

Getting Ready to Take on

A NEW YEAR

2010-2011 Coming Soon to a school near you!

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Not If we build it... ..but When.

A School of Dreams



We've come a long way.....but we're not home yet!

Our community should feel a great deal of pride for all the efforts that have been put into getting us so close to our dream; a new K through 12 facility. There are too many people responsible for to mention them all here, but we thank all of you who have been dedicated, diligent and tireless in your efforts. But there is still so much more to do, and now it's even more important than ever for all of us to be on the same page when it comes to the only thing that really matters; Our students need a new school. No matter where, no matter how. In order for funding agencies to believe this is a worthwhile endeavor and worthy of their consideration, we need to be able to present a united front with a united voice which should resound with one clear shout ...

"Please help us build a school!"

Notes from the GCDA PTA President

It's been a great year as I look back in review. In our fourth year, we continue to grow with over 100 members registered. I've had the chance to work with a great board made up of individuals who have been willing to meet monthly in order to keep things moving forward and every year we continue to increase the amount of money we are able to get into the schools. I look forward to the day that we are able to put \$20,000 into the school in a year and I truly believe that could happen in the next few years. I also look forward to the day when we have a parent, family and community partnership process in place. Five years seems to be the magic number in the life of an organization. If it still exists, it usually continues on. It is very important, in fact vital, that you as members continue to come and give input. Many thanks for all your participation in GCD PTA.

Without participation, GCD PTA wouldn't exist. *Andy Castrodale*

Membership - Future Goals and Needs

Like the planning of our new school, we have also come a long way toward our goals this past year in the partnership between the community and the educational system. And just like the school, the PTA is not completely built up yet. Our goal for the upcoming year is to grow to 150 members. This will hopefully include all of the teachers in our district as well as many more parents. With a new PTA Board of Directors just being elected, we will need participation from all of us to continue helping our kids achieve their potential. So, whether it is a fundraising event, deciding where to spend the money we raise, or working on other worthwhile school-related goals, **...We still need your help.**

GCDA PTA Board of Directors:

Executive Committee

- **President:**
Andrew Castrodale
- **Vice President:**
Dee Owen
- **Treasurer:**
Melanie Neddo
- **Secretary:**
Chantel Pepperd

Committee Chairs

- **Fundraising:**
Christina Christopherson
- **Membership:**
Sherrill Castrodale
- **Newsletter:**
Jo-Anne Morton

- **Volunteers:**
Rick Morton

Teacher Representatives

- Center Elem** – Christi Portch
- GCDMS** – Nate Piturachsattit
- LRHS** – Kathy Proctor

Grand Coulee Dam School District Board of Directors:

- Nita Haag** chair
- Joette Barry** vice chair
- Carla Marconi**
- Susan Chaffee**
- Ken Stanger**

Notes from Our Schools

The last couple of months have seen great things in our schools. Center Elementary welcomed the Pacific Science Center's Physics on Wheels van to the school on March 8th and the library became the Science Exploration Center where students were able to explore numerous science experiments and phenomena. At GCD Middle School, the 7th and 8th grade band traveled to Wenatchee on March 17th to participate in the Regional Band Festival. They scored a 2 out of 5 this year, much better than their score of 3 last year. Way to go!! LRHS welcomed KHQ co-anchors Dan Kleckner and Stephanie Vigil to LRHS as the entire student body showed up to celebrate Gretchen Antoine's recognition as EWU's teacher of the month. Way to go Gretchen!! Most recently two of the district's employees were honored at the North Central Educational Service District's Grant County Annual Awards banquet. Debbie VanGeystal, LRHS school secretary, and Kim Campbell, Center Elementary 1st grade teacher, were awarded Certificates of Excellence as the top classified and certified employees respectively in the the Grand Coulee Dam School District. Congratuations Debbie and Kim, and thanks for all

Summer BBQ & Community Get-Together Planned

The Grand Coulee Dam Area PTA would like to plan a summer get-together to keep the momentum going that has been gained through the activities of this school year. So, please be prepared to come and join us as we plan a fun in the sun event at a park or beach near you this summer.

