

# The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - January 2022

## From Mrs. Winders

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a restful and fulfilling winter break. Special thanks to all of the parents who contributed to our staff treats before the holidays. You made our break even more special!

As we head into January, our goal is to focus on attendance and student health. 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 first date is **Friday, January 14th**. 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.

The end of the second marking period is here! The last day for the second marking period is Friday, January 21st. We hope to have report cards available to view online through your ParentVUE account by the end of the month. Please note: paper report cards will not be sent home until the end of the school year. If you are not able to access your ParentVue account, please email Mrs. Kandi at [woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us).

Winter weather is upon us! Be sure to **download the WCPS App** to receive notifications as they happen. PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE SCHOOL! We are notified when parents are, using the WCPS App. We appreciate your cooperation.

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

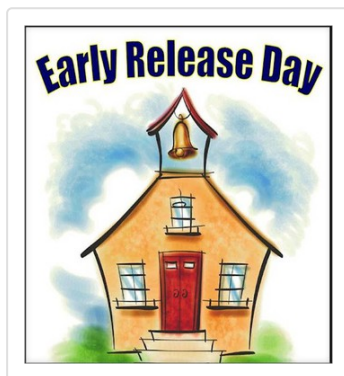
## Student Attendance

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.

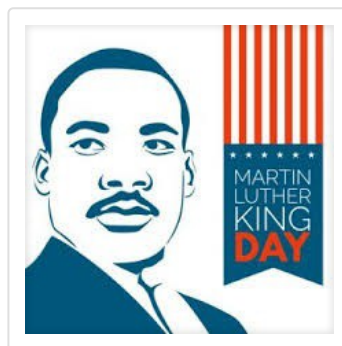
Our school automatically sends an attendance callout daily, as well as computer generated attendance letters at 6/9/12 and 18 days missed. Rest assured that if you have communicated with us regarding your child's absences, we will continue to work together to make your child's health as well as their school attendance a priority.

Thank you!



January 14th -  
Early Dismissal!

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



January 17th -  
NO SCHOOL!

Martin Luther King's Birthday, Schools and CES offices are closed.



January 24th -  
NO SCHOOL!

PD Day for teachers, students have no school.

## CLASS System - Delayed

WCPS has informed us that they will be replacing the CLASS system with another more updated system in the near future. Until then, please continue to use the paper sign-out system. Please bring your photo ID anytime you pick your student up from school.

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

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 Eisley:

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."

## Cascade Elementary School Website

## WCPS Calendar for 2021-2022




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