

# The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - October 2023

*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!

## 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.

## Substitute Teachers Needed

We are currently looking for substitute teachers! If you are looking to support our wonderful staff, work with amazing students, and be a part of our incredible school, we would love to have you! Please reach out to Mrs. Kandi or myself and we will help walk you through the process!

### Student Pictures

This school year we are excited to partner with Traditions Photography Studios! It is our hope that this new school photographer will provide excellent quality at a reasonable price for our Cascade families. Mark your calendar for Fall Picture Day on October 23rd. More info will be sent home soon.

### PTO Volunteers Needed

Our PTO is looking for volunteers to assist with upcoming events! If you haven't joined our PTO yet, I encourage you to do so! Your \$5.00 membership goes toward providing direct support of our students, staff, and school! Check out a list of PTO happenings below.

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

Yours in Education,  
Mrs. Winders



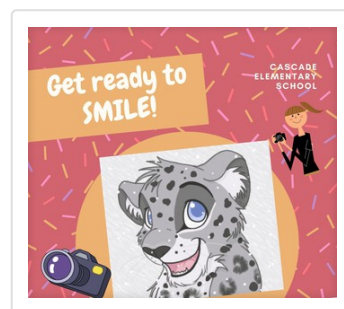
## October 13th - Early Dismissal Day!

Student will dismiss at 12:25 pm! There is no YMCA after school care on this date.



## October 20th - NO SCHOOL

Schools and CES offices are closed for Association Day.



## October 23rd - Picture Day!

Orders may be placed online or by order forms sent home.



**See Below for the October Lunch Menu!**

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



# OCTOBER 2023

## LUNCH MENU

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
<b>2</b> MEATBALL SUB NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>3</b> CORN DOG NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>4</b> CHEESE PIZZA NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>5</b> FRENCH TOAST & SAUSAGE NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>6</b> LASAGNA ROLL NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 
<b>9</b> ROTINI W/ MEAT SAUCE CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>10</b> SOFT BEEF TACOS CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>11</b> CHEESE PIZZA CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>12</b> OVEN FRIED CHICKEN CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>13</b> CHEESE CALZONE CHICKEN NUGGETS PIZZA MUNCHABLE 
<b>16</b> CHEESE BURGER NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>17</b> TURKEY SUB NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>18</b> CHEESE PIZZA NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>19</b> PANCAKES & SAUSAGE NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>20</b> NO SCHOOL
<b>23</b> GENERAL TSO CHICKEN CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>24</b> WALKING TACO CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>25</b> CHEESE PIZZA CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>26</b> MASHED POTATO BOWL CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 	<b>27</b> CHEESY BREADSTICKS CHICKEN PATTY PIZZA MUNCHABLE 
<b>30</b> MEATBALL SUB NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 	<b>31</b> CORN DOG NACHO GRANDE SNACK PACK 			

MEALS INCLUDE ENTRÉE, 2 FRUIT, 2 VEG & MILK.

THE USDA AND MSDE ARE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDERS.



Welcome Traditions Photography!



Picture day is coming this month and we are so excited to partner with Traditions Photography Studio! Orders can be made [online](#) using ID Code: 80786RA or by completing and sending back your paper order form. Please make all checks payable to Traditions Photography. Orders are due by Picture Day, Monday, October 23rd.



**DIGITAL Image**

Purchase a **High Resolution Digital Image** with your Selected Style.  
*Includes Copyright Release*

