Founders Day Banquet

Friday, March 2, 2012

Naval Base Kitsap Plaza Ballroom



The Central Kitsap PTSA Council will be honoring exceptional volunteers for their special efforts on behalf of our children and schools at the annual Founders Day Banquet. Presentations for Golden Acorn Awards, Outstanding Service Awards, Outstanding Educator Awards, Outstanding Student Advocates and Community Partnerships will be presented. Everyone is invited to attend. Contact our school office manager or PTSA President for more information.

Check in at 6pm Program begins at 6:30pm \$25 per meal

Be thinking about who you might like to nominate for the Founders Day Banquet on March 2nd.
Look for nomination forms in the school office soon.

More Upcoming PTSA Events

Thursday, January 19th is Chuck E. Cheese night. Hours start any time after school. Staff who attend will either get a free salad bar or a free individual pizza.

The Reptile Man Assembly has been rescheduled for Friday, January 20th at 2:00p.m. There will be an evening event that same night at 6:00p.m.(charge of \$1 per person/\$5 per family).

SNEAKER CORNER



Top 10 Ways to Reduce TV Watching at Home

1. Make sure your television set doesn't become the center of attention in your home. Try putting the TV behind a screen or closed doors.
2. Keep the TV off during dinner. Meals are a great time for talking.
3. Make some days of the week TV-free days.
4. Avoid using TV as a baby-sitter.
5. Don't use TV as a reward or punishment.
6. Move around to your favorite music instead of watching TV.
7. Cancel your cable subscription.
Use the money saved for a fun family outing.
8. Hide the remote control.
9. Plan ahead for TV viewing.
10. Remove the TV set from your child's bedroom.

Remember to be patient.
It's okay if your child complains of being bored.
Boredom often leads to creativity!



The winners and alternates for the Elks Hoop Shoot contest:

	Boys	Girls
8-9	(winners) Nathan Daily (alternates) Ethan Quitevis	Ally LeBeau Jakiiyah Willis
10-11	(winners) Jakarran Willis (alternates) Jeven Keel	Rebekah Arvila Hanna Troy
12-13	(winners) Brent Bohlmann (alternates) Mason Quitevis	Melina Polzin Jane Lindsey



These students competed against other winners and alternates throughout the district on Dec. 17 at Ridgetop Jr. High. These students placed: 1st – Ethan Quitevis, Jakarran Willis – 6th, Rebekah Arvila – 2nd, Mason Quitevis – 2nd, Jane Lindsey – 4th.

Ethan Quitevis competed in Sequim, Jan. 7. Ethan shot 21 out of 25 foul shots and took 1st place! His next competition is in Bellevue on Feb. 20. Congratulations to all students. **Go Ethan!**



Music Notes



Cottonwood Choir

Choir is off to a great start! We are still accepting new choir members until Tuesday, January 17th-8a.m.

Multicultural Concert

February 28th at 6p.m.
2nd and 3rd grades will perform.

Community Outreach

Our local **CKPTSA** council is helping the **Bremerton Rescue Mission** in the month of January. If you are looking to donate, here are the items in need: Men's work socks, men's & women's athletic shoes size 6-13, sweatshirts & hoodies med-3XL, gloves, tarps (8x10), sleeping bags, blankets (clean used items are fine), body wash, shampoo, conditioner (motel sizes as well as large sizes), toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, razors, deodorant, mouthwash, band aids, batteries, candles, hand warmers, and feminine hygiene products. All donations will be accepted in the school office and forwarded to our CKPTSA.

Anything will help...thanks for participating and helping out where help is needed.

