

# Cascades Elementary School

*August, September 2021 Newsletter*

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## OPEN HOUSE - We're in Our New Building!!!

We are settling in our new building and the staff is excited to show it off! Join us at the Open House on Tuesday, August 24 from 5:30pm to 7:00pm to meet your child's teacher, have some dinner, and see our new building. We will start in the cafeteria with dinner and a brief meeting with the principal. Then you will be released to go to your student's room to meet their teacher and see the building.

## Letter from the Principal, Martin DuBois

Hello and welcome to the 2021-2022 school year at Cascades Elementary School. My name is Martin DuBois and I am the Principal at Cascades. We are so excited to have you and your student as part of our school community and family. I promise to ensure a safe, nurturing and engaging learning environment so that your child will grow as much as possible socially, emotionally and academically.

Our staff is highly trained and dedicated to helping all students be successful. We are constantly looking for more creative ways to reach our students through research-based interventions and proven educational practices. We believe that all students can learn, achieve and succeed. We are also dedicated to helping your child grow emotionally and socially. We have a Behavior Interventionist who will provide support and guidance to our children that need behavioral interventions. In conjunction with our counselors, they will meet student needs using behavioral best practices such as, Restorative Justice and Emotional ABC's.

At Jackson Public Schools, we strive for excellence. We are focused on creating students who are workforce ready and lifelong learners. At Cascades, we have a PBIS or Positive Behavior Intervention Supports program, based on a HERO motto. HERO stands for Helpful, Effort, Respectful and Ownership. We feel that these are the qualities that help students be successful in school and in life. We also strive to teach our students about cultural diversity and understanding different viewpoints,

as well as, different perspectives that others may have. By doing this, we hope to create an environment where all people are accepted regardless of skin color, ethnicity, religion or gender. We are in this game together so we should be working together to achieve the common good.

To promote lifelong learning, we like to engage our students in hands-on learning experiences that are designed to get them interested in the world around them. This year, we are planning on, with the support of our PTO, to send our students on more out of school field trips such as attending the Dahlem Nature Center in order to learn about the environment and to open their eyes to the world outside of the city. When looking at some of the good that came out of COVID, we plan on continuing to use technology to advance our student learning and academic skills. Whether it be hands-on learning outside of the classroom or taking advantage of technology to learn, we feel that these types of experiences will help create a well-rounded student and should prove to be priceless.

Our new building is here and ready for us to share and learn. We are very excited and grateful for the support provided to us by you...our JPS community. We can't wait for you and your child to see it!

We are very excited about you and your student joining us for this school year. It's going to be a great year of learning! #Believethethehype and #GOVIKINGS!

Go Vikings!

Martin DuBois  
Principal at Cascades Elementary

## Getting Home From School

Please make sure your teacher knows how your child is getting home from school each day. For the first day of school, put a note in your child's backpack (especially for younger children) about how they are getting home. If transportation needs to change, please be sure to send a note with your child. We will not allow students to go home a different way than we've been told unless the teacher is notified by a parent. If changes need to be made during the day (which we know sometimes happens), please let the office know no later than 3:00 and we will get a message to your student.

## School Times and Information

### School Hours

8:18 - Students will be allowed in to the cafeteria for breakfast.

8:38 - School Starts

3:40 - School Dismisses (11:48 on half days)

Students who are dropped off will enter through the main doors and proceed to the cafeteria for breakfast.

If your student arrives after 8:38, they must come in to the office to get a tardy slip. We know things happen, but please try to ensure that your child is here on time each day they attend.

Staff will be outside for the first few weeks to help guide students during the drop off and we will hand deliver your child during the pick-up. Parents are not allowed past the office to drop off or pick up your student. Bus schedules are listed on our website, so please be sure to check those out. If you have any

If you need to speak with someone, please call the office and an appointment will be scheduled. We do apologize for this inconvenience, but safety is a priority at Cascades Elementary. We appreciate your patience and understanding!

If you must pick your child up early, please come in to the office and we will call your child to the office. You will sign your child out in the office.

## Upcoming Dates

Here are some upcoming dates for you to add to your calendar:

**Tues., August 24** - Open House, 5:30pm-7:00pm

**Weds., August 25** - 1st Day of School (1/2 Day - 11:48 dismissal)

**Fri., Sept. 3** - No School for Students or Staff

**Mon., Sept 6** - Labor Day - No School for Students or Staff

**Tues., Sept. 21** - JPS Board Meeting, JHS Library, 5:45pm

## Looking Ahead

Here is a list of future dates for your reference.

**Weds., Oct. 6 - Student Count Day**

**Fri., Oct. 8** - Cascades Picture Day

**Weds., Oct. 13** - Fall Conferences - 1/2 day for students (11:48 dismissal)

**Thurs., Oct. 14** - Fall Conferences - 1/2 day for students (11:48 dismissal)

**Fri., Oct. 15** - 1/2 day for students (11:48 dismissal)

**Mon., Oct. 18** - No School for Students; PD Day for Staff

**Fri., Nov. 19** - End of 1st Trimester; Records Day; No School for Students

**Nov. 24-26** - Thanksgiving Break; No School for Students or Staff

**Dec. 20-Dec. 31** - Winter Break; No School for Students or Staff

## Medication at School

If your student requires prescription medication to be administered at school (including inhalers), please be sure to have a Medication Authorization Form filled out by the doctor. These forms are available in the office and we are not able to administer any medication without this form. If your child needs any kind of over the counter pain reliever or allergy relief, we would also need a Medication Authorization Form filled out by the doctor.

All medications should be brought to the office by the parent in the original container, with the student's name and dosage on it. If it is an over the counter medicine, it must be in the original box or container, with the child's name written on it.

## Volunteering and PTO

We love our parent volunteers, and would welcome you to help out at school. Before you can volunteer, you must fill out an I-Chat Volunteer form and bring it to the office. We will turn that in with a copy of

