

# THE SNOW LEOPARD'S SPOT

CASCADE ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2023

*From the desk of  
Mrs. Winders*



Spring is almost upon us! We cannot wait to leave freezing temperatures behind us along with cold and flu season as we look forward to warmer weather.

Read Across America Week is coming! We will be celebrating with a fabulous spirit week from March 6th-March 10th! See below for more information.

It's almost time for Kindergarten Registration! If you have a child who will be turning five on or before September 1st, please keep an eye out for more info to be sent home soon. If your child is turning four on or before September 1st, they are eligible for Pre-K! Pre-K applications are available in the front office starting March 15th!

I would like to take a moment to congratulate our grade 4 student Maggie Herbst! Maggie was honored February 22nd in Annapolis for winning first place in the "Together We're Better" inclusive Education and Artwork Contest. Maggie received a \$75 award, and earned \$500 for our school! Congratulations!

Our lost and found is overflowing! Please remind your student to stop by on their way to the cafeteria to look for their belongings.

Our Spring Fair is scheduled for the week of March 20th-March 24th! Mrs. Puffenbarger will host afternoon sales on Wednesday, March 22nd from 2:30-4:00 pm.

With the end of marking period 3 around the corner, this is a reminder to make sure your ParentVue online account is activated. Paper copies of report cards are not sent home each marking period, so activating your account allows you to see attendance and grades in real time. You may also contact your child's teacher, and update your information as well!

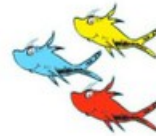
If you haven't already, please consider downloading the Box Tops app and scan your receipts to earn money for our school! You may use either electronic receipts or paper receipts to scan to earn points!

Think Spring!  
Mrs. Winders

# READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK

## MARCH 6TH-10TH

**MONDAY: CAT IN THE HAT**  
WEAR A HAT



**TUESDAY: ONE FISH, TWO FISH, RED FISH, BLUE FISH**  
DRESS IN RED, WHITE, AND BLUE

**WEDNESDAY: WACKY WEDNESDAY**  
DRESS THE OPPOSITE OF WACKY  
DUE TO SPRING PICTURE DAY



**THURSDAY: OH, THE PLACES YOU'LL GO**  
WEAR A SHIRT FROM A PLACE YOU HAVE  
BEEN OR WANT TO GO

**FRIDAY: THE SLEEP BOOK**  
WEAR YOUR PJ'S





## MARCH 8TH - SPRING/CLASS PICTURE DAY!

Spring Individual and Group Class photos will be taken on this date. You may order online at [www.mylifetouch.com](http://www.mylifetouch.com), using Picture ID: EVTDM29C!

## MARCH 10TH - EARLY DISMISSAL DAY!

Students will dismiss at 12:25 pm. There is NO YMCA After Care on this date.

## MARCH 31ST - NO SCHOOL!

Teachers have Professional Development, students have no school on this date.



Students may shop during their ENCORE from March 20-24th, with evening hours on Wednesday, March 22nd from 2:30-4:00 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](mailto: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**



**PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION**

**CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE THE NEW CASCADE PTO!**

You may contact the new PTO at: [cascadepto1@gmail.com](mailto:cascadepto1@gmail.com)!

## 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.

We would like to thank everyone who supported two recent fundraisers for our organization: Joe Corbi's and Yearbook Sponsor Ads! Funds earned from both will go toward field trips and celebrations for our students.

