

The Snow Leopard's Spot

CASCADE ELEMENTARY'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - MAY 2023

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



WOW! What a wonderfully busy year we've had! We are closing in on the end the year with six weeks of school left before summer break! I appreciate everyone's hard work and effort to make Cascade a great school and community to live in. Thank you for all that you have done to make this year special!

I would like to congratulate Ms. Keller's Grade 3 class for achieving a 52.9% proficiency rate on the Grade 3 Science Cornerstone, as well as a 66.7% proficiency rate on the Grade 3 Math Interims – the highest average - for our CoHort Group! As spring testing ramps up, it is imperative that our students are present, on time, each day and eager to actively participate in the lessons they are provided. Thank you for your support!

Starting May 1st, we will be celebrating Teacher Appreciation Week! The PTO has planned a full week of celebrating our Cascade teachers & staff! They could use your help by encouraging your student(s) to complete the appreciation sheet we are sending home so we can give them to teachers on Thursday, May 4th. Please see the PTO sign-up below for our PTO Sponsored luncheon on Friday May 5th.

LAST CHANCE FOR SUMMER SCHOOL SIGN-UPS! If you are still interested in registering your child for our upcoming summer camps, please send in the enrollment forms no later than Wednesday, May 3rd!

Students in Grades 3-5 are testing this month! Please help your child be successful by having them here at school on-time for testing on the following dates:

Math MCAP Testing: May 4th, 9th, 10th, and 11th.

ELA MCAP Testing: May 16th, 17th, 18th, and 23rd.

WCPS gives an award for Academic Excellence to deserving fifth grade students each year. Students who meet the criteria must achieve all performance indicators of 3's and/or 4's for each standard in all academic content (including Math, ELA, Science, Writing, and Social Studies) recorded on the report cards for MP2 and MP3 of fifth grade. Students must also achieve a 905 or higher on the spring eRI administered in grade 5. Eligible students will be recognized with a certificate from School Superintendent, Dr. Sovine. Our Grade 5 Cascade students are: **Marissa Hartley, David Lopez Valle, Walter Naberhaus, and Khloe Needy!** Please help us congratulate these hardworking students! We are so proud of them!

It's time for Kindergarten Registration! If you have a child who will be turning five on or before September 1st, please call our front office to get enrollment information. 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!

I would also like to thank our Cascade PTO for all of the work they have done this year for our school. We are so grateful to have the support of not only our parents and local community, but to our Cascade PTO Executive Committee for going above and beyond. They are: Stella Sanders, Stacey Gardner, Nikki Hunt, and Christina Williams. THANK YOU ladies, for your dedication and hard work! I encourage all of our Cascade parents to consider supporting our PTO, attend a meeting, join as a member, and most importantly VOLUNTEER! The success of our PTO is in the hands of supportive parents just like you!

I hope each of you has a relaxing summer break! Be sure to READ! READ! READ!

Your partner in education,
Mrs. Winders

Last Chance for



Please sign up by May 3rd!



Kindergarten Readiness Night Wednesday, May 17th, 5:30 pm

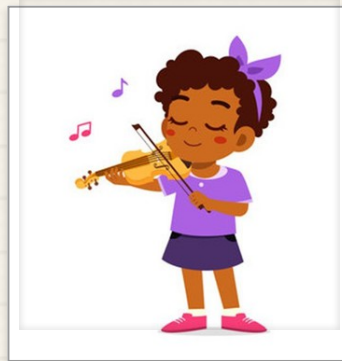


GET THE SCOOP ON KINDERGARTEN!

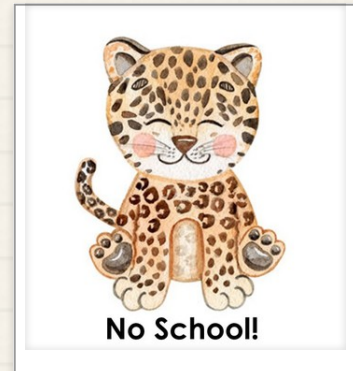
Please join us for Kindergarten Readiness Night on Wednesday, May 17th from 5:30-6:30 pm! Students will meet the Pre-K and Kindergarten teachers while they discuss what is expected with parents and answer any questions they may have. Ice cream will be served!



