

THE SNOW LEOPARD'S SPOT

— CASCADE ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2023 —

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



February is the perfect month to celebrate friendship and all the things we love including our Cascade family!

We have some new faces around our building! Please welcome:

- Ms. Kristy Brown to our school health room!
- Mrs. Mary Cordell, our new resident sub!
- Ms. Kassi Shirey, our long-term sub for PK!

Valentine's Day is fast approaching, so here are some things to help prepare for this special day:

- Students are welcome to make Valentine boxes and bring them to school unless the classroom teacher communicates that they are making them in class.
- Students are welcome to bring valentines to pass out as long as they bring enough for every student in class.
- Parents are welcome to send pre-packaged treats and drinks to the classrooms with their teacher's approval.
- Teachers will have valentine activities throughout the day for students on February 14th.
- Please keep in mind that students cannot take balloon/flower type deliveries on the bus and would not be receiving them until dismissal so it would be best to have them

delivered at home.

Students are transitioning from iPads to Chromebooks this month! While they will not bring them home, we are excited for the educational possibilities this new technology will provide!

Our next PTO fundraiser is being sent home this month: Joe Corbi's Pizza! We will start sales on Monday, February 6th and end this fundraiser by Friday, February 17th. Please plan to join us for our PTO Meeting on February 22nd at 6:00 pm via Google Meet.

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!

With cold and flu season once again rearing its ugly head, this is a reminder that if your child is going to be out, please contact the school to notify of any symptoms so we can keep track of illnesses. Unexcused absences add up over time so be sure to send in a parent or a doctor note with each absence as well.

With Warm Winter Wishes,
Mrs. WInders



**FEBRUARY
10TH -
EARLY
DISMISSAL
DAY!**

Students will dismiss at 12:25
pm!



**FEBRUARY
20TH - NO
SCHOOL!**

Presidents' Day - there is no
school for students or staff!



**FEBRUARY
22ND - PTO
MEETING!**

Join via Google Meet at 6:00
pm!



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](#).

Cascade Elementary

PTO



PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE THE NEW CASCADE PTO!

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

Joe Corbi's Fundraiser

Pizza kits, cookie
dough, calzones
and more!!

**RETURN
ORDERS BY
FRIDAY 2/17**

Order Pick Up 3/20 3-5pm



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.

Our next PTO fundraiser is Joe Corbi's Pizza! Sales will begin on Monday, February 6th with all orders due no later than Friday, February 17th. Don't forget to check out your Joe Corbi's fundraising brochure. There's more than just pizza in there, because Grandma Corbi's Cookie Dough is BACK!! You may remember those fresh-from-the-oven cookies without the mess and hassle of mixing from scratch, yet with all the homemade taste. Remember, you can also ask family and friends to shop online to help us reach our goal.

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Google Meet.

You may contact us anytime at cascadeppto1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



Congratulations to our Second Grade Teacher Mrs. Mentzer for being our Staff Member of the Month for January! Mrs. Mentzer is always looking for ways to help her students be successful. She goes above and beyond to help her students meet and exceed their goals. We are so fortunate to have you here at Cascade! Congratulations!



*From the desk of
Mrs. Breakall*



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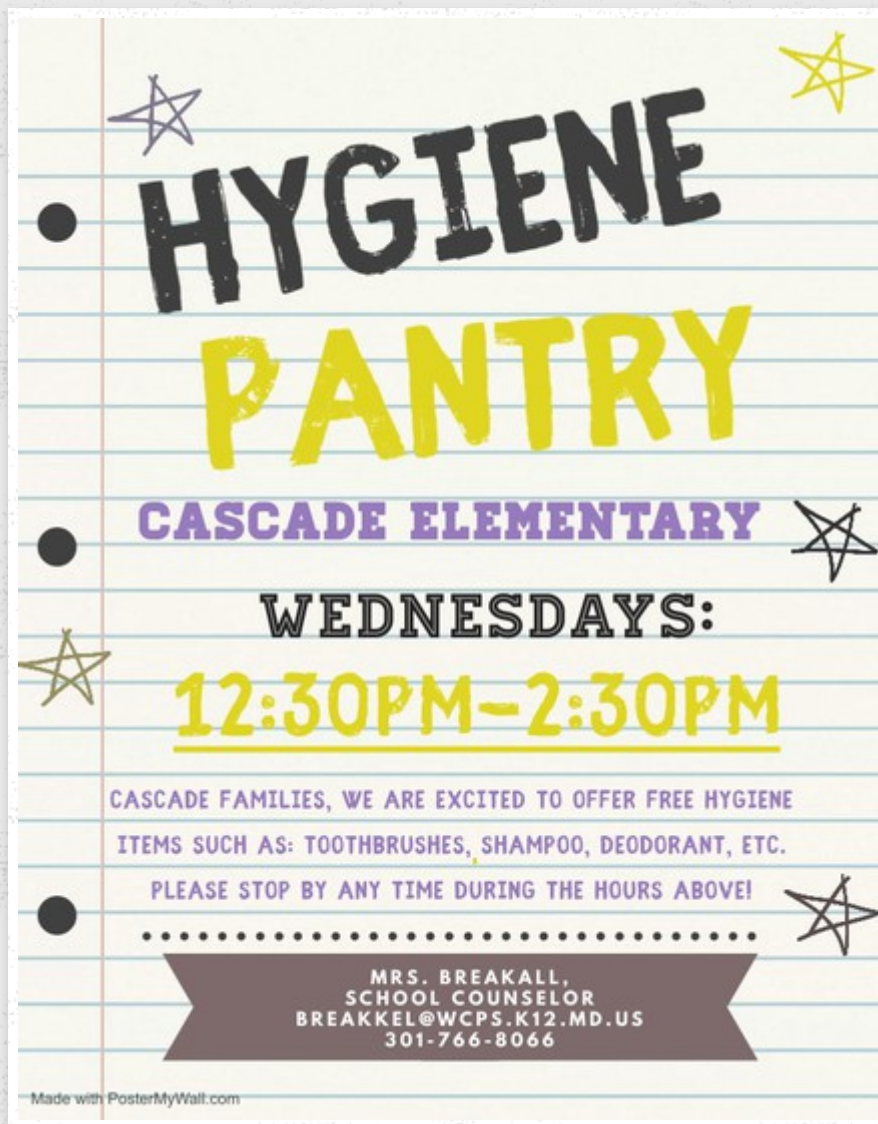
takes

Prepared and positive every day
Respectful to myself and others
Important and valued
Determined and display self-control
Excellent and empathetic

in our learning to succeed!

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 starting February 8th from 12:30-2:30 pm.



CASCADE P.R.I.D.E!

Our PBIS theme for January was important and valued from our school PRIDE motto! We broke this into two parts:

1. I am important and valued!
2. My family is important and valued!

Each morning in January, we have learned a new positive affirmation as a school to begin each day. Students made hot air balloons to represent how they are unique. The balloons are hanging in our hallways for students to see each day! Did you know we have over 20 countries represented within our own students? We have gotten to know each other's backgrounds and celebrate the differences within our own families!

Our PBIS theme for February is Empathy! Stay tuned to our Facebook for our February winners!



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




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