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

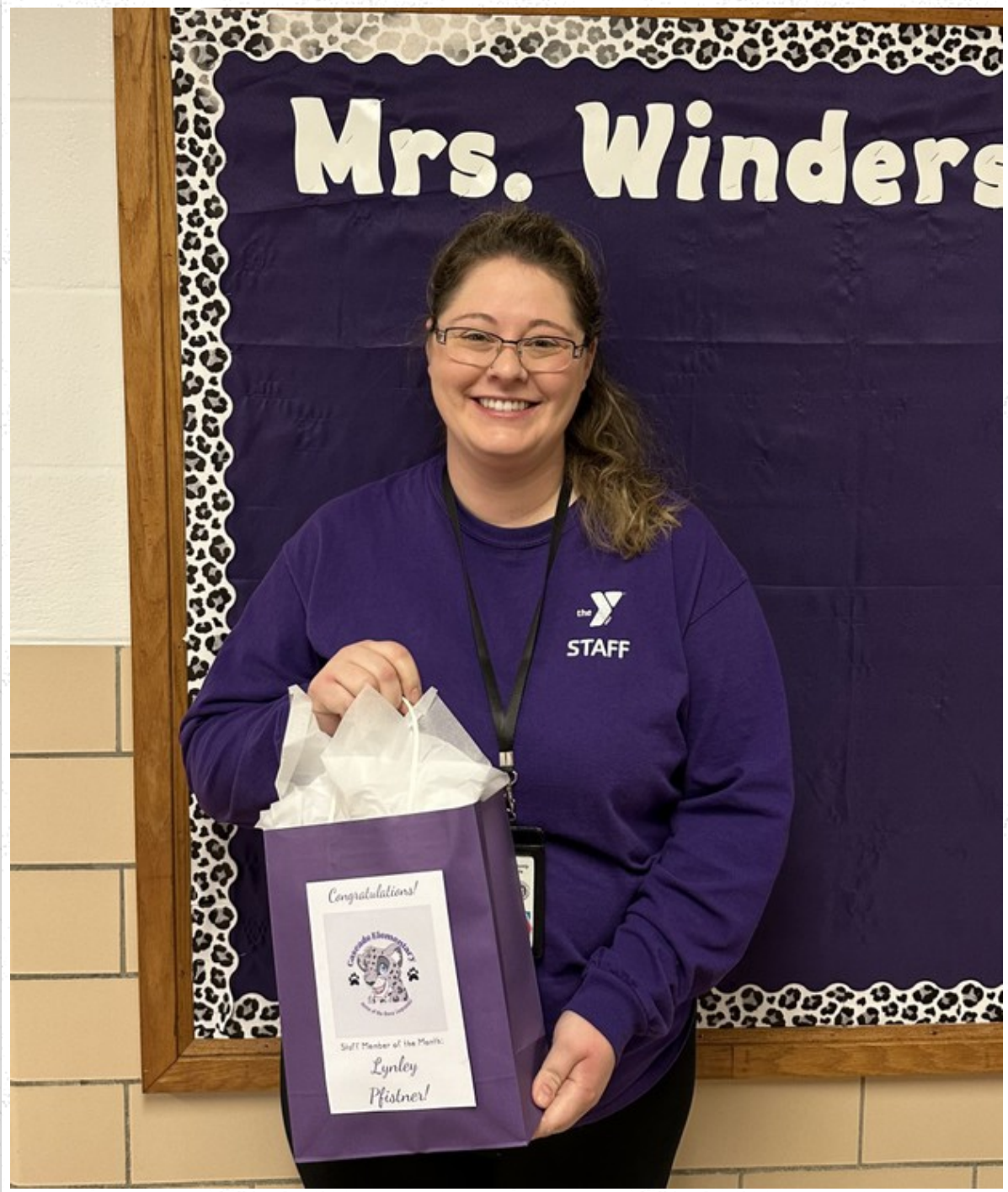
You may contact us anytime at [cascadepto1@gmail.com](mailto:cascadepto1@gmail.com).

Thank you for your support!



## **FEBRUARY WINNER: LYNLEY PFISTNER!**

Congratulations to our ParaProfessional Ms. Lynley for being our Staff Member of the Month for February! Ms. Lynley is always there to support the staff and students at Cascade. She jumps in wherever needed to assist students when they need help and goes above and beyond to collect student data. Ms. Lynley even cleaned off every staff member's vehicle the last time it snowed! Our school is definitely a better place with her in it! Congratulations!