SPRING BAND
CONCERT, MAY 11TH



SPRING ORCHESTRA
CONCERT, MAY 16TH



MEMORIAL DAY - NO
SCHOOL, MAY 29TH



GRADE 5 PRINCIPAL CITIZENSHIP WINNERS

Washington County Public Schools (WCPS), together with the Washington County Association of Elementary School Administrators (WCAESA), is proud to announce the recipients of the 2023 Annual Principal Citizenship Award! This award recognizes fifth-grade students for demonstrating positive character and exemplary citizenship throughout the school year. School principals and fifth-grade teachers select one student from each classroom to receive the honor based on four areas of criteria:

- Pride and respect toward students and adults
- Pride and respect toward the school, its rules and property
- Participation in class discussions and school activities
- Maximum effort to do well academically

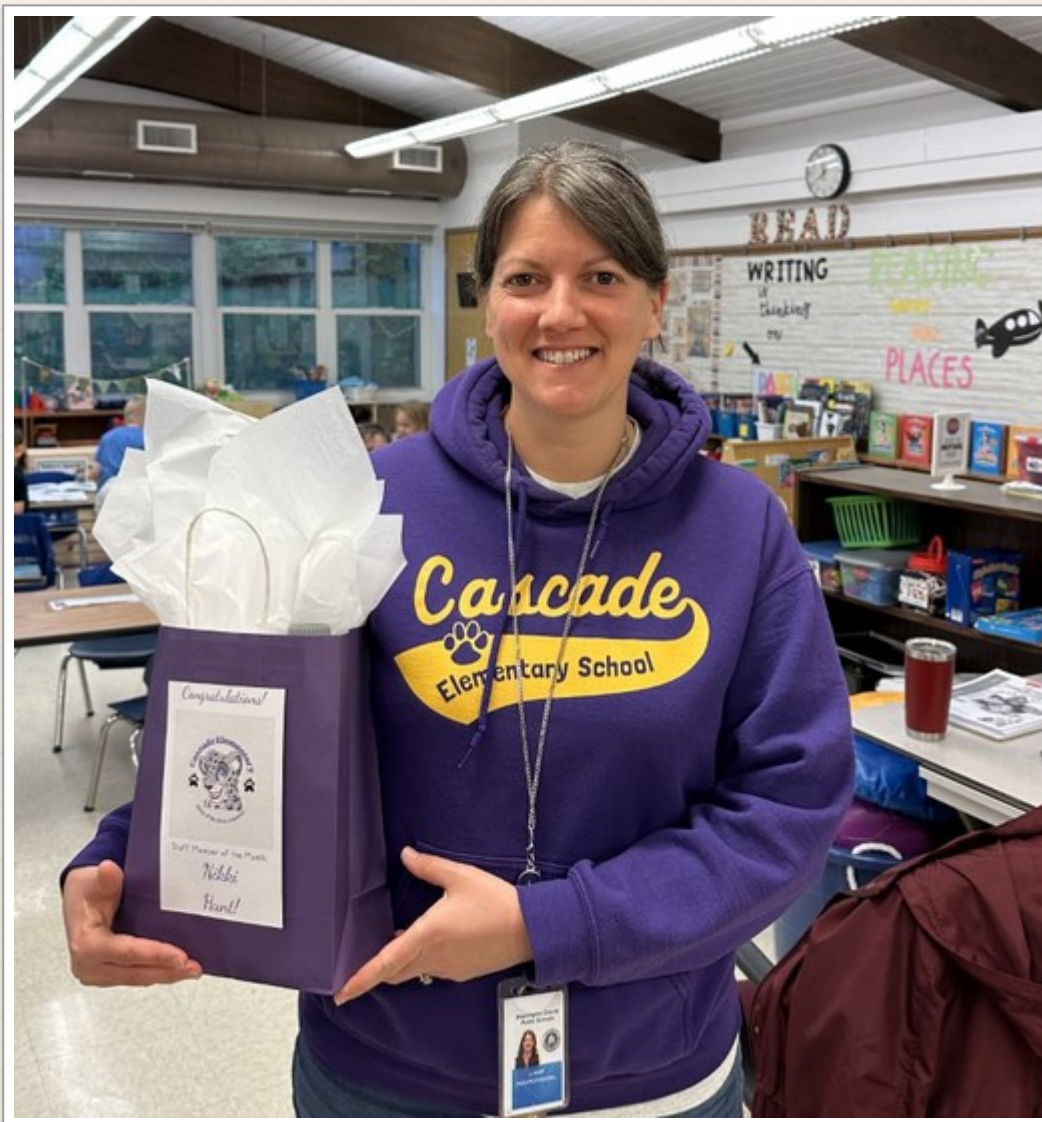
Students who earn the achievement will receive a certificate and a plaque at North Hagerstown High School on Wednesday, May 3rd. Plaques are generously sponsored by Hagerstown Honda and Kia!

Congratulations to our Cascade winners: **Marissa Hartley and Cole Smith!**



APRIL WINNER: NIKKI HUNT!!

Congratulations to our Pre-K Paraprofessional Mrs. Nikki Hunt for being our Staff Member of the Month for April! Mrs. Nikki has been the backbone of our Pre-K classroom during the absence of Mrs. Gates, and has helped tremendously with our newly formed Cascade PTO! Our school is definitely a better place with her in it! Congratulations Mrs. Nikki!



KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION AND STUDENT ENROLLMENT INFORMATION

It's time to start planning for next year! Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and New Student Registration is open now! Please adhere to the following guidelines:

Pre-K Students: If your child turns 4 before September 1st, they are eligible for Pre-K for next school year. Please complete a Pre-K application by clicking [here](#), or picking one up at school. Once approved by our Early Learning Department, you will sent a registration packet in the mail.

Kindergarten Students: If your child turns 5 before September 1st, they are eligible to enroll for Kindergarten! Registration packets are available by clicking [here](#), or you may pick one up

during school hours.

New Student Enrollment: If you are just moving into our district, please contact us to inquire about which documents you may need to enroll. You may also download the registration packet by clicking [here](#).

*Please note: Cascade is a ten-month school and only has summer hours by appointment. To register for an appointment, you may complete this [form](#).

All forms and requirements must be met before the enrollment process is complete, so start today!

CASCADE ELEMENTARY

NEW STUDENT ENROLLMENT

Enrollment Begins March 15th for the 23-24 SY

Documents Needed:

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residency
- MD Immunizations
- MD Physical Form

By Appointment Only

Scan the QR code to begin registration and schedule an appointment!

301.766.8066

More Information

Please note: Our school is closed during the summer with enrollments by appointment only.

www.cascadeelementary.weebly.com

[CLICK HERE FOR ENROLLMENT SCHEDULING](#)

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JUNE 5TH - FIELD DAY!

Plan to send your student with a hat, comfy shoes, and sunscreen!!



JUNE 6TH - GRADE 5 PROMOTION!

Grade 5 families will attend this outdoor ceremony, more info to follow!



JUNE 7TH - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Student will dismiss at 11:55 am on this date! Have a great summer!

FIELD DAY!



HOORAY FOR FIELD DAY!

Get ready for some fun in the sun as we celebrate field day on Monday, June 5th! Please make sure that your student(s) comes to school with sneakers, sunblock, change of clothes, and water.

We are asking for donations of snacks and water bottles. If you are interested in donating, please use the link below. As always, we appreciate your support at Cascade Elementary!

[Field Day Donation Sign Up](#)



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.

The PTO has planned a full week of celebrating our Cascade teachers & staff! We could use your help by encouraging your student to complete a Student Appreciation sheet (coming home on Monday 5/1) & to be given to their teacher on Thursday 5/4.

Also, please sign up to drop off items on Friday 5/5 for a taco bar lunch.

sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0e4ba4af22a6f4cf8-teacher#/>

The full schedule of activities is possible through your support of school fundraisers & PTO membership!

Monday, May 1st: Donuts & Coffee

Tuesday, May 2nd: Cascade Elementary lanyard

Wednesday, May 3rd: Snacks based on teacher's "All About Me" forms

Thursday, May 4th: Student Appreciation (complete the form sent home)

Friday, May 5th: Taco Bar for lunch (see [sign up sheet](#))

Our next event is "Donuts with Grown-Ups!" Please [RSVP](#) to join your child on Friday, May 12th at 7:35 am in our cafeteria for a light breakfast of delicious Krumpe's Donuts! All parents are welcome!

Our next PTO meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 1, 2023 at 1:00 pm, in person or via Google Meet. We hope to see you!

You may contact us anytime at cascadep1@gmail.com.

Thank you for your support!



WE NEED YOUR HELP!



The Cascade PTO is involved with many school activities such as Field Day, Music Concerts, Holiday Programs, Classroom Celebrations, Grade 5 Celebrations, and so much more! The more volunteers we have, the more opportunities there are for your child. With your help, we can make every school year the best one yet! Join us!

Cascade Elementary

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PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION

CLICK HERE TO JOIN THE THE NEW CASCADE PTO!

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



From the desk of
Mrs. Breakall



CHARACTER COUNTS AWARDS

The CHARACTER COUNTS Washington County Coalition is continuing the initiative to honor the elementary school age students in Washington County! This recognition will be given to an elementary school student who demonstrates outstanding ability in one of the Six Pillars of Character which are the foundation of CHARACTER COUNTS!

These six pillars are: ***Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship.*** These characteristics are very important to the growth of our children today.

Congratulations to our fifth grade student **Marissa Hartley** for being nominated for this honor! Marissa, along with other nominees from other elementary schools, will be honored on Wednesday, May 10th at Hagerstown Community College. Thank you Marissa for showing your Cascade **P.R.I.D.E.!!!**



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, or use this confidential google form to make your request: <https://forms.gle/zQaUYbStNGp1h6538>

HYGIENE
PANTRY

CASCADE ELEMENTARY
WEDNESDAYS:
12:30PM-2:30PM

CASCADE FAMILIES, THANKS TO UNITED WAY AND AN ANONYMOUS DONOR,
WE ARE ABLE TO START OFFERING THE FOLLOWING FREE HYGIENE ITEMS:
TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, SHAMPOO, DEODORANT AND SOAP!
WE MAY ALSO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ITEMS IF REQUESTED!

