

The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - November 2023

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



October was a wonderful month at Cascade! I continue to be impressed by student and staff participation on our campus. We loved seeing everyone dress up during our Character Counts Spirit Week and Costume Day, and the PTO Fall Fest was a huge success! As we head into November, I am thankful for the students and staff at Cascade, as well as our supportive parents and surrounding community.

Lost and Found

Our lost and found table is overflowing! Please have your child check the lost and found for anything they are missing. The table is located inside of the cafeteria, and there are a number of jackets, sweatshirts, sweaters, and hats that will be donated to Children in Need by December 22nd if not claimed.

Marking Period 2

The second marking period begins November 6th! Report cards for MP1 will be available to view on ParentVue by November 13th. If you need assistance with your ParentVue login, please email Ms. Kandi at woostkan@wcps.k12.md.us. If you have any questions regarding your student's progress, please email their classroom teacher.

Winter Weather Information

The snow flurries on the way to school this morning are an indicator that winter weather is coming soon! Please note that Cascade has a "Mountain Weather Zone", and may have a delay or closing when other schools may not. Please be sure you download the WCPS app to your device to stay up-to-date on any winter weather closings or delays in our area. We have listed more information about winter weather below.

Important PTO Dates

Our PTO has been super busy putting together awesome fundraising opportunities, as well as fun-filled events for our students. Thank you to everyone who helped and supported their PTO Fall Fest last month! Their next fundraising event is the [Spirit Wear Sale](#)! Don't miss out on getting your family the latest in Cascade Apparel! The next PTO event is the Holiday Party held in conjunction with the Cascade American Legion. Volunteers will be needed, please contact our PTO at cascadepto1@gmail.com to sign up!

Student Attendance

We have 60 students who have perfect attendance for the month of October! That's a small improvement from the 56 students who had perfect attendance in September! Let's keep that momentum going by sending students to school everyday unless they are sick. If your child is absent, please be sure to send in a note to excuse that absence. Please refer to the [WCPS Student Handbook](#) to become familiar with the information about daily school attendance.

Veterans Day

Our school would like to thank and honor the men and women who have served our country by recognizing service members who have served our country or are actively helping to maintain the freedom of our country. On **Friday, November 10th** we are asking that all students and staff wear red, white, and blue to show our support, and we are honored that the Cascade American Legion is coming to provide our students with an educational assembly on this date at 9:00 am. If you have the name of a service member you would like to recognize during this assembly, please [email Mrs. Kandi](#). Veterans and their guests are welcome, please plan to RSVP for this event. Flyers are being sent home this week.

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

With Cascade Pride,
Mrs. Winders



November 3rd - NO SCHOOL

There is no school for students for staff professional development.



November 10th - Early Dismissal Day!

Student will dismiss at 12:25 pm! There is no YMCA after school care on this date. We are also celebrating our Veterans on this date.



November 22- 24th - NO SCHOOL!

There is no school for Thanksgiving Break! Gobble! Gobble!



See Below for the November Lunch Menu!

Also available at: <https://linqconnect.com>

NOVEMBER 2023 LUNCH MENU

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 CHEESE PIZZA NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	2 FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	3 NO SCHOOL
6 ROTINI W/ MEAT SAUCE CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	7 SOFT BEEF TACOS CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	8 CHEESE PIZZA CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	9 OVEN FRIED CHICKEN CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	10 CHEESE CALZONE CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 
13 CHEESE BURGER NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	14 TURKEY SUB NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	15 CHEESE PIZZA NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	16 PANCAKES & SAUSAGE NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	17 MOZZARELLA CHEESE STICKS NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 
20 GENERAL TSO CHICKEN CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	21 WALKING TACO CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL
27 MEATBALL SUB NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	28 CORN DOG NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	29 CHEESE PIZZA NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	30 FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	

MEALS INCLUDE ENTRÉE, 2 FRUIT, 2 VEG & MILK.
THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.





Cascade Elementary School will honor

VETERANS OF OUR FAMILIES

at a special ceremony provided by the Cascade American Legion on


Friday, November 10, 2023

9:00 am

If a veteran in your family is planning to attend, please RSVP using the form below and return to school by Monday, November 6, 2023.

This event is for veterans and their guest only.

***Please have your child wear red, white, and blue on this date!**

	CASCADE ELEMENTARY VETERANS DAY CEREMONY FRIDAY, November 10, 2023, 9:00 am
Student Name: _____	Grade: _____
Relative's Name: _____	
Relationship to student: _____	
Branch of Service: _____	

Picture Make-Up Day!

Picture make-up day is scheduled for Monday, November 20th for those students who were absent on picture day, or prefer to have their picture retaken. More info will be coming home soon!



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](#).



[Click here to join the the new Cascade PTO!](#)

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

From the Cascade PTO

Welcome! We are so excited to have the ability to serve our wonderful school, staff and families! Our meetings are typically held on the third Tuesday of every month via Google Meet or in person at our school. 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. Our next meeting is being held **Tuesday, December 5th** in person or via Google Meet at 5:00 pm: <https://meet.google.com/qkm-khna-asj>

Our next PTO fundraiser is **SPIRIT WEAR!** You may scan the code below to place your order, our click [here](#). Orders are due no later than **November 10th!**

Our next PTO Event is the Holiday Party sponsored by the Cascade American Legion, which is being held on **Saturday, December 9th at 11:00 am.**

You may contact us anytime at cascadeppto1@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!

Cascade Elementary PTO **Spirit Wear Fundraiser**

Orders accepted 10/30/2023 through 11/10/2023



SCAN QR CODE BELOW OR GO TO:

<https://www.apvinyldesigns.com/collections/cascade-elementary-spirit-wear>

PayPal, Apple Pay, Credit & Debit Cards
accepted for online payment options.

Online ordering due by
midnight 11/10/2023



If you need a paper order form, let your teacher know and we'll send one home.
Paper orders forms along with cash or check are due to school by Friday 11/10/2023.

Thank you for supporting the Cascade PTO!!



CASCADE ELEMENTARY'S STAFF MEMBER OF THE MONTH OCTOBER



Lynley Pfistner

Paraprofessional

Congratulations to Paraprofessional Lynley Pfistner for being our Staff Member of the Month for October! Ms. Lynley lights up every room she walks into! She is always ready to jump in and assist, and does an amazing job keeping students on task. We are so lucky to have her here at Cascade! Congratulations Ms. Lynley! #cascadestaffrocks



From the desk of
Mrs. Breakall



New Attendance Incentives!

This year, we have started a new attendance initiative! For each day your student comes to school, they will receive 1 punch on their card (see example below.) When all 10 punches are filled, the card gets entered for a raffle to win 4 snow tubing tickets for your family! Your child also receives \$10 to spend at our school store! We want to give a huge thanks to our PTO for supplying our attendance prizes this year!

_____'S
PUNCH CARD

Cascade
takes

I am...

- P**repared and positive every day
- R**espectful to myself and others
- I**mportant and valued
- D**etermined and display self-control
- E**xcellent and empathetic

in our learning to succeed!



PBIS = Cascade P.R.I.D.E!

We have so much to celebrate with our P.B.I.S. PRIDE awards!

- We had 30 PRIDE winners during the month of October for our theme PREPARED! Congrats to these deserving students!
- Our school store is ready for students to use their Leopard Loot to redeem prizes such as: school supplies, water bottles, bracelets, stuffed animals and more!
- Staff and students will nominate 1-2 students from each class to be chosen as our Student(s) of the Month. These students will get a special lunch with staff in addition to a certificate, necklace, pencil and prize! We will post these winners on our Facebook page!

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!

Look for these pledges posted throughout our school, and for student incentives to be based on their positive behavior!



Cascade Elementary Food Pantry

The Cascade Food Pantry is open every other Wednesday all school year.
November dates are November 1st and November 15th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm!



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!



Cascade Elementary School Website



WCPS Calendar for 2023-2024



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