



# Frost and Cascades Elementary

## A H.E.R.O. School

# February 2019 Newsletter



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### GOOD NEWS!

The building that housed Cascades Elementary for so many years is now officially torn down. They are still clearing debris, but this will pave the way for our new elementary school! It's sad to see a building come down that has so many memories for all of us, but we're excited to see our new building being built!

### MONSTER READING ASSEMBLY

The theme for our March is Reading month is Monsters. We are kicking off our reading month with a Monster Reading Assembly on Wednesday, February 13. Karen and Darrin Brege are the author and illustrator for many Monster themed books. They have an assembly that is funny and entertaining! The assembly for Kindergarten through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is from 12:45 – 1:45. The assembly for 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grades is from 2:15 – 3:15. We are really excited to be able to have this opportunity for our students!

### CASCADES/FROST FAMILY NIGHT WITH MONSTER MYTH!

On February 13, we are pleased to have another Cascades/Frost Family Night from 6-7:30. We will be having a special night with Karen & Darrin Brege, who will present a fun family program for families that will entertain everyone who attends! There will be dinner provided, and drawings for prizes! Watch for flyers to come home with your students and please RSVP as soon as possible. We'd love to have as many as possible attend and join in the fun.

### HAT DAY AND MASK DAY!



Friday, February 8 is a day that students and staff can pay \$1 and wear a hat to school. It can be any kind of hat you would like! Students and staff will be given a wristband when they have paid a \$1 so they can wear their hat!



Wednesday, February 13 is a day that students and staff can pay \$1 and wear a mask at school. We will have the masks for them to choose from.



The funds raised from each of these events will help us provide all kinds of fun prizes and activities for Reading Month in March!

### STUDENT COUNT DAY

The winter Student Count Day is **Wednesday, February 13**. It is important that you send your child to school on this day. The State of Michigan uses this date in conjunction with Fall Count Day in order to provide funding to our school. Every child enrolled at Frost and Cascades is counted. Thank you for your help with this.



### HOLIDAYS AND HALF DAYS

Thursday, February 14 is a half day of school with dismissal at 11:48 am. Staff will have PD in the afternoon.

There will be no school for students or staff on Friday, February 15. Also, there will be no school for students or staff on Monday, February 18 due to Presidents' Day. Enjoy the long weekend.

### SPRING PICTURES

Spring Pictures are coming soon! Cascades will have their pictures on Wednesday, February 20. Frost will have their pictures on Monday, March 4.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb. 1** -Kindergarten Registr. begins for 2019-2020
- Feb. 6** -Popcorn - \$.50/bag
- Feb. 11** -JPS Board Mtg – 5:45, NE
- Feb. 12** -Hungry Howies Day for Cascades  
-5<sup>th</sup> Grade to the Potter Center to see *Madeleine & the Bad Hat* – 9:15-11:15
- Feb. 13** -**STUDENT COUNT DAY**  
-Popcorn - \$.50/bag  
-Credit Union  
-Reading Assembly – Monster Myths by Darrin & Karen Brege – K-2 from 12:45-1:45; 3-5 from 2:15-3:15  
-Frost/Cascades Family Night with Darrin & Karen Brege – 6:00-7:30 (program and dinner) – Cafeteria and Gym
- Feb. 14** -Valentine's Parties (teachers sending party info home)  
-**1/2 Day of School** (Staff PD) (11:48 dismissal)
- Feb. 15** -**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS OR STAFF**
- Feb. 18** -**NO SCHOOL – Pres. Day**
- Feb. 20** -Popcorn (\$.50/bag)  
-Hungry Howies Day for Frost  
-Cascades Picture Day
- Feb. 22** -PTO Valentine's Dance 5:30-7pm (gym)
- Feb. 25** -Subway Day for Frost (celebrity servers from 4-7)
- Feb. 27** -Popcorn
- March 1** -1/2 Day for Students (11:48 dismissal)  
-End of 2<sup>nd</sup> trimester  
-Records Day for teachers
- March 4** -Frost Picture Day
- March 4-8**-Book Fair, Library
- March 7** -Parent/Teacher Conf., 4-7
- March 8** -1/2 day, students & staff (11:48 dismissal)
- March 11-NO SCHOOL, STUDENTS**  
-PD Day for Teachers
- March 13**-PTO Meeting – 4pm, library
- March 15**-Report Cards go home
- March 29-April 5** – SPRING BREAK



## KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

We will begin registering students **Wednesday, February 1** for the 2019-2020 Kindergarten classes.

