

# *The Snow Leopard's Spot*

CASCADE ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - APRIL 2023

*From the desk of  
Mrs. Winders*



Spring is here and excitement is in the air as we continue to have a wonderful year of learning here at Cascade! As always, we greatly appreciate the combined efforts of both parents and staff as we support our students in successfully meeting the highest of standards set before them!

Thank you to all the students, staff, and families who supported the PTO's latest fundraiser, Joe Corbi's Pizza Kits! A profit of almost \$3,000.00 was made and will be used to support Field Day, Grade 5 Promotion, Student Yearbooks, as well as Teacher Appreciation Week. The class that sold the most pizza kits was Mrs. Keller's Third Grade Class! They were rewarded with a pizza party for their efforts. Congratulations!

As we enter the month of April, our teachers and staff will continue to introduce and review academic skills and content across all grade levels. I would like to congratulate Mrs. Gates' Pre-K class for achieving a 50.0% proficiency rate on the Pre-K Math Winter Interview for our CoHort Group! As spring testing ramps up, it is imperative that our students are present, on time, each day and eager to actively participate in the lessons they are provided. Thank you for your support!

Yearbook Sales are wrapping up, if you would like to be guaranteed a Cascade yearbook for 22-23 school year, you can order online at [www.ybpay.com](http://www.ybpay.com) using code: 9977623. This is an online only promotion, order forms will not be sent home. Special thanks to our PTO as well as our yearbook sponsors for covering most of the cost of the yearbook, lowering parents costs to \$5.00/each!

It's time for Kindergarten Registration! If you have a child who will be turning five on or before September 1st, please call our front office to get enrollment information, or click the link below. If your child is turning four on or before September 1st, they are eligible for Pre-Kindergarten! Pre-K applications are available in the front office!

This spring we have many field trips lined up for our students in varying grade levels! While we are excited to be able to have the opportunity to provide these exciting experiences to our students, please remember that not every field trip requires to use of chaperones. For parents who are interested in volunteering, remember there are other ways to be involved! Our PTO is constantly looking for parents who wish to volunteer to help! Thank you for your understanding!

Speaking of fun events, we are so thrilled to host Mrs. Miranda Mittleman, author of the "Paws and Think!" book series on April 25th! Mrs. Mittleman was born and raised in Baltimore, MD, and has written 5 books about her dog, Weaver! Mrs. Mittleman will be presenting those books to our school along with a special visit from Weaver himself! We are so excited about this wonderful visit! For more information you may go to: [www.pawsandthinkbooks.com](http://www.pawsandthinkbooks.com).

Marking Period 4 is here! This is a reminder to make sure your ParentVue online account is activated. Paper copies of report cards are not sent home each marking period, so activating your account allows you to see attendance and grades in real time. You may also contact your child's teacher, and update your information as well! Don't forget, you may email your child's teacher anytime to get progress reports or to schedule a conference if you wish to have one!

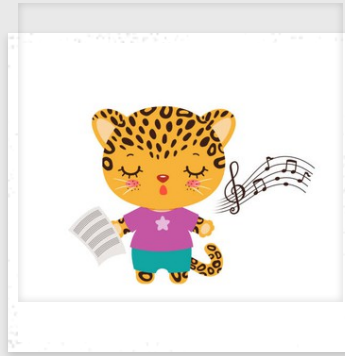
If you haven't already, please consider downloading the Box Tops app and scan your receipts to earn money for our school! You may use either electronic receipts or paper receipts to scan to earn points!

Your partner in education,  
Mrs. Winders



### APRIL 6-10TH - SPRING BREAK!

Enjoy your break, we will see students back on Tuesday, April 11th!



### APRIL 26TH - SPRING CONCERT!

Students in Grades 1- 3 will be performing a collection of Disney songs on Wednesday, April 26th at 6:00 pm here at school. All are welcome!



### APRIL 28TH - EARLY DISMISSAL DAY!

Students will dismiss at 12:25 pm. There is NO YMCA After Care.



## FEBRUARY WINNER: JADE CALIMER!

Congratulations to our Reading Tutor Apprentice Ms. Jade Calimer for being our Staff Member of the Month for March! Ms. C is always willing to help in anyway she can to support the students she works with, and she never gives up on them! Our school is definitely a better place with her in it! Congratulations Ms. C!



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

It's time to start planning for next year! Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and New Student Registration is open now! Please adhere to the following guidelines:

Pre-K Students: If your child turns 4 before September 1st, they are eligible for Pre-K for next school year. Please complete a Pre-K application by clicking [here](#), or picking one up at school.

Once approved by our Early Learning Department, you will be sent a registration packet in the mail.

Kindergarten Students: If your child turns 5 before September 1st, they are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten! Registration packets are available by clicking [here](#), or you may pick one up during school hours.

New Student Enrollment: If you are just moving into our district, please contact us to inquire about which documents you may need to enroll. You may also download the registration packet by clicking [here](#).

\*Please note: Cascade is a ten-month school and only has summer hours by appointment. To register for an appointment, you may complete this [form](#).

All forms and requirements must be met before the enrollment process is complete, so start today!

CASCADE ELEMENTARY

# NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT



Enrollment Begins March 15th for the 23-24 SY



Documents Needed:  
- Birth Certificate  
- Proof of Residency  
- MD Immunizations  
- MD Physical Form



By Appointment Only

**Scan the QR code to begin registration and schedule an appointment!**



Please note: Our school is closed during the summer with enrollments by appointment only.

301.766.8066



More Information



[www.cascadeelementary.weebly.com](http://www.cascadeelementary.weebly.com)

**CLICK HERE FOR ENROLLMENT SCHEDULING**

Cascade is a ten-month school with enrollments during the summer by appointment only.



# **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

**The Cascade PTO is involved with many school activities such as Field Day, Music Concerts, Holiday Programs, Classroom Celebrations, Grade 5 Celebrations, and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more opportunities there are for your child. With your help, we can make every school year the best one yet! Join us!**

## **FROM THE CASCADE PTO**

Welcome to the Cascade PTO! Our meetings will be held monthly via Google Meet. We are always searching for new members and volunteers to help us out with all of our events, so if

you haven't already, PLEASE JOIN US! The membership fee is \$5.00, and with that membership you are provided voting rights for all topics discussed at our meetings.

We would like to thank everyone who supported two recent fundraisers for our organization: Joe Corbi's and Yearbook Sponsor Ads! Funds earned from both are going toward field trips, Field Day, celebrations for our students, and lowering yearbook costs to parents.

Volunteers are needed! Please consider attending a meeting and join us in supporting our wonderful school!

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Google Meet. To join us, please email us to be added to the invite.

You may contact us anytime at [cascadepto1@gmail.com](mailto:cascadepto1@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!



**CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE THE NEW CASCADE PTO!**

You may contact the new PTO at: [cascadepto1@gmail.com](mailto:cascadepto1@gmail.com)!





*From the desk of  
Mrs. Breakall*



## HYGIENE PANTRY

Thanks to United Way and an anonymous donor, we are opening a hygiene pantry to help meet the needs of our Cascade families! The pantry will be open every Wednesday from 12:30-2:30 pm. If you would like to place a confidential order of items to be sent home, you may email Mrs. Breakall directly at [breakkel@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:breakkel@wcps.k12.md.us), or use this confidential google form to make your request: <https://forms.gle/zQaUYbStNGp1h6538>

**HYGIENE**  
**PANTRY**

**CASCADE ELEMENTARY**  
**WEDNESDAYS:**  
**12:30PM-2:30PM**

CASCADE FAMILIES, THANKS TO UNITED WAY AND AN ANONYMOUS DONOR,  
WE ARE ABLE TO START OFFERING THE FOLLOWING FREE HYGIENE ITEMS:  
TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT AND SOAP!  
WE MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ITEMS IF REQUESTED!

CONTACT MRS. BREAKALL:  
BREAKKEL@WCPS.K12.MD.US  
301-766-8066

**United Way**  
United Way  
of Washington County, MD

## CASCADE P.R.I.D.E!

Our PBIS theme for March was Self-Control! Our Cascade PRIDE motto states that students and staff should be "Determined and Display Self-Control." Students who exhibited this trait were nominated by their teachers for staying on task, following directions, making good decisions, and completing their work on time. Look for their celebration video below, or on our school Facebook page!

Our theme for April is Excellent! Our Cascade PRIDE motto states that students and staff should be "Excellent and Empathic!" stay tuned for our April Winners!

Please help us congratulate these amazing Student of the Month winners for showing self-control! ✨🌟 | By Cascade Elementary School | Facebook

# Cascade

*I am...*

*takes*

**P**repared and positive every day  
**R**espectful to myself and others  
**I**mportant and valued  
**D**etermined and display self-control  
**E**xcellent and empathetic

*in our learning to succeed!*



WCPS has recently amended the policy that will **only** allow a release of student during their instructional day with a parent note. The parent or guardian must provide written notice to the school if a student is to be released during the school day. No blanket notes will be accepted. The note must identify the **name of the person** who will be picking the student up. The person picking up the child **MUST** have their **photo ID** when coming to the school. In the event of an emergency, please contact the school to make arrangements. As always, you may email Mrs. Kandi with your early dismissal note as well at [woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us) . Thank you for helping us keep your child safe!

# School Hours & Dismissal Procedures



School doors open at 7:35 a.m. The tardy bell rings at 7:55 a.m., tardy students must be signed in by a parent/guardian. Student dismissal is at 2:25 p.m.

Upon arrival either by bus or private transportation, all students will enter through the cafeteria doors when they open at 7:35 am. Students arriving by car before 7:35 am, must park in the parking lot as the bus loop will be unavailable to cars until 7:45 am.

After the tardy bell rings at 7:55 am, all students and visitors must enter the building through the main entrance. Students arriving late must be signed in by a parent/guardian.

Student dismissal is at 2:25 pm. Please do not pull into the bus loop until all four buses have pulled through first. Students will be brought out to cars and released to parents after the buses leave.

The school office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm.

\*Please note: Cascade Elementary along with its staff is a ten-month school. This means that the school is closed for snow days and summer break unless by appointment. If you need assistance you call the school at 301-766-8066.



Washington County Public Schools has a policy which allows the Cascade Elementary School attendance area to either be delayed, closed, or to dismiss early, in the event of inclement weather. This zone was determined by the conditions in the higher elevations surrounding Cascade Elementary School affecting elementary, middle and high school students. With the increased attendance area, it is important to clarify who is affected by a decision to implement a schedule change due to inclement weather in the area identified as the Cascade Mountain Weather Zone (CMWZ).

Please be sure to download the WCPS mobile app is available at the iTunes Store or Google Play by searching for "Washington County PS." The app is a free download and can be customized so that parents can see information from the schools their children attend.

**CASCADE MOUNTAIN WEATHER ZONE**



A small school  
making a BIG  
difference!



**CASCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEBSITE**

**WCPS CALENDAR FOR 2022-2023**



## CONTACT CASCADE ELEMENTARY

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