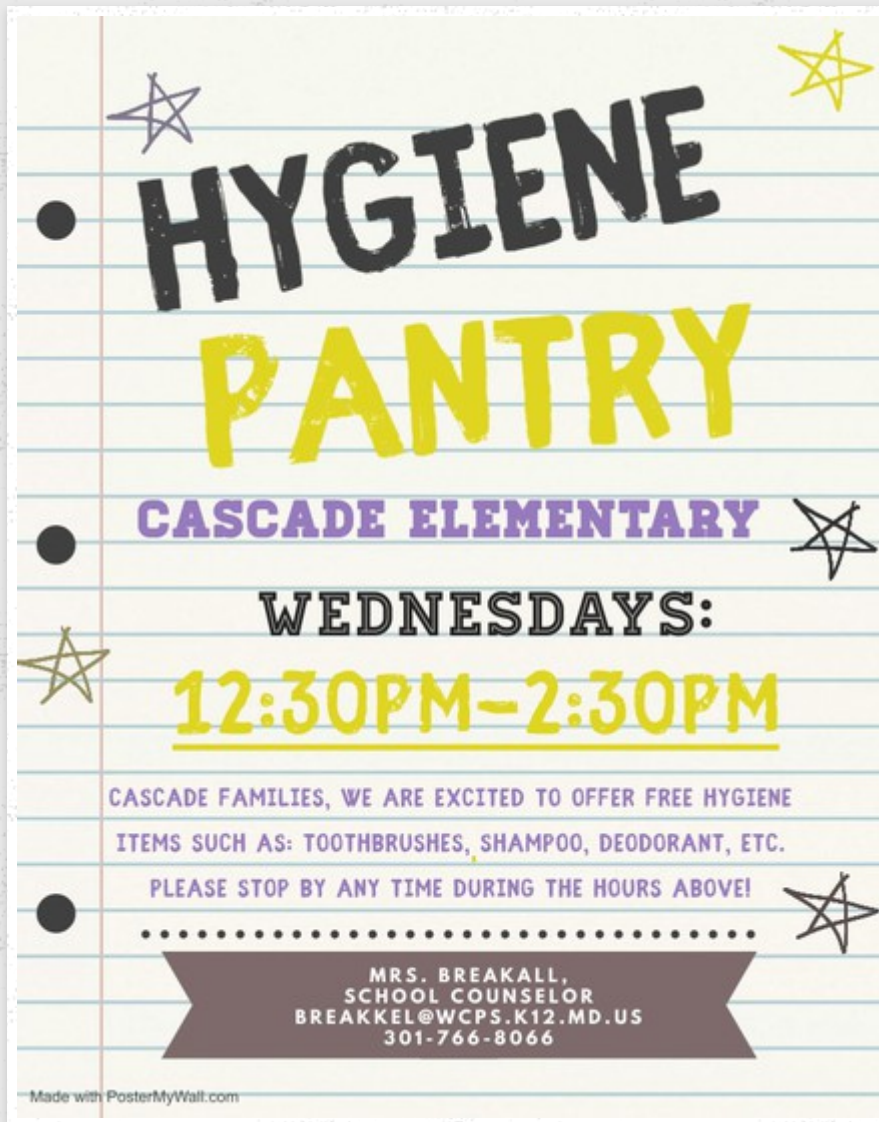


*From the desk of  
Mrs. Breakall*



## **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 from 12:30-2:30 pm. If you would like to place a confidential order of items to be sent home, you may email Mrs. Breakall directly at [breakkel@wcps.k12.md.us](mailto:breakkel@wcps.k12.md.us), or use this confidential google form to make your request: <https://forms.gle/zQaUYbStNGp1h6538>



## CASCADE P.R.I.D.E!

Our PBIS theme for February was Empathy! Our Cascade PRIDE motto states that students and staff should be "Excellent and Empathetic." We are so proud of our students who were nominated! Stay tuned to our Facebook for our February winners!

Our PBIS theme for March is Self-Control! Our Cascade PRIDE motto states that students and staff should be "Determined and Display Self-Control." We can't wait to see who will be nominated!

# Cascade

*I am...*

*takes*

**P**repared and positive every day  
**R**espectful to myself and others  
**V**alued and important  
**D**etermined and display self-control  
**E**xcellent and empathetic

*in our learning to succeed!*



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



# CONTACT CASCADE ELEMENTARY

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