

# The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - August 2023

*From the desk of  
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:

Ms. Peyton is now Mrs. Evers! She will be teaching Grade 4.

Ms. Spaid is joining Ms. Green teaching Grade 5.

Ms. Kassi Shirey joins us as our new Paraprofessional.

Mrs. Brianna Sprecher joins us as our new Speech Teacher.

Ms. Cara Price joins us as our new Orchestra Teacher.

Mr. Anthony Forrest joins us as our new PM Custodian.

Ms. Lindsay Schutte joins us as our new Food Service Assistant.

Mark your calendars for Back to School Night! Please join us "Open House" style on Tuesday, August 22nd 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 28th. We will be welcoming all students with the exception of PK students, who will be contacted by their teacher, Mrs. Gates to discuss a start date. Stay tuned to hear more information from her directly.

Our PTO is looking for new members! You may contact them anytime at [cascadep1@gmail.com](mailto:cascadep1@gmail.com). Please plan to join our PTO at back to school night!

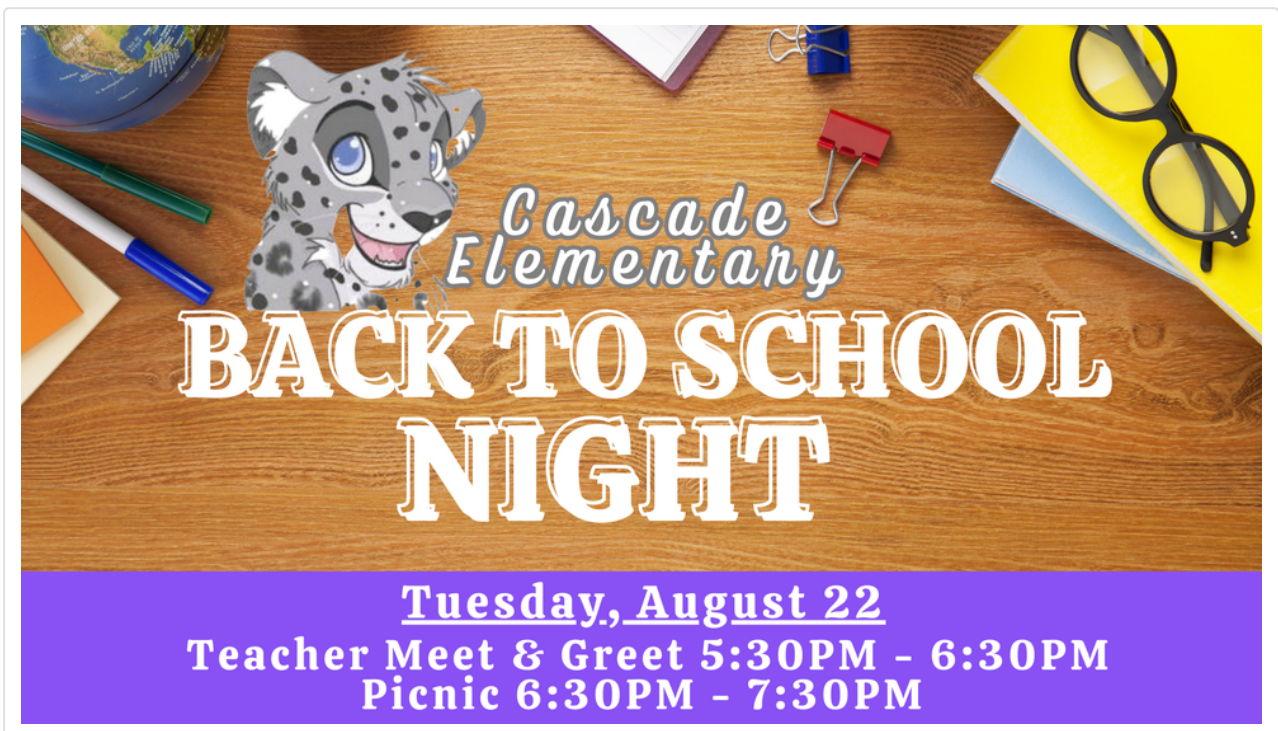
New parents: Please plan to join our school [Facebook page](#) so you can stay up-to-date on all of our school events. You will see your child's schedule, attendance, and grades through ParentVue. You may email [Mrs. Kandi](#) to obtain your login.

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.

Bus Routes and Teacher Assignments will be available in the ParentVue App and on the front windows of the school starting August 17th.

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

See you soon!  
Mrs. Winders

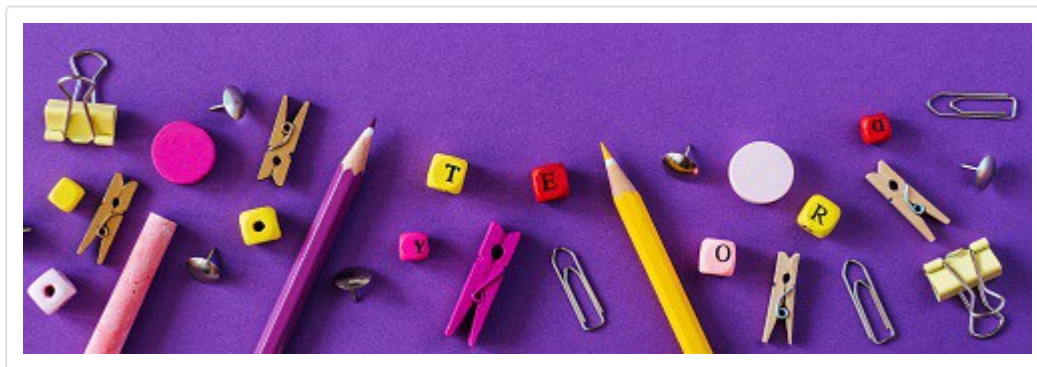


Please join us at Back to School Night outside on the patio for refreshments after visiting classrooms courtesy of Cascade's American Legion and Cascade's PTO! The Cascade American Legion is generously providing Hot Dog / Buns / Condiments! The PTO is requesting that students and families bring a dish based on their grade level below:

- Pre K and Kindergarten: Dessert
- 1st and 2nd Grades: Drinks
- 3rd Grade: Fruit and/or snacks

- 4th and 5th Grades: Sides (warm or cold)

Don't forget! School supplies are being provided by Tabitha's Table this year! See you soon!



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## 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.

All early dismissals and dismissal changes **must be in writing**. Please plan to write a note to your child's teacher on the first day of school letting them know if they are either a bus rider or car rider daily. Changes to this original note must also be in writing. Phone calls to the main office will not be accepted. When visiting the main office, please bring your photo ID.

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

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

Cascade Takes P.R.I.D.E.: We are...

**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!

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 Cascade PTO!](#)

You may contact the new PTO at: [cascadep1@gmail.com](mailto:cascadep1@gmail.com)!



## August 17th - ParentVue is live!

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



## August 22nd - Back to School Night!

Join us at 5:30 pm to tour the school and have a quick dinner with us courtesy of the Cascade American Legion and Cascade PTO!



## August 28th - 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



## Cascade Elementary School Website



## WCPS Calendar for 2023-2024



### Contact Cascade Elementary

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