



Frost and Cascades Elementary

A H.E.R.O. School

October 2018 Newsletter



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THANK YOU

Thank you to the students and family members who made the opening of the 2018-2019 school year a success. Cascades and Frost have almost 500 students in grades K-5. It takes everyone working as a team, following all rules and procedures to make the day go well. Thank you for being a part of our team. The staff at Frost and Cascades appreciate your support.

CONFERENCES

Our Fall Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on the afternoons of October 23 & 24. It is critical that you attend your scheduled conference to discuss the progress your child is making with his/her teacher. Your child's teacher will be sending home your scheduled conference time. If there is a conflict, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible to reschedule to a time you are able to attend.

PD DAYS AND HALF DAYS

Monday, October 15, there will be no school for students. Teachers and staff will be involved in Professional Development.

Oct. 24-26 are half days due to parent teacher conferences. Each of those days we will dismiss at 11:50am. (Friday, Oct. 26 is a half day for students AND staff.)

PICTURE DAY

Picture Day for Cascades will be on Thursday, October 4. (Retakes for Cascades will be on November 9.)

Picture Day for Frost will be on Monday, October 8. (Retakes for Frost will be on November 20.)

Picture forms for both schools will be going home with your student.

STAFF CHANGES

There have been a few staff changes. We have had to eliminate a 3rd and 4th grade classroom at Frost, and add a Young 5's class at Cascades. Students have moved in to other classrooms, and your child's new teacher will contact you. Ms. Cyrocki is now teaching Kindergarten, and Mrs. Glaspie is teaching 2nd grade now. Ms. Salenbien has returned to Northeast. Ms. Maxson has moved to 5th grade. Thank you for your patience as we transition with these changes.



SUBWAY DAY FOR FROST

On Tuesday, October 9, Subway (on Brown Street) is donating 10% of their profits for the entire day back to Frost. Also, from 4:30 – 7:30, 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!

PTO FALL FESTIVAL

The PTO is hosting a Fall Festival for all Frost and Cascades students and families on Thursday, October 11, 2017 from 5:30pm-7:00pm. Dinner will be served from 5:30-6pm. At 6pm, there will be activities taking place in the cold lunch room and gym. There will be crafts to make, games, temp tattoo station, selfie area and movie area in the gym. There will be doughnuts and cider at the end while they announce the prize winners.

More information will be coming home with your students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 2 -Hungry Howies Day for Cascades
- Oct. 3 -COUNT DAY
-Popcorn Day
- Oct. 4 -Cascades Picture Day
- Oct. 8 -Frost Picture Day
-JPS Board Meeting at Sharp Park – 5:30pm
- Oct. 9 -Subway Day for Frost
- Oct. 10 -Popcorn Day
-CP Fed. Credit Union
- Oct. 11 -PTO Family Fall Festival, 5:30-7pm
- Oct. 15 -No School for Students, PD Day for Staff
- Oct. 17 -Popcorn Day
-Hungry Howies Day for Frost
- Oct. 18 -Story Fest for Frost
- Oct. 19 -Story Fest for Cascades
- Oct. 22-26-Book Fair in Library
- Oct. 24 -Popcorn Day
-K-5 Conferences
-1/2 day for students, 11:48 dismissal
- Oct. 25 -K-5 Conferences
-1/2 day for students, 11:48 dismissal
- Oct. 26 -1/2 day for students and staff, 11:48 dismissal
- Oct. 31 -Halloween Parties & Parade
- Nov. 17 -End of 1st trimester, ½ day for students (11:50 dismissal)
- Nov. 4 -Daylight Saving Time Ends
- Nov. 9 -Cascades Picture Retakes
- Nov. 16 -End of 1st Tri, ½ Day
- Nov. 20 -Frost Picture Retakes
- Nov. 21-23-Thanksgiving Break



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.

POPCORN ON WEDNESDAYS

Popcorn has started back up this year, so students can purchase popcorn for \$.50 a bag every Wednesday. We need volunteers to help pop popcorn and distribute bags to classrooms. If you would like to help with this, please contact the office at 841-2600.



BOXTOPS

We are collecting Boxtops for Education to earn points for Frost. Please save and send them to school with your student.

We are having a contest this year between the classrooms! The classroom with the most labels and boxtops brought between now and January 30, will win a pizza party at the end of the year!

Thanks for saving your boxtops & labels!



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.

HEALTHY FOOD 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.



BOOK FAIR

We are hosting a Scholastic Book Fair from October 22 – October 26 in the library. Please consider purchasing a book for your child. Students will have the opportunity to shop during school hours. Parents will be able to shop during conference times. Information about the Book Fair, including a schedule, will be sent home with your child and on the website.

Are you interested in volunteering at the Book Fair? If you are interested in helping with the Book Fair, please call the office at 841-2600 and leave your name and when you would be available to volunteer. All volunteers get a \$5.00 credit to use at the Book Fair!

CHANGE TO NURSING SERVICES

We do not have school nurses to check students. The secretaries and principals have been trained to dispense medication, respond to an emergency, as well as to dispense medication for field trips. We are not allowed to take temperatures or dispense **ANY** medication (including inhalers, Tylenol, Advil, etc.) without a doctor's note. **If your child is ill, she or he will be sent home.**

HALLOWEEN PARADE/PARTIES

The Halloween parade and classroom parties will be held on Wednesday, October 31. Details of the parade will be sent home on an event flier, please watch for it. Students may bring costumes to change into. **They may not wear their costume to school.** Costumes that depict violence are not allowed. Students may not bring toy weapons as part of their costume. Teachers will notify you regarding details of their classroom parties, or events they plan.

Have a safe and Happy Halloween! Please remember to wear reflective clothing, and check all treats before consumption.

