

The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - December 2021

From Mrs. Winders

December has arrived, and with it comes the holiday season filled with shopping, family gatherings and the excitement of the holidays. We have just completed a month of learning about gratitude with students continuing to fill the kindness tree in the cafeteria. Our staff is also filling the bulletin board near the main office with how they plan to make a difference each month as well.

As we look forward to the upcoming month, it is our hope that this can be a month of learning and that the preparations leading up to Christmas can be filled with joy for everyone in the Cascade family.

Warm Regards,
Mrs. Winders

Book Fair - Postponed

It is with regret that we have to postpone our Book Fair originally scheduled for November 29-Dec 3rd. We are hoping to have it rescheduled for January or February.

Stay tuned!

Student Attendance

With cold and flu season fast-approaching, student health is of the utmost importance to us. If your child is sick (cold symptoms/flu symptoms/fever), please keep them home so they can get better! When they are well enough to return to school, please send a note to the office so we can excuse their absence.

If your child is exhibiting at least one Covid symptom, or you need advice from health staff, please email our Covid Response Center [here](#).

Our school automatically sends an attendance callout daily, as well as computer generated attendance letters at 6/9/12 and 18 days missed. Rest assured that if you have communicated with

us regarding your child's absences, we will continue to work together to make your child's health as well as their school attendance a priority.

Thank you!

CLASS System

Effective immediately, we are going to begin using the **CLASS System** located in the school main foyer area. This system stands for "**Children Leaving A School Safely**" and is a contact-free way for parents to sign their children in and out of school using their photo ID.

What does this mean for you? Starting December 1st (today), please plan to arrive to school with your photo ID each time you visit. You will be asked to create an account to register with the CLASS system, and utilize this system from now on.

The good news is that when used, this system eliminates the blue paper you have to rip (yay!) and makes picking your child up and dropping them off a safe practice.

We look forward to working with parents as we implement this new, secure system. Thank you in advance for your patience and cooperation!

Winter Weather is Coming!

Winter weather is ahead! Don't forget to send your student with a coat each day. Unless the weather dips below 32 degrees or is rainy, we will be having recess outside!

Be sure to click on the website below to make sure you are familiar with the Cascade Mountain Weather Zone in the event of inclement weather.

Don't forget to sign up for the the WCPS Mobile App! The WCPS mobile app is available for download by parents and the public 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

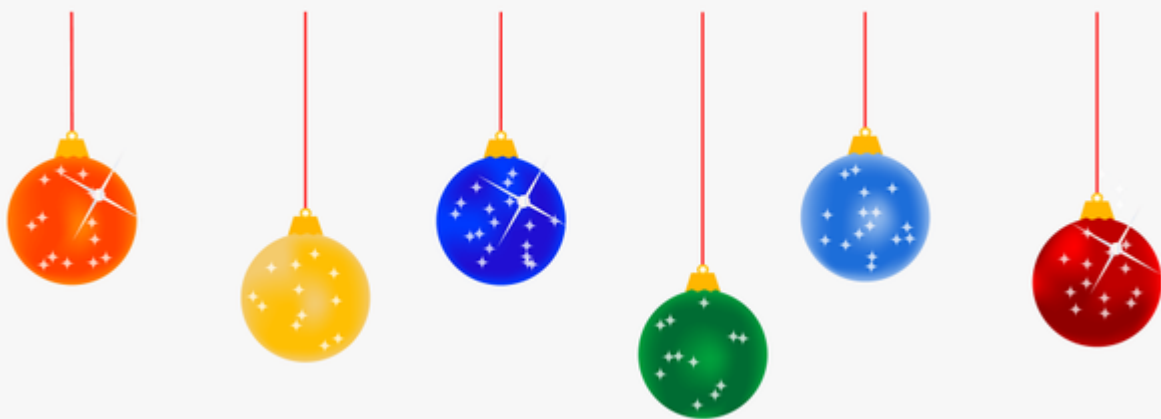
Holiday Break - No School



Dec 24th - Jan 2nd!

Cascade Elementary is hiring Lunch Assistants!

[Click here to apply for a Lunch Assistant position!](#)





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."


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[WCPS Calendar for 2021-2022](#)




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