If your child will be five on or before September 1, 2019, he/she can be registered for Kindergarten. To register for Kindergarten you will need to have the following:

1. Your child's official birth certificate
2. Current Immunization records
3. Proof of residency (2 forms, i.e., Driver's License, Lease, Property Tax payment, Insurance forms, etc.)
4. Proof of Vision Testing.

Please pass this information on to anyone you know with children this age. If you have a student in a Head Start or ISD Pre-School class, you still must register them for Kindergarten. It is not automatically transferred to JPS.

Listed below are elementary schools in JPS, the grades they offer and their phone numbers. Kindergarten Round-Up dates will be on the JPS website.

Bennett Elem. (K-2) – 517-841-2730  
Cascades/Frost (K-5) – 517-841-3900  
Dibble Elem. (K-5) – 517-841-3970  
Hunt Elem. (K-5-Bal. Cal.)– 517-841-2610  
JPS Montessori (K-4)–517-841-3870  
Northeast Elem. (3-5) – 517-841-2500  
Sharp Park Acad. (K-5)– 517-841-2860

## POPCORN!!!

Popcorn Day is every Wednesday! Students are able to buy popcorn for \$.50/bag. This is a fun day for students, **however we need the help of volunteers.** If you can help on Wednesday morning to pop popcorn, bag it and distribute it to the students, please call the office at 841-2600.

## ROLLING INTO FEBRUARY IN PE!

Rolling into February in PE!! We will be learning the basics of Bowling. We will be working on hand grips, lane markings and manually scoring. Bowling 101 donates the lanes to us for the month with no charge, which is great for our kiddos.

Also, Mrs. Schneider and Mr. Harbottle asked to please remember to remind your students to wear appropriate gym shoes to their PE class. Heels and boots are unsafe.

## SUBWAY DAY FOR FROST



On Monday, February 25, Subway (on Brown Street) is donating 10% of their profits for the entire day back to Frost. Also, from 4:00 – 7:00, if you come in this Subway, you will see some familiar faces serving your food. Staff from Frost will be Celebrity Servers during this time. Come in and say “hi” and get a great meal for your family! Be looking for information about Cascades Subway night!

## HUNGRY HOWIES

On February 12, Cascades will be having a Hungry Howie's Day. All day, you can order from Hungry Howie's and just say it is for Cascades, and they will donate 20% of the profits back to Cascades.

On February 20, Frost will be having their Hungry Howie's Day. All day, you can order from Hungry Howie's and just say it is for Frost, and they will donate 20% of the profits back to Frost.

Be sure to let your family members and friends know about this great fundraiser for both schools. Hungry Howie's is located at 836 N. West Ave and their phone number is 817-2000.

## CREDIT UNION/SAVINGS

Our CP Federal Credit Union is up and running. Your child can begin to form the habit of saving each Wednesday at school. I encourage you to have your child establish the pattern of saving. Students may deposit any amount in their account. If you have questions regarding this program, please call the Frost office at 841-2600.

## VALENTINE'S DAY PARTIES

Frost students will enjoy their Valentine's Day parties on **Thursday, February 14**. Each teacher will be planning their own party. Your child's teacher will inform you about the details of the party. If bringing Valentine's cards is part of the celebration, please make sure your child brings a card for every child in the class. Also, please make sure you are to bring/send a treat for the party.

## PTO VALENTINE'S DANCE



The PTO is sponsoring a dance for all Frost students (grades 3-5 only). This will be held on Friday, February 22 from 5:30-7pm. The cost is \$5.00 per student, and it will include music, fun and activities. Concessions will be available for purchase. Parents will need to sign their students in and sign them out. Look for flyers and more information to come home with your students.

## THIRD GRADE TESTING

Third grade students at Frost Elementary will take the Naglieri in **February**. This is a test that measures each child's individual ability level. The results will provide us information to address the learning needs of your child.

This is not a test you can help your child study for. You can help him/her by having him/her get a good night's sleep and by eating a nutritious breakfast.

## BOX TOPS

Remember to turn in your Box Tops for Education! We will have a contest for the month of February to see which class can turn in the most Box Tops for Education. Be sure to turn your Box Tops in on the provided sheet, or in a baggie with your name and your teacher's name on it. The class with the most Box Tops **turned in by February 25** will earn a pizza party! Look for collections sheets and more info to be coming home with your student.

## HEALTHY FOOD POLICY AT JPS



Jackson Public Schools has asked all schools to adopt a Healthy Food Policy. We offer healthy choices to each student on a daily basis in the cafeteria.

