

The Snow Leopard's Spot

CASCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

FROM MRS. WINDERS

Hello Snow Leopard families! I am pleased to share that the first month of school has been a successful one! Our staff has worked very hard to get every student back into the routine, focusing on safety, academics, and classroom expectations.

Our school office has changed quite a bit with the departure of our school secretary Mrs. Black. Please join me in welcoming our new school secretary, Mrs. Kandi Wooster (or Mrs. Kandi for short.) Mrs. Kandi brings almost 20 years of experience with her to Cascade, and our school is excited for her to join our Cascade family. Welcome to Snow Leopard Country Mrs. Kandi!

We would also like to welcome our new Grade 1 Teacher: Amanda Gates! Ms. Gates will be taking over Mrs. Cordell's first grade class starting October 4th. Please give her a warm Cascade welcome!

We have sent home many forms in the past few weeks, if you haven't already, please sign and return all forms that were sent home ASAP.

Student attendance is always a concern; please don't forget to contact the school when your child is going to be out, and follow up each absence with a note in order for that absence to be marked excused.

Students began their first MCAP testing this past month and I am so proud of how every student did their very best. Remember: MCAP scores should be used along with a student's classroom performance, report card grades, and teacher feedback to form a clear picture of a student's progress toward meeting academic standards.

I would also like to take the time to review COVID-19 safety procedures for visitors, parents, and students. To limit exposure, masks are required for all individuals inside school buildings regardless of vaccination status. In addition, In accordance with CDC guidance, *"Schools should limit nonessential visitors, volunteers, and activities involving external groups or organizations, particularly in areas where there is moderate-to-high COVID-19 community*

transmission." Please send your child to school wearing a mask everyday. If you need to visit the office for any reason, please call or email Mrs. Kandi to schedule an appointment.

Our staff is choosing a new theme for this school year: "**A small school making a BIG difference!**" You can read all about our inspiration for this new theme below, and will see our staff implementing this theme soon.

Thank you for your constant support of our school staff and community. It is, as always, a privilege to be your principal.

Yours in Education,
Mrs. Winders

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY IS NOVEMBER 3RD!



OUR NEW SCHOOL
LOGO!



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WE MAKE A
DIFFERENCE!

A SMALL SCHOOL MAKING A BIG DIFFERENCE!

Our staff feels that even the smallest action can make a difference. We reference *The Starfish Story* by Loren Easley:

One day a man was walking along the beach when he noticed a boy picking something up and gently throwing it into the ocean.

Approaching the boy, he asked, "What are you doing?"

The youth replied, "Throwing starfish back into the ocean. The surf is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them back, they'll die."

"Son," the man said, "don't you realize there are miles and miles of beach and hundreds of starfish? You can't make a difference!"

After listening politely, the boy bent down, picked up another starfish, and threw it back into the surf.

Then, smiling at the man, he said...."I made a difference for that one."



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