CONTACT MRS. BREAKALL:
BREAKKEL@WCPS.K12.MD.US
301-766-8066

United Way
United Way
of Washington County, MD

CASCADE P.R.I.D.E!

Our PBIS theme for April was Excellent! Our Cascade PRIDE motto states that students and staff should be "Excellent and Empathic!" Students who exhibited this trait were nominated by their teachers for being kind, considerate, staying on task, following directions, and making good choices!. Look for their celebration video on our school Facebook page!

Our theme for May is Determined! Our Cascade PRIDE motto states that students and staff should be "Determined and Display Self-Control." Stay tuned for our May Winners!

Cascade

I am...

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!



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!



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.

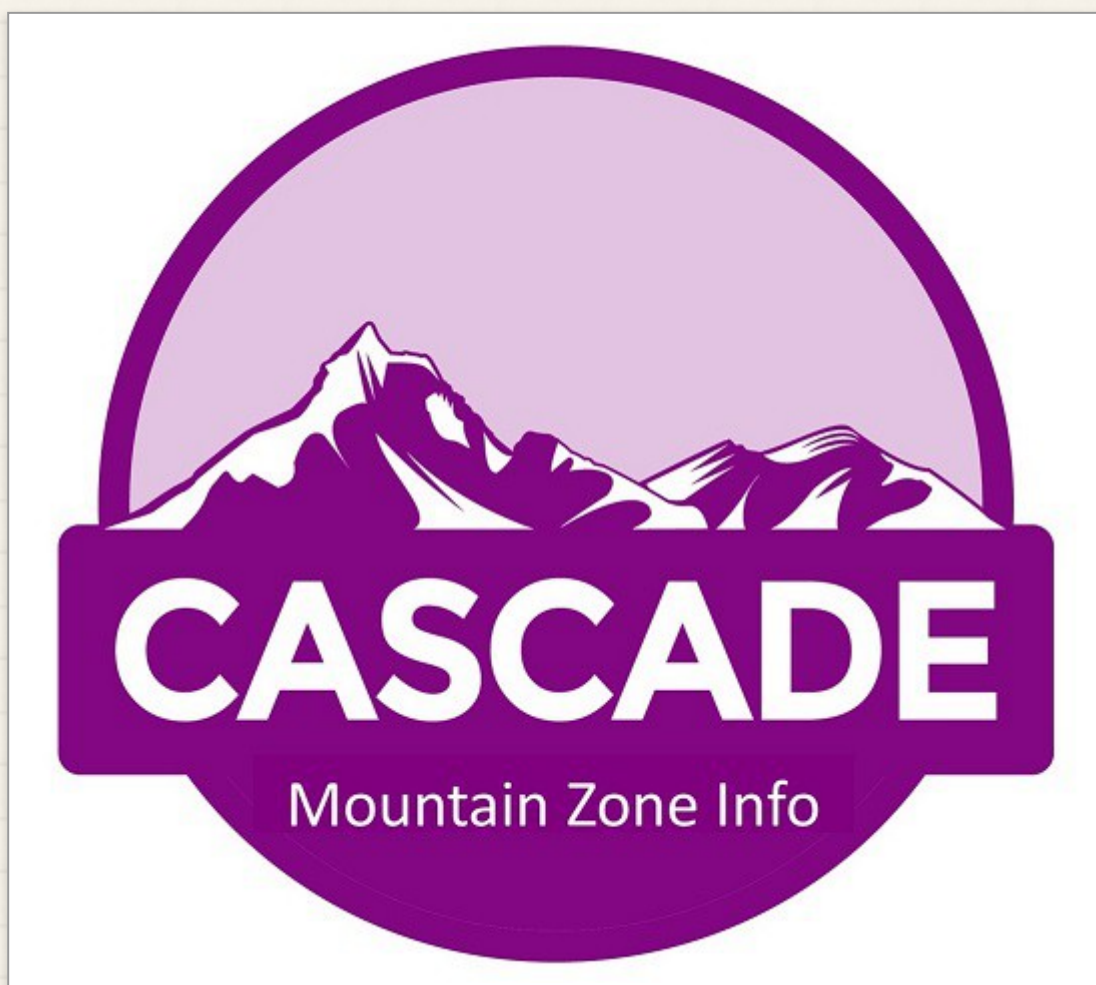
Upon arrival either by bus or private transportation, all students will enter through the cafeteria doors when they open at 7:35 am. Students arriving by car before 7:35 am, must park in the parking lot as the bus loop will be unavailable to cars until 7:45 am.

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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