

The Snow Leopard's Spot

Cascade Elementary's Monthly Newsletter - September 2023

*From the desk of
Mrs. Winders*



What a wonderful start to the 23-24 school year! It was lovely to see the smiling faces of our students as they returned to school. The staff at Cascade Elementary is committed to developing a community where all students take P.R.I.D.E. in their learning every day.

Last week our staff sent home many forms to be completed. With so much information coming home, it is difficult to keep track of the beginning of school tasks for our parents. Here is a review:

- Return Student Health/Family Information Sheets (or login to [ParentVue](#) to make your changes.)
- Apply for Free or Reduced meals by [clicking here](#) or email Mrs. Kandi for a paper form.
- Place money on your child's lunch account with your www.myschoolbucks.com account.
- Review lunch menus and help your child make their lunch selection before sending them to school by [clicking here](#).
- If you wish for your child to get a snack or ice cream in the cafeteria, please be sure they have money on their lunch account. Snacks and ice cream are now \$1.50/each.
- Join our PTO! With your \$5.00 membership you will support every student in our building.

The support of our parents is valued by our staff and students. Please take a minute to review WCPS procedures for visitors in the building, volunteer/chaperone policies, dismissal changes

as well as early dismissals below. Student safety is our utmost priority, we thank you in advance for your understanding.

I would also like to review how important attendance is for students. Students who attend school regularly have been shown to achieve at higher levels than students who do not have regular attendance. This relationship between attendance and achievement may appear early in a child's school career. While we understand when a child gets sick the need for them to be home and get well, please try to help your child get to school on time, every day. Our staff is working tirelessly to provide attendance incentives to those students who are here daily. Thank you for your support!

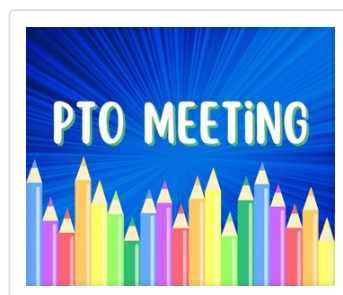
Finally, I would like to thank every organization who assisted in kicking off our school year with their generous donations. Cascade American Legion for providing food for our Back to School Night, Julia Manor Nursing Home for their donation of school supplies, Sander's Market for their donation of pencils and food toward our Back to School Night, and to Tabitha's Table for providing backpacks and school supplies to every child in our building. It is thoughtful gifts and donations from our community that make a difference to our students.

Your partner in education,
Mrs. Winders



September 4th - NO SCHOOL

Enjoy your three-day Labor Day weekend!



September 19th - PTO Meeting

Join us at 5:00 pm, in-person or virtually (email our PTO for the link at [cascadep1@gmail.com!](mailto:cascadep1@gmail.com))



September 22nd - Early Dismissal Day!

Students will dismiss at 12:25 pm. There will be no YMCA after care. All YMCA students should have a dismissal note on this date.

Visitors and Volunteers

Parents who are willing to **volunteer** in our building are welcome to do so within the following guidelines:

- Communicate with your child's teacher or the PTO to inquire about the need for a volunteer.

- Meet the requirements with a completed Volunteer Application (updated annually), submit to the criminal background check, work cooperatively with students and staff in our building, and adhere to all [board policies](#) and procedures.

Visitor guidelines:

- Must utilize the main entrance and present photo ID.
- Visitors dropping paperwork off will do so through the window in the main office.
- A visitor seeking entry beyond the main office is required to arrange such visits in advance with the teacher or administrator. Visitors must be escorted by a staff member at all times.
- Adhere to all Visitor [board policies](#) and procedures.

Feel free to review these policies by clicking the links above. Thank you for your cooperation!



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.

All early dismissals and dismissal changes **must be in writing**. Please plan to write a note to your child's teacher on the first day of school letting them know if they are either a bus rider or car rider daily. Changes to this original note must also be in writing. Phone calls to the main office will not be accepted. When visiting the main office, please bring your photo ID.

The school office hours are Monday-Friday, 7:00 am - 3:00 pm.

