

Cascades Elementary School

October 2021 Newsletter

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Upcoming Dates

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

Weds., Oct. 6 - Student Count Day

Fri., Oct. 8 - Cascades Picture Day

Oct. 11-15 - SPIRIT WEEK (See article for specific days)

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) - NO POPCORN THIS DAY!

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

Weds., Oct. 20 - ASSIST Meetings for grades K-2

Weds., Oct. 27 - TRU Credit Union opens for student deposits

Thurs., Oct. 28 - ASSIST Meetings for grades 3-5

Fri., Oct. 29 - Halloween Parade/Parties - Look for details to come home with your student.

FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER:

POPCORN AND BOOSTICKS!

STARTING OCTOBER 8th!!!

**The Cascades PTO will be
offering a Boo Stick and a bag of
popcorn combo for \$1.00!!!
The PTO will pick the design.**

**SINGLE BAGS OF POPCORN WITH NO BOO
STICK WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE FOR .50 A
BAG.**



**Offer available October 8th, 22nd and 29th. No
popcorn on the 15th as it is a half day!**



PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/Teacher Conferences are on Wednesday, October 13 and Thursday, October 14. Your child's teacher will reach out to you to set up a time for conferences. This is a great time to hear all the wonderful things your students are doing, and what they need to work on. If you are unable to meet in person, please try to do a conference by phone or Zoom.

Please remember that Weds., Oct. 13, Thurs., Oct. 14 and Fri., Oct. 15 are half days, with students being dismissed at 11:48. Please be sure to make arrangements for your students on these days. If your child is getting home a different way than usual, please be sure to send a note to your child's teacher.

SPIRIT WEEK!

We are helping Jackson High School celebrate their homecoming game on October 15 by having Spirit Week at Cascades! From October 11-15, we will have different themes each day for students to have fun with. Here are what the themes are:

October 11 - Super Hero Monday (Dress as your favorite Super Hero!)

October 12 - Crazy Hair Tuesday (Let's see those crazy hairstyles!)

October 13 - Wacky Sock Wednesday (Wear your wackiest socks!)

October 14 - Best Dressed Thursday (Look your best!)

October 15 - JPS Attire Friday (Show your JPS pride today!)

We hope students have fun with this and we look forward to helping support Jackson High School for their homecoming!

GO VIKINGS!

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 your driver's license.

Our PTO will be popping popcorn again this year, and there will be lots of events throughout the year that will need volunteers. Please contact the office if you would like to help out with our PTO. You may also e-mail our PTO at CascadesPTO@jpsk12.org.

DISMISSAL MESSAGES AND EARLY PICK-UPS

Our dismissal has been going very smoothly, and the line moves quickly. If at all possible, please do not come in to the office to pick up your child early. It makes dismissal much more chaotic, and your child misses out on important learning and information at the end of the day.

If you need to change how your child is getting home, please send a note with your child. If you do need to call in to make a change, please do so before 3:00pm (11:00am on half days). This way, we can ensure your child gets the message before the students are dismissed.

Thank you for your help in a smooth dismissal!

SCHOOL TIMES AND INFORMATION

School Hours

8:18 - Doors open and students will be allowed in to the cafeteria for breakfast.

8:38 - School Starts

3:37 - 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 8:37, 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 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 questions, please don't hesitate to call the office at 517-841-3900 or transportation at 517-841-2180. 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.

SMILES ON WHEELS

Smiles on Wheels will be at Cascades from November 1-5. We will be sending permission slips home around the middle of October. Please be sure to send this form back to school with your student if you would like them to be seen. Your student cannot be seen by the dental staff unless we have this permission slip on file. We will also have extras in the office.

LOOKING AHEAD

Here is a list of future dates for your reference.

Nov. 1-5 - Smiles on Wheels at Cascades

Mon., Nov. 15 - Picture Retake Day

Fri., Nov. 19 - End of 1st Trimester; Records Day; Half Day for Students - No Popcorn today

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

Dec. 6-10 - **BOOK FAIR!**

Dec. 10 - Report Cards go home with students

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.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Come see what's happening at Cascades on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/jpscascadeselementary.

Also, check out our website at www.jpsk12.org/cascades.

MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT THIS TIME

At this time, masks are mandated for all JPS students and staff. If that changes, you will get a message from Jeff Beal, our superintendent, who will continue to keep you updated. Thank you for your continued support!

We are Viking Strong!