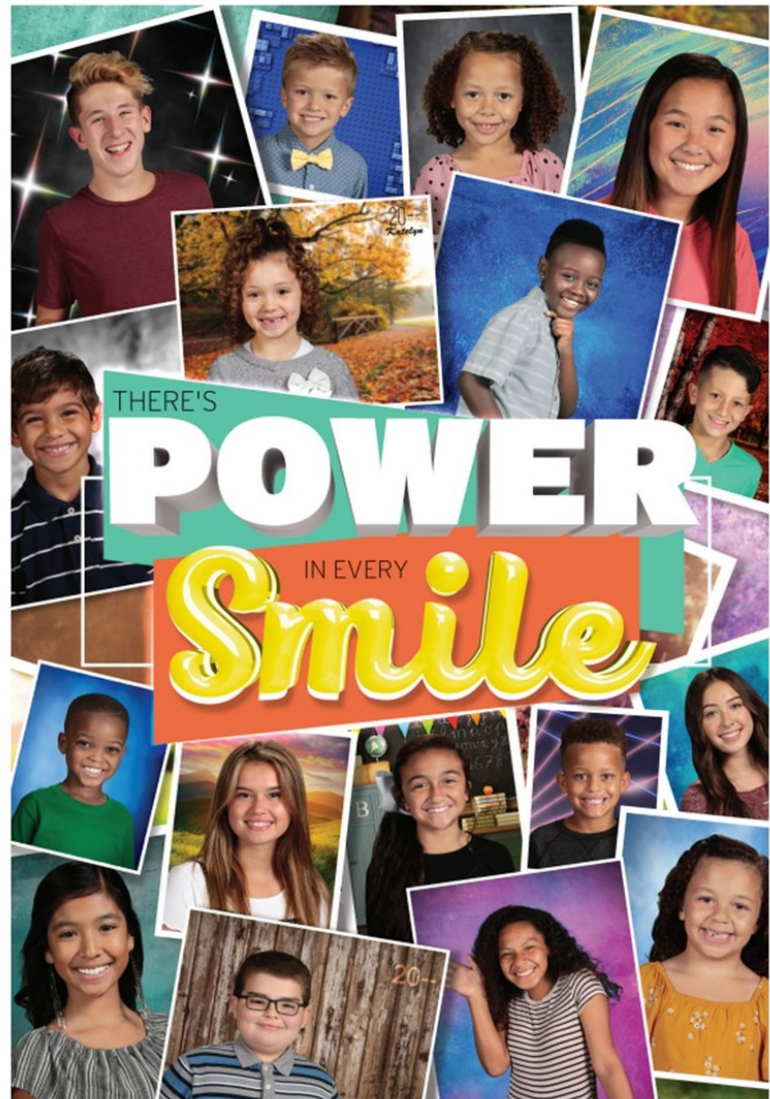
**ENHANCE YOUR PORTRAIT**

- Soft-Touch
- Re-Touch
- Add Name

**ORDER Online**

FOR ADDITIONAL STYLES, PRODUCTS AND PAYMENT OPTIONS!

The advertisement features a central image of a young girl with a download icon. Below it, three smaller images show portrait enhancements: 'Soft-Touch' (smoother skin), 'Re-Touch' (brighter teeth), and 'Add Name' (a boy's name 'Daniel' on a photo).





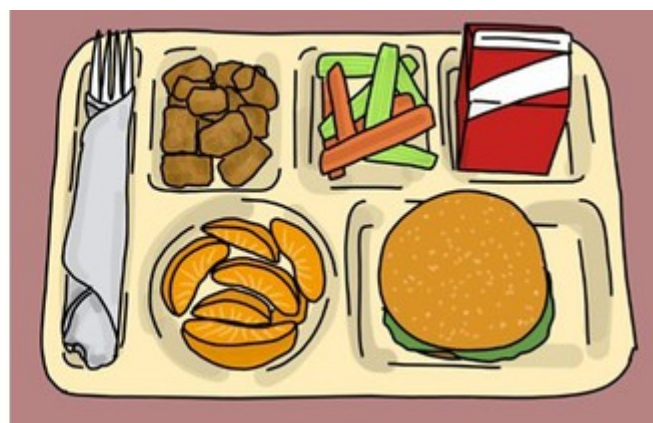


## Early Release Procedures during the School Day



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!

## School Lunch Benefits Are Ending!



Free meal benefits are expiring this month! 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](http://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](mailto: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, October 10th** in person or via Google Meet at 5:00 pm: <https://meet.google.com/qkm-khna-asj>

Our next PTO Event is the Fall Fest, which is being held on **Tuesday, October 17th at 5:30 pm.**

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

Thank you for your support!





**FALL**  
Harvest Fest

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023**  
**FROM 5:30PM TO 7:00PM**  
at Cascade Elementary School

**Games - Face Painting - Crafts**  
**Raffle & More**

Costumes are welcome - no masks or weapons

*Raffle for a chance to win prizes!!*

**Half a Cord of Wood**  
**Hammock with Stand**  
**Cabela's Cast Iron Tri-Leg Dutch Oven with Lid**

presented by Cascade Elementary  
**PTO**  
PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION



Raffle Ticket Pre-Sale is going on now! Send any orders in by Oct 6th with the discounted price of \$7/10 tickets!







## Cascade Staff Member of the Month for September - Ms. Kassi Shirey!

Congratulations to Paraprofessional Kassi Shirey for being our Staff Member of the Month for September! Ms. Kassi has worked hard to build relationships with students and staff and is



always ready to support! She adapts well with any changes and is definitely a team player. We are so thankful she is here at Cascade! Congratulations Ms. Kassi! #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!

# PUNCH CARD'S



## Cascade Family Survey

This year at Cascade, we are partnering with community agencies to meet the needs of our students and their families. If you have more than one student, please fill out 1 survey per child!

We are here to support our Cascade families!

-Mrs. Breakall, School Counselor ♡

[Click Here to Begin the Cascade Family Survey!](#)





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

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

- So far, 28 students have received our PRIDE award within the first month of school! WOW!!! These students receive a certificate, sticker and photo on Mrs. Winder's wall!
- 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 this month, 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...

**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!

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

**Join us for SPIRIT WEEK, October 16th-19th!!!**

**Boo!**

**CASCADE ELEMENTARY  
SPIRIT WEEK**

**OCTOBER 16TH-19TH**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16TH**

**MIXED UP MONDAY**

**WE DON'T KNOW WHO IS WHO!  
DRESS UP LIKE A TEACHER  
OR STAFF MEMBER TO  
IMPERSONATE THEM!**



**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**

**COSTUME DAY**

**IT'S FALL FEST DAY! WEAR YOUR  
FAVORITE COSTUME OR DRESS UP  
AS YOUR FAVORITE CHARACTER.  
NO MASKS OR WEAPONS.**



**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18TH**

**WESTERN WEDNESDAY**

**DRESS IN YOUR  
FLANNELS, BANDANAS,  
COWBOY BOOTS, HATS  
AND BRAIDS!**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**

**PUMPKIN EVERYTHING**

**IT'S PUMPKIN SEASON!  
WEAR FALL COLORS:  
ORANGE, YELLOW,  
BROWN OR CAMO!**







# Cascade Elementary Food Pantry

The Cascade Food Pantry is open every other Wednesday all school year. October dates are October 4th and October 18th at 3:00 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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