Meet Your New GCDA PTA Executive Board

Elections were held, ballots were cast, and a new GCDA PTA executive board was elected at the April General membership meeting. Here are your 2010/11 Executive Members: PTA President Kim Stout; Vice President Tami Nichols; Treasurer Melanie Neddo; and Secretary Jaime Alling. **Congrats & Welcome to all!**

April and May						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
18 April	19	20 Golf @ Chelan 2:30 pm HS BB @ Brewster 4:30 pm HS SB @ Brewster 4:30 pm	21	22 Golf @ home vs Oroville 2:30 pm Ten Chelan @ Home 4:30 pm	23	24 HS Track @ Quincy 10:30a Tennis Cashmere @ Home 11 am HS BB DH Omak @ Home 11a HS SB DH @ Omak 11 am
25	26 MS Track @ Bridgeport 4p School Board Meeting 6pm	27 Golf @ Omak 2:30 pm Tennis Omak @ Home 4:30 pm HS BB DH @ Reardan 2 pm HS SB DH @ Reardan 4:30 pm	28 Early release 1:30pm	29 Tennis @ Cascade 4:30 pm	30 Tennis @ Okanogan 4:30 pm HS SB DH Cashmere @ Home 3p HS BB DH @ Cashmere 3p HS Track @ Oroville 4pm Mini Bloomsday 1:30pm @ Ctr Elem	1 MAY LRHS Prom 7pm
2	3	4 8 th Grade Orientation Golf @ home vs Cascade 2:30 p May 4 - June 4 MSP Testing Grades 6 - 8 Reading/Math	5	6 Tennis Girls Brewster @ home 4:30 p MS Track Home @ 4pm	7 Colorama Hoedown Ctr Elem 1:30p HS SB DH @ Chelan 4pm HS Track @ Liberty Bell 4pm Tennis Tonasket @ Home 4:30 pm HS BB DH Chelan @ Home 4pm	8
9	10	11 MS Track @ Lib Bell 4pm Golf @ home vs Chelan 2:30 pm	12 Early release 1:30pm Pre-Kindergarten Visit May 12-28 MSP 3 rd -8 th Grades	13 Pre-Kindergarten Visit	14 HS Track CTL @ Tonasket 3:30 pm	15 HS SB/BB Districts TBA Tennis Districts TBA Jr. Olympics @ Cashmere 10am
16	17	18 Golf Dist's @ Banks Lake 2:30 p	19	20	21 HS Districts @ Cashmere 4pm 3 rd Grade Field Trip Steamboat Rock	22 HS SB/BB Districts TBA Tennis Districts TBA
23	24 School Board Meeting 6pm	25 Golf State TBA	26 Noon Dismissal Golf State TBA K-12 Student Led conferences	27 Noon Dismissal K-12 Student Led conferences Spring Band Concert (TBA)	28 No School Tennis State TBA HS Track State @ EWU HS SB/BB State TBA	29 HS SB/BB State TBA Tennis State TBA HS Track State TBA @ EWU
30	31 Memorial Day					
June						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Seniors Last Day of School	2 LRHS Oral Boards	3 LRHS Oral Boards Chelan Water Slides 5th - 8th Kindergarten Musical	4 K, 1 st , & 2 nd to Spring Canyon	5 LRHS Graduation 1pm
6	7 Friendship Award Winners Spring Canyon Trip	8 K-1 st Ice Castle Day 2 nd - 4 th Field Day All Center School Picnic	9 8 th Grade Recognition K-1 st Ice Castle Day 8 th GR Moses Lake Aqua Ctr	10 11 am Dismissal 4 th Grade Promotion LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 School Board Meeting 6pm	29	30			
July						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26 School Board Meeting 6pm	27	28	29	30	31

You can contact the PTA by sending an email to coulepta@yahoo.com and also check out the District website online @ www.gcdsd.org Cut out this calendar and put it on the fridge for easy access to important dates and times this quarter.