



# CASCADE ELEMENTARY

Cascade Elementary School Newsletter

December 2022

## Message from the Principal

Hello Cascade Elementary families,

We hope that you had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday.

I would like to thank parents and families for their interaction and support at parent teacher conferences. These conferences represent great opportunities for us to connect with families and to share the successes your children are experiencing in school.

This year we will not be holding a holiday vocal music concert. We will be holding a spring concert. More information will be coming from our music teacher, Mrs. Amy Goebel, in the very near future.

A project that we are currently working on is installing a new Pre-K playground at Cascade Elementary. This project is being supported by the district and also the Cascade Elementary PTO. This playground will be designed and suited for 3 to 5 year old children. Our hope is that construction starts in the spring and the playground is open for use at the start of the 2023–24 school year.

Have a safe and happy holiday season. Please reach out if there's anything that we can do to support your family or your child.

Sincerely,

Dan Wendler

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# Classroom Spotlight

## 1st Grade

Welcome to First Grade!

This year is off to a great start! Both first grade classes are enjoying our morning meetings—greeting our friends, reading a daily message, doing a fun group activity, and sharing time! We have found that this is a fun way to start and end our day of learning! During this morning time we have been learning all about Cougar Pride what it looks like and sounds like for first graders. We are learning how to show Cougar Pride in and out of the classroom.

In reading we have started reading centers—we work in small groups on reading, writing and word work (sight words, phonics, and Magic Rime). We also carry over our whole group literacy comprehension lessons to independent work/practice at centers. This allows the students a chance to apply what they learn from our whole group lessons. We have also been doing a lot of writing—working on complete sentences, starting with a capital letter and adding that end mark.

In math we have been learning a lot about addition and subtraction, counting up and back on a number paths and number grids and we have been working with data charts-asking and answering questions using tallies. We have started our unit on measurement and are learning how to measure objects to measure length.

In writing we are starting to write small moment stories—things that have happened to them or things they have done. We are focusing on how to write a story using beginning, middle and end.

We are looking forward to a great year of learning how to do many things but most importantly we can't wait to learn how to become better readers and writers! Don't forget to read a little bit each day!

### Dates to Remember:

#### December

7—Virtual PTO Meeting 6:45  
11—Holiday in the Garden  
3:30-5:00  
14—Yoga in Schools  
19—Cougar Pride Assembly  
& Holiday Celebration  
22—No School for PreK only  
23—30—No School, Winter  
Break

#### January

2—No School, Winter Break  
3—No School for PreK only  
11—Yoga in Schools  
13—CES Dubuque Fighting  
Saints Hockey Night 6:30 pm  
16—No School, Martin Luther  
King Jr., Day

### Fechas para recordar:

#### Diciembre

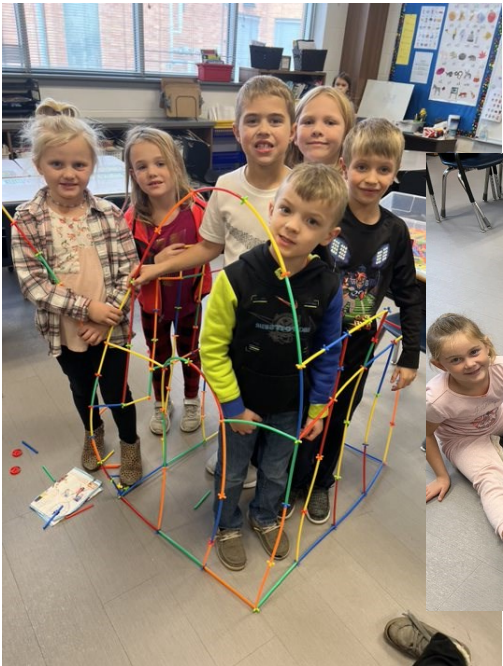
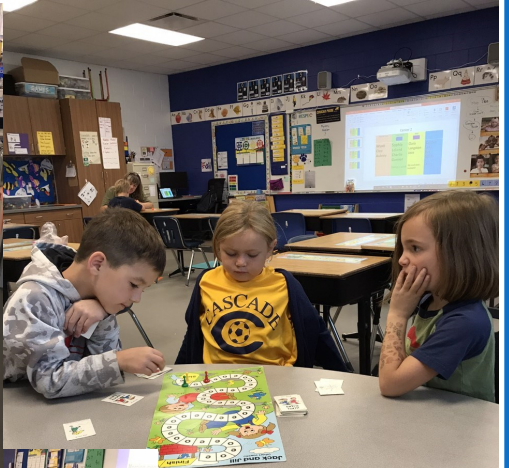
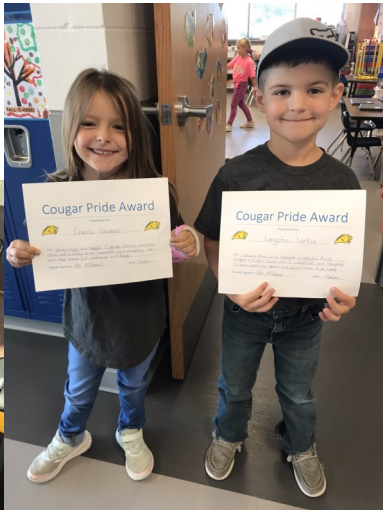
7 - Reunion Virtual de la PTO  
(Organizacion de Padres y  
Maestros) 6:45  
11—Dia festivo en el jardín  
3:30-5:00  
14—Yoga en las escuelas  
19—Asamblea del Orgullo de  
Cougars y Dia Festivo Cele-  
bración  
22—No hay escuela para  
PreK  
23—30—No escuela, vacacio-  
nes de invierno