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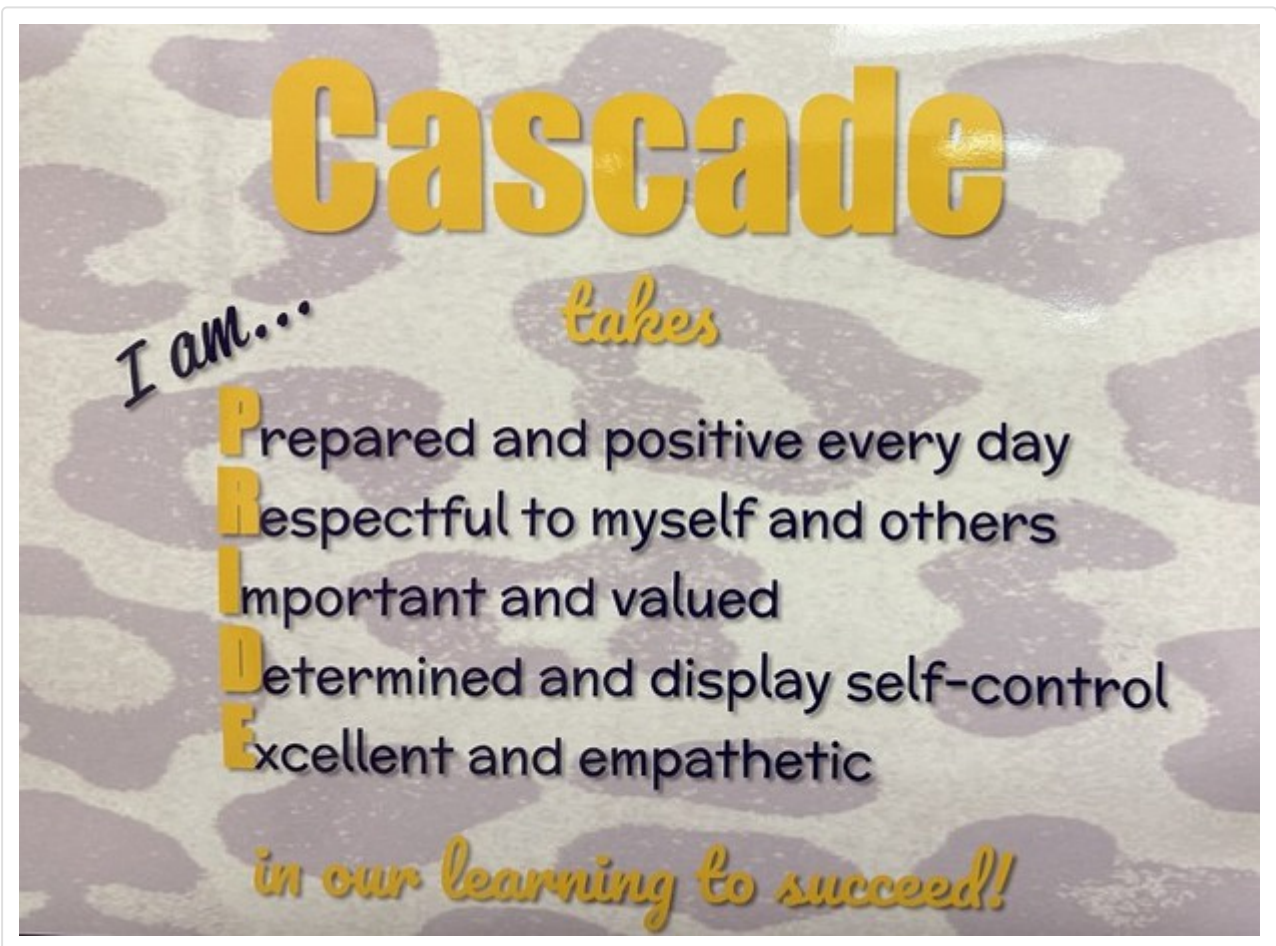
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Cascade Takes P.R.I.D.E.: We are...

Prepared and positive every day!

Respectful to myself and others!

Iimportant 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!



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

You may contact the new PTO at: [cascadeppto1@gmail.com!](mailto:cascadeppto1@gmail.com)



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