

The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - October 2022

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



Fall is here! The first month of school has went remarkably well! Students and staff are falling into their routines and schedules with ease. I would encourage our parents and families to continue to work with students about maintaining a schedule at home that allows plenty of time for homework, play, and sleep. Restful nights make for successful mornings!

As we discuss success with students, it is important to remember that success at school begins at home! Students who arrive on time daily are better prepared for the school day. When students are tardy to school it creates a ripple effect within their classroom. I challenge all of our snow leopards to arrive on-time to school each and every day!

Staff Changes

We are pleased to welcome Ms. Peyton who will be joining our grade 4 teacher Mrs. Spaid this school year, as well as Mr. Winemiller who is joining us as our 2nd Shift Custodian. We would also like to welcome Mr. Joseph Butler, our new speech assistant and Ms. Jillian Rachor, our new lunch assistant. Welcome to the Cascade family!

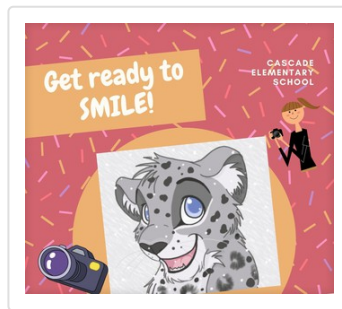
Attendance

School attendance is very important to a child's success. Students should only miss school when sick, and must have a parent or doctor note when they return. Students will be celebrated for perfect attendance monthly with a reward from Mrs. Breakall! Don't forget that

with no nurse on site, if your child is experiencing any symptoms of illness (fever, vomiting, diarrhea, etc.) please keep them home until they are better. Covid is now being handled at a primary care physician level, so all questions should be forwarded to your doctor.

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

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Winders



October 7th - Early Dismissal Day!

Student will dismiss at 12:25
pm!

October 13th - Picture Day!

Please send your orders in with
your child by this date, or order
online at:

www.mylifetouch.com using
code: EVTRR63HM.

October 21st - NO SCHOOL!

Association Day - Staff and
Students have no school.



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 Lunch Benefits Are Ending!



Free meals have been discontinued for the 22-23 school year. Please plan to complete the online FARM app ASAP so your child's benefits continue if they qualify. Our school does still serve free breakfast. Lunch costs are \$2.35/student. Click [here](#) to complete your application with schoolunchapp.com. If your child does not qualify, you may put money on their lunch account by going to the My School Bucks website or clicking [here](#). To view school menus, click this [link](#). Thank you!



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! 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 the last Tuesday of every month 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.

Our next PTO Event is the Fall Fest, which is being held on Tuesday, October 11th at 5:30 pm.

You may contact us anytime at cascadepto1@gmail.com

Thank you for your support!



TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022
FROM 5:30PM TO 7:00PM

at Cascade Elementary School

Games - Face Painting - Crafts
Planetarium Exhibit & More

Costumes are welcome - no masks or weapons

*Raffle for a chance to win a
cord of wood OR a
10'x10' outdoor gazebo*

presented
by:

Cascade Elementary
PTO
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Raffle Ticket Pre-Sale is going on now! Send any orders in by Oct 8th with the discounted price of \$7/10 tickets!





Congratulations to our Guidance Counselor Mrs. Breakall for being our Staff Member of the Month! Mrs. Breakall has been an amazing resource assisting staff and students wherever she is needed. Mrs. Breakall also took over our school store and our attendance celebrations! Thank you for your hard work Mrs. Breakall!

From the desk of
Mrs. Breakall



CASCADE
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL

PRIDE SPIRIT WEEK

CASCADE TAKES PRIDE IN OUR CHARACTER!

MONDAY

OCTOBER 17

I am Prepared and Positive!

- *Be DETERMINED to come to school on time wearing bright colors or a shirt with a positive message!
- *Character Challenge: Make someone smile today by showing EMPATHY!

TUESDAY

OCTOBER 18

I Spot Respect!

- *Wear Leopard clothing or something with spots!
- *Character Challenge: Bring in a photo of someone you RESPECT!

WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 19

I Have Excellent Character!

- *Dress up as your favorite character or wear your favorite outfit to show you are IMPORTANT and VALUED!
- *Character Challenge: Display SELF-CONTROL by doing a calm-down exercise.

THURSDAY

OCTOBER 20

I Take PRIDE at Cascade!

- *Wear your Cascade colors (purple, yellow/gold).
- *Character Challenge: Practice our Cascade PRIDE pledge!

OCTOBER 17-20

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

We have so much to celebrate with our new PRIDE awards!

- So far, 9 students have received our PRIDE award in the first two weeks of school! These students receive a certificate, sticker and photo on Mrs. Winder's wall!
- 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!
- We are getting our school store ready for students to use their Leopard Loot to redeem prizes such as: school supplies, water bottles, bracelets, stuffed animals and more!
- Starting in October, 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 new pledges to be posted throughout our school, and for student incentives to be based on their positive behavior!



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 7:25 am. Students arriving by car before 7:25 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 2022-2023




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