HEALTHY SNACKS AT SCHOOL

We have received a grant that allows us to provide a healthy snack for every student at Frost & Cascades this year!



HUNGRY HOWIES

On October 2, 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 October 17, 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.



ELLA SHARP FALL FESTIVAL

Ella Sharp is hosting a Fall Festival on Sunday, October 7 from 12pm-4pm. Sign in at the JPS table by the Planetarium to receive a free book, a coupon for free popcorn or cotton candy, and a ticket for our prize drawings!

CP FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

CP Federal Credit Union will be starting up at Frost & Cascades on Wednesday, October 10. They will be coming monthly this year, so be sure to look and see what day they are coming to our building. All students are invited to deposit in their savings accounts. Please contact your local branch to see how to open an account for your child.

STORY FEST AT FROST/CASCADES

Story Fest will be at Frost and Cascades to share some great stories and lots of fun for our students!

On Thursday, October 18, Story Fest will be here for Frost. The presentations will be given at the following times: 9:30am – 5th grade; 10:30am – 4th grade; and 1:30pm – 3rd grade.

On Friday, October 19, Story Fest will be here for Cascades. The presentations will be given at the following times: 9:30am – Kindergarten; 10:30 – 1st grade; and 1:30pm – 3rd grade.

This will be a fun time for all our students and we look forward to having Story Fest visit our school!

PERSONAL ITEMS

Items such as coats, jackets, bookbags, lunchboxes, etc. should be labeled with the student's name and room number. Lost items are easier to return to students when they are labeled. Lost and Found (located by the cafeteria) will be cleaned out each month. Items not claimed will be donated.

We do not permit students to bring any personal items such as Ipods, cd players, Game Boys, video games, pagers, **cell phones** and toys to school. These items will be taken away and given back to a parent. We think these items are distracting to students while at school. The school will not assume responsibility for any loss due to theft or breakage.

If your child must bring a cell phone in order to reach you at the end of the day, he/she must bring it to the office in the morning and pick it up in the afternoon OR give it to his/her teacher to hold onto for the day.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Jackson Public School Board of Education is very concerned about attendance for all the students in our school district. We set a high goal for our attendance, so we expect students to be in attendance each day. Of course if your child is ill, we understand their absence. Attendance is important so your child can learn all he/she can during the year. This allows the students to get into the daily routine established by the teacher. If for any reason your child will be absent, **please call the office at 841-2600 or 841-3900 and leave your child's name, the teacher's name and reason for absence.** These absences will be marked "AN"=Absent Notified.

It is equally important for your students to be at school on time. Teachers have important information being given in the first part of the day, and your students will miss this information when they are tardy.

An **Unexcused** absence or tardy is one without a doctor's excuse. An **Excused** absence or tardy is marked when a doctor's note is brought in. Students' attendance will be marked as (TE)=Tardy Excused or (AEX)=Absent Excused. Students'

arrival time and reason for the tardy will always be indicated on their attendance screen.

According to the policy set forth by the JPS Board, letters will be sent to parents when a student has been absent five and ten days. If a student misses 10 days of school, a referral is made to the Truancy Officer. It is possible that the Truancy Officer may make a referral to the Court System. The Jackson County Prosecutor continues to take a tough stand on truancy cases.

DAILY SCHEDULE

School will begin at 8:38 a.m. and dismiss at 3:40 p.m. On half days, our dismissal time will be at 11:48 a.m.

All students will be able to eat breakfast in the cafeteria between 8:18 and 8:38 a.m. each day. The recess and lunch periods are as follows:

11:05 – 11:45 - Grades K, 1

11:45 – 12:25 - Grades 2, 3

12:25 – 1:05 - Grades 4, 5

APPOINTMENTS

If you are picking up your child from Frost or Cascades at **any time** during the day, **you need to check in at the Main Office.** Students will continue to work in their classrooms until a parent arrives at the school to pick their child up for an appointment. The secretary will be happy to call your child to the office when you arrive at the school so you can sign your child out. Students will **not** be released to anyone that is not listed on their Accident/Emergency Form.

STUDENT MESSAGES

Our policy this year is to not transfer calls to the classrooms during school hours. It is very disruptive to the classroom to interrupt the lessons, and we want all our students to do their very best. Call the main office and we are happy to pass a message to your student or the teacher.

For the safety of your children, if you are changing your student's mode of transportation home, we ask that you write a note with your student. If you must call, we ask that you not contact the

school with transportation changes after 3:00 in the afternoon.

The teachers are getting the students ready to leave and it is difficult to reach them that late. This will ensure your student gets the message.

ARRIVAL

When students arrive in the morning they are to enter the building at the gym entrance. Students being dropped off in the front parking lot are to walk down the sidewalk beside the building to enter the cafeteria or gym in the back. (Students are not allowed to walk down the halls before 8:38 because there is no supervision.) **Students must be dropped in front of the school. We are no longer allowing parents to drop students in the back of the school.** Students eating breakfast may go directly to the cafeteria. All students should go sit in their assigned areas.

Please exercise extra caution when driving in the parking lots. We have a number of younger children attending Frost & Cascades. This helps us ensure a safe zone for our students.

DISMISSAL

We dismiss each day at 3:40 p.m. If you pick up your child at the end of the day, please have a designated place for him/her to meet you. Please do not come in and ask the secretary to call your child to the office because at the end of the day the teachers are in the hallway getting students ready to go home and are not near the phone. By following this request, you will help our dismissal go smoothly.

Also, please drive slowly and use caution in the parking lots. Please be courteous and patient with other drivers as you pick up your child. If you are picking up your child, please use the Front parking lot and use the drop-off/pick-up lane. Please do not leave your vehicle parked and unattended in this area. Thank you for your cooperation.