**Also, we do not allow any cupcakes, cookies, cakes, or unhealthy options to be brought in to the classroom.** If you would like to bring birthday treats in for your student, consider options like fruit snacks, cheese sticks, crackers and cheese, fruit, veggies, or any other healthy food item. Always make sure to check with your student's teacher to ask what time would be best.



## PICK-UP AND DROP OFF AT FROST/CASCADES

We have been seeing lots of parents driving too fast in the drop off and pick up areas at the school, and there have been some close calls. Please note that there are new painted walkways in front of the building, and the students will be crossing at these areas.

**PLEASE BE CAREFUL, SLOW DOWN AND WATCH CLOSELY FOR STUDENTS.**

### OFFICE PHONES

We do our best to answer every phone call that comes in. However, during busy times it is sometimes difficult. Please leave a message and we will call you back as soon as possible. We are not always able to answer the phones after 3:00 in the afternoon, so please do not call with transportation changes after 3:00. This is an extremely busy time in the office, and we cannot guarantee a message will be received in time to get it to your student! Thank you for your understanding and patience.



### SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please listen to **AM 97.0** WKHM or **FM K105.3** for up-to-date information concerning school closings and/or delays. Local TV stations will also have school closure information. The district has set up a calling system to alert parents when school is closed, so please make sure you have your correct information on file in our office. You can also use the new JPS App, Social Media and [www.jpsk12.org](http://www.jpsk12.org) to get information on school closures.

### WINTER DRESS

Students will go outside on a daily basis even during the winter months. Children need fresh air playtime as often as possible. Please help your child dress properly for winter outdoor play. Students should wear a warm coat, boots, gloves, and a hat or hood.

Snow pants are a good idea due to the amount of snow on the playground. Students need to bring shoes to wear during the day. It is uncomfortable to wear boots all day long. If your child is in need of a warm coat, please let us know. By dressing properly, the children will enjoy outdoor play during the winter season.

### SNOWBALLS & SNOW THROWING

Please discuss the following with your child: *throwing of snowballs and/or snow is not acceptable during recess, getting off the bus, or while waiting for the bus or a ride. Accidents can happen when snowballs are thrown.*

Consequences will be given for throwing snow. These may range from standing on the fence at recess to having to serve lunch detentions. Thank you for your help with keeping our students safe.

### MORNING ARRIVAL

Please note that supervision at Frost & Cascades begins at 8:15 a.m. every morning. Students are not to arrive at school prior to this time. Please make sure your child knows what time to leave for school in order to arrive at 8:15 a.m. or later. When students arrive in the morning, they must walk down the side of the building and enter the school by the cafeteria, not the front office. (The only time students should come in by the front office is if they are late to school. Then they must sign in at the office and get a tardy slip.) Breakfast is not served until 8:15 a.m.

**Also, if you drop your child off behind the school in the morning, or during school hours, please do not go past the parking lot in the back. We have had parents driving in the bus area while children are getting off busses or going to the playground. Please help keep all students safe by dropping off and picking up in designated areas. Thank you for your help.**

### STUDENT PICK-UP

Many parents are coming to school to pick-up their children before the end of the school day. We realize there are times that leaving early cannot be avoided; however, when students are picked up early, many times, they are missing valuable

instructional time. Please limit early pick-up to emergency situations or appointments that must be scheduled at that time.

If you have to sign your child out early, it is our policy to have you come in the office, ask for your child to be called to meet you, and then sign your child out. We will not call students to the office until you are here to sign them out. It is for the safety of your child that you must sign them out and have us call them down to the office. If everyone adheres to the procedures, it will greatly help with this situation. Thank you for helping.

### SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Please call 841-2600 (Frost) or 841-3900 (Cascades) to let us know if your student is going to be absent from school. Communication is the key to preventing truancy calls. Also, if your student is tardy or being picked up early for a doctor's appt., please bring the doctor's note to the office.

### END OF THE DAY

As you pick your child up at the end of the day, please remember that the pick-up lane is just that, a spot for you to stop and pick-up your child. If you need to come into the building, please park in a marked parking space in the main lot. This will allow the pick-up lanes to be free of parked, unattended cars, letting the parents drive through after picking up students. Please use caution while leaving the school at the end of the day. The students are crossing and getting into cars or starting to walk home. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

### ***MARCH IS READING MONTH!***

*Look for information to come home with your students about all the fun activities planned for Reading Month in March!*



