

The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - January 2023

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



Welcome back! It is so nice to see everyone again. We missed all of those great smiles over the winter break!

We have so many amazing community partners in our area! Special thanks go out to the following organizations who provided support to our families this holiday season: Camp Louise, Pen Mar Church, Shop with a Cop, Shop with a Sheriff, Saint Stephens United Church of Christ, United Way/Wells Fargo, Trinity Lutheran Church, Fox Family Sponsors, Meritus Lend-A-Hand, The Community Action Council, The Smithsburg Little Sluggers League, The Bhowmik family, and The Cascade American Legion. Our school is so grateful for their outpouring of support. Thank you!

January 24th marks the beginning of Marking Period 3. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's academic progress, please do not hesitate to contact their teacher. Remember, you can also keep up with your child's grades by logging into your parent account with ParentVue. If you need help with your login, please contact Mrs. Kandi at woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us.

We hope 2023 brings much peace, hope, joy, adventure, fun, and learning to you, your family, and our Cascade Family! We are so grateful for each of you, and we thank you for sharing your precious children with us each day. Happy New Year!

With much respect and gratitude,
Mrs. Winders



January 16th - NO SCHOOL!

In Celebration of Martin Luther King Day.



January 20th - End of MP2!

Marking Period 2 is at an end!



January 23rd - NO SCHOOL!

Teachers are attending Professional Development on this date.



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!

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.

Thank you for supporting us by attending the Holiday Party last month, as well as your contributions toward our meat stick and holiday hello fundraisers. We appreciate you!

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 pm via Google Meet.

You may contact us anytime at cascadepto1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



*Cascade Staff Member
of the Month!*



Congratulations to our Kindergarten Teacher Mrs. Lazich for being our Staff Member of the Month! Mrs. Lazich is so patient, kind, and always smiling and caring for her students each and every day. She makes a huge difference in our school and we are so grateful to have her here at Cascade! Thank you for all that you do to support our school Mrs. Lazich!



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!

The theme for the month of January is "Important and Valued!" Stay tuned to our Facebook page for our January winners!

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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