

# The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - February 2022

## From Mrs. Winders

Happy February! I hope this newsletter finds our Cascade families staying warm in these cold temperatures. Our upcoming "Love and Random Acts of Kindness Spirit Week" will be sure to warm your hearts as students not only wear various items of clothing to participate, but will also complete a daily challenge. See more info below.

With Valentine's Day coming, teachers will be having classroom celebrations on Friday, February 11th. Your child's teacher will send home more specific information soon.

Winter weather is here! Please have a plan in place for: two-hour delays, early dismissals, and snow days. If you haven't already, please download the WCPS App to get notifications as they happen. Remember, students will follow their normal dismissal in the event that we have to send students home early for inclement weather, and Cascade has it's very own weather zone so we may close while other schools are still open.

It's cold and flu season! Please continue to monitor your child's symptoms for signs of fever, stomachache, headache, or sore throat. Students must be fever/vomit/diarrhea free for 24 hours without medication in order to return to school. See the information below for more details.

As stated in the Winter Break Update sent from Central Office in December, WCPS has granted five days where students will dismiss early so teachers can have time for instructional planning. The next date is **Friday, February 18th**. We will dismiss at 12:25 pm on this date, please mark your calendars for this change. The updated WCPS calendar is below for your review.

WCPS Board Policy has changed recently regarding early dismissal procedures for students. Effective immediately **please send in a note with your child** that morning if you are picking them up early. This allows for staff to prepare your child for the early pick up and is less disruptive to instruction.

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

Warm Regards,  
Mrs. Winders



## Love and Random Acts of Kindness Spirit Week is February 14th-18th!

Monday, February 14th: We Love to be Kind! Wear Red, Pink or Valentine's Day Accessories.

**Kindness Challenge:** Give one paper heart to someone to add to our school Kindness Tree.

Tuesday, February 15th: Crazy for Kindness! Mismatch Day, Wear Crazy Hair/Socks/Accessories.

**Kindness Challenge:** Be kind to the earth by picking up trash.

Wednesday, February 16th: Be a Superhero of Kindness! Dress up like a Superhero or Community Helper.

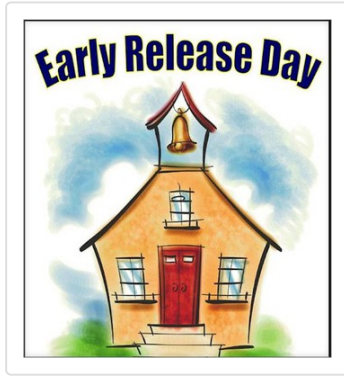
**Kindness Challenge:** Write a thank you letter to a community helper.

Thursday, February 17th: Team Kindness Day! Show your class spirit by dressing up as a class together.

**Kindness Challenge:** Make a card or poster to thank a team member in our school.

Friday, February 18th: We shine when we are KIND! Dress in bright patterns or Tye Dye.

**Kindness Challenge:** Do a random act of kindness for someone you love.



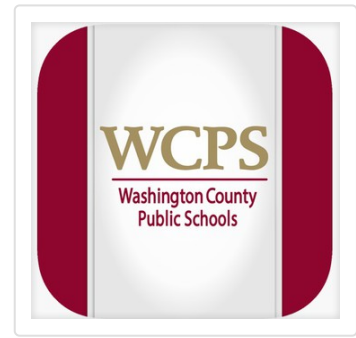
## February 18th - Early Dismissal!

Students will dismiss at 12:25 pm on this date!



## February 21st - NO SCHOOL!

President's Day, Schools and CES offices are closed.



## Download the WCPS App!

Parents and the public are encouraged to download the free Washington County PS mobile app to their smartphones at:

<https://www.apple.com/itunes/>

or

<https://play.google.com/store>.

## 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 feel free to reach out.

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!

## 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

### 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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