#### Enero

2—No escuela, vacaciones  
de invierno  
3—No hay escuela para  
PreK  
11—Yoga en las escuelas  
13—CES Dubuque Fighting  
Saints Hockey Night 6:30 pm  
16—No hay escuela, Martin  
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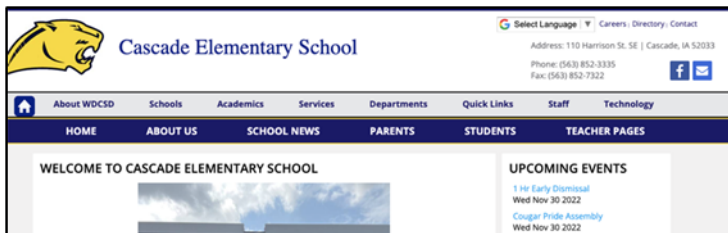


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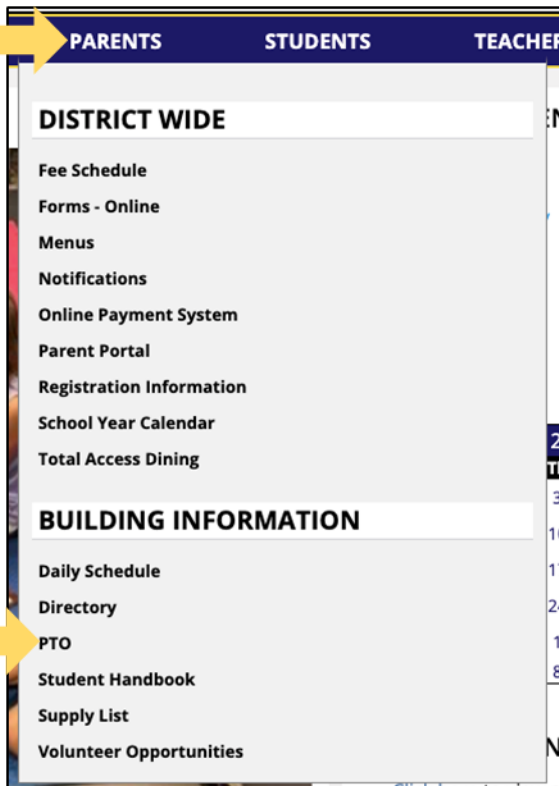
## Where to find the PTO Meeting Minutes?

If you are not able to attend meetings but want to stay informed with PTO current events and plans here is how to access our monthly meeting minutes.

Visit [www.wdbqschools.org](http://www.wdbqschools.org) and click on Schools and go to the Cascade Elementary School page.



Click on PARENTS and then PTO



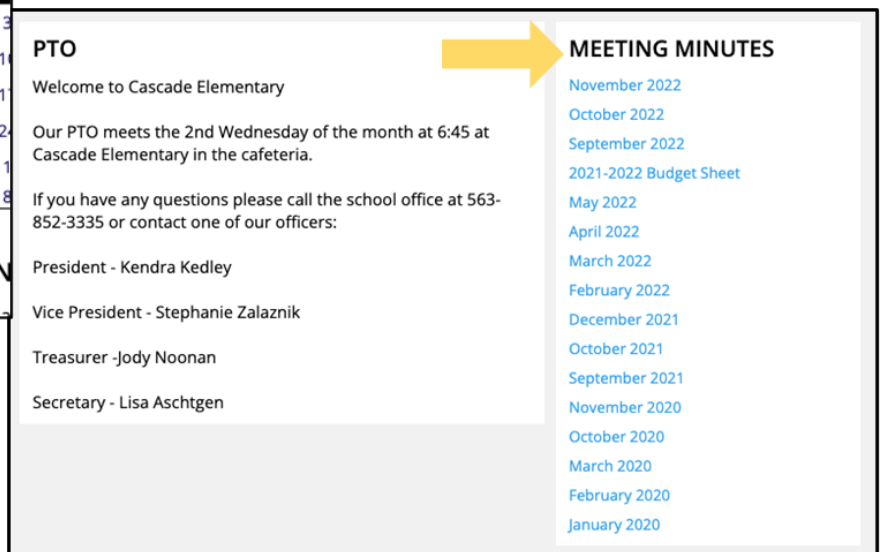
## PTO Meetings:

Next Meeting –  
Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup> @  
6:45 pm

Our December PTO meeting will be a virtual meeting. Please reach out to an officer or Mr. Wendler if you would like to attend.

## PTO Officers:

Kendra Kedley –President  
Stephanie Zalaznik -- Vice President  
Jody Noonan – Treasurer  
Lisa Aschtgen - Secretary



# Nurse