

The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - August 2022

From Mrs. Winders

Welcome back! I trust that everyone has enjoyed an amazing summer break! Our staff at Cascade has been very busy this summer! We have some staff changes to introduce, please welcome:

Mrs. Kelsey Breakall is now our full-time counselor,
Mrs. Amanda Gates is now our Grade PK Teacher,
Mrs. Nikki Hunt, Paraprofessional,
Mr. Shane Miller joins us as our new PE Teacher,
Mrs. Teresa Rowland is now our Grade 1 Teacher,
Mr. Rick Taylor, Paraprofessional

Mark your calendars for Back to School Night! Please join us "Open House" style on Tuesday, August 23rd from 5:30-6:30 pm to meet your teachers and our staff! Feel free to join us for a hot dog meal provided by the Cascade American Legion. Please plan to bring goodies based on your grade level for a family-style gathering. Click below for more information.

The first day of school is Monday, August 29th. We will be welcoming all students with the exception of PK students, who will be visited at home on this date by their new teacher, Mrs. Gates. Stay tuned to hear more information from her directly.

Our new PTO is up and running! You may contact them anytime at cascadeppto1@gmail.com. Please plan to join our new PTO by completing the membership form [here](#).

New parents: Please plan to join our school [Facebook page](#) so you can stay up-to-date on all of our school events. You will see your child's schedule, attendance, and grades through ParentVue. You may email [Mrs. Kandi](#) to obtain your login.

We are practicing some new procedures this school year, please see below for details including an urgent change in free/reduced meals!

Our school is following PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) this year! Our school pledge will still be about Cascade P.R.I.D.E., with some changes to the wording, and now more guidance on when a student will be recognized for their positive behaviors. I have posted more about this new pledge below.

Stay tuned as WCPS upgrades the student sign out/in software. In the meantime, always arrive to school with your photo ID as a habit so you are always prepared.

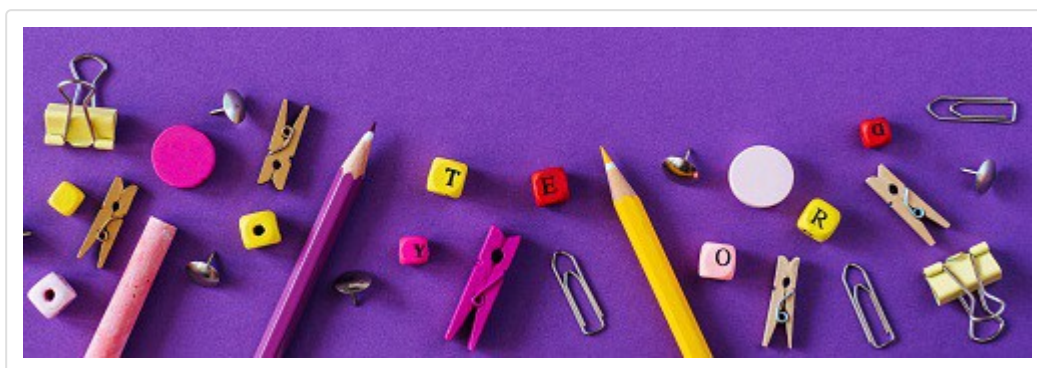
Bus Routes and Teacher Assignments will be available in ParentVue and on the front windows of the school starting August 18th.

As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

See you soon!

Mrs. Winders

[Click here for Back to School Night Info!](#)



[Click here to complete your FARM App online!](#)

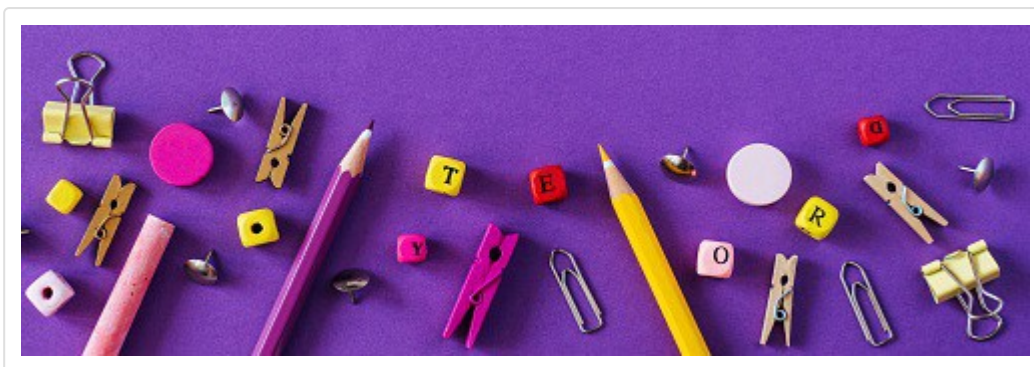
*Note, your child's FREE benefits will end this year! The new costs for both breakfast and lunch are as follows:

• Student breakfast \$1.55 • Elementary lunch \$2.35

BACK TO SCHOOL

Class Supply Lists

[Click here for Cascade's School Supply Lists!](#)



Hours and 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.

PBIS = Cascade P.R.I.D.E!

Our school pledge has been upgraded! Cascade Takes P.R.I.D.E.: We are...

Prepared and positive every day!

Respectful to myself and others!

Important and valued!

Determined and display self-control!

Excellent and empathetic!

Look for these new pledges to be posted throughout our school, and for student incentives to be based on their positive behavior!



[Click here to join the the new Cascade PTO!](#)

You may contact the new PTO at: cascadep1@gmail.com!



August 18th - ParentVue is live!

Class Lists and Bus Routes will be available on the front windows of the school on this date!



August 23rd - Back to School Night!

Please bring a dish based on your grade level!



August 29th - First Day Of School!

Welcome back! Please return the dismissal form provided at Back to School Night to your child's teacher!

Cascade Mountain Weather Zone



A Small School Making a BIG Difference!

Our staff feels that even the smallest action can make a difference. We reference *The Starfish Story* by Loren Easley:

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

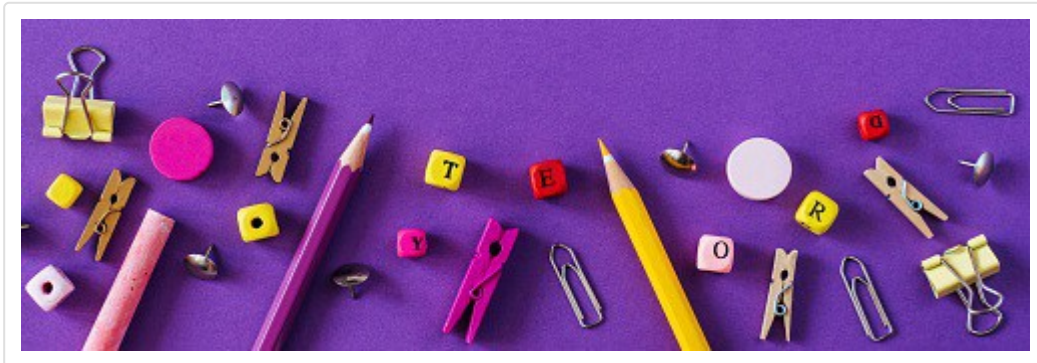
The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf.

Then, smiling at the man, he said...."I made a difference for that one."

Cascade Elementary School Website



WCPS Calendar for 2022-2023



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