

The Snow Leopard's Spot

CASCADE ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2022

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday with family and friends! We are all very proud of our students and the progress they have been making so far this school year!

We are looking forward to the next few weeks of school before winter break is upon us. Our students will be out of school December 23rd through January 2nd. Students return to school Tuesday, January 3rd.

The winter weather is settling in on our mountain, please make sure students have coats, hats, and gloves at school daily. We will be having outdoor recess if the wind chill is 32 degrees or above.

In the event of inclement weather, district officials will make a decision regarding dismissals, delays or closings. Be sure you have downloaded the WCPS App and selected Cascade Elementary as your location for notifications. Please see the Cascade Mountain Zone information below and don't forget that WCPS may decide to close our area based on conditions in our location. Please do not call the school for inclement weather information, as

we may not be staffed during a delay or closing. In the event of an early dismissal for inclement weather, students will follow their regular dismissal home. Dismissal changes over the phone will not be accepted. Thank you for your understanding!

If you haven't already, I encourage you to please join our Cascade PTO. Students are being treated to a wonderful holiday party on Saturday, December 10th from 11:00 am - 1:00 pm. This extraordinary event, held in conjunction with the Cascade American Legion, could not have been possible without our new PTO and their volunteers. Please give them the support they need to continue to do great things for our school.

I'd like to wish you peace and joy this holiday season and may your holidays be merry and bright! As always, feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Winders



**DEC. 7TH:
PICTURE
MAKE-UP
DAY!**

Picture retakes as well as make-up photos are taken on this date.



**DEC. 13TH:
WINTER
MUSIC
CONCERT**

Students in grades 3-5 will perform this evening at 6:00 pm.



**DEC. 23RD-
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SCHOOL!**

Enjoy your winter break! We will see students when we return on January 3rd!



CASCADE IS COLLECTING BOX TOPS!

Box Tops is a fast and easy way for you to support Cascade Elementary School.

Our goal is to earn \$1,000 through Box Tops this year. We have currently started our program effective November 16th.

Here's how you can help us reach our goal:

- Buy Box Tops products, scan your receipt with the Box Tops app within 14 days of purchase and earn for Cascade Elementary School with every Box Tops product you buy.
- Refer your friends, family and other parents in the school to download the app. You'll even get Bonus Box Tops for our school with each referral that successfully scans their first receipt!
- Turn on notifications in your Box Tops app to get scan reminders and stay updated on special offers, new products and opportunities to earn for our school. Go to your Communications Settings by tapping on the person icon in the upper-right corner of the app.

Let's give our teachers the support they need and give more kids the opportunity to dream. Little by little, we can help make a big difference!



Early Release Procedures during the School Day



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 . Thank you for helping us keep your child safe!



COVID GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS

As we head into cold and flu season, WCPS has updated their Covid protocols so we are in accordance with guidance provided by the Maryland State Department of Education and the Maryland Department of Health. At this time schools will not be testing for, or contact tracing for Covid-19. Parents who suspect that their child or family members are positive are encouraged to contact their primary care physician and follow their guidance for return to school dates. You may read more [here](#).

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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE THE NEW CASCADE PTO!

You may contact the new PTO at: cascadepto1@gmail.com!



Cascade Elementary
Holiday Party
Saturday 12/10, 11am - 1pm



Join us for this Cascade PTO sponsored event as we celebrate the holidays with activities, snacks & a visit from Santa!

Thank you to Cascade American Legion Post 239 for providing gifts for the students!

FROM THE CASCADE PTO

Welcome! Our new organization is up and running and we are so excited to have the ability to serve our wonderful school, staff and families! 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.

This month we will be sending home "All About My Teacher" forms that the PTO has collected from staff. These forms will be a helpful way to show appreciation to your child's teacher all year long by providing you with a list of their favorite things!

Starting December 10th, you or your child can send a "holiday hello" to a student or friend to wish them a happy holiday! Paper ornaments will be sold for \$1.00/each in the cafeteria every day at lunch. Send as many as you like to help spread the holiday cheer!

Our next PTO Event is the Holiday Party held on Saturday, December 10th at 11:00 am.

You may contact us anytime at cascadep1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!

**Brighten your child's
day and support the
Cascade PTO!**

**Send a
holiday hello
for \$1!**

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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

*Cascade Staff Member
of the Month!*



Congratulations to our Grade 5 Teacher Ms. Green for being our Staff Member of the Month! Ms. Green arrives to school each and every day with a smile on her face and is always encouraging students to do their very best. Thank you for all that you do Ms. Green!

*From the desk of
Mrs. Breakall*



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

We have so much to celebrate with our new PRIDE awards!

We will be celebrating students each month who have earned perfect attendance. These students will receive a certificate, pencil and photo on our attendance wall. The class with the highest percentage will also earn a class-chosen reward and our school mascot, Lucky the Leopard!

Our school store is hopping with so many students spending their hard-earned Leopard Loot!

In addition to students being nominated for "Student of the Month", we also have a way for students to be "Spotted Showing PRIDE!" Pictures are posted on our PRIDE walls throughout the school.

Our school pledge is:

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!

Make sure you also celebrate these achievements at home as well! We are so proud of our Snow Leopards!

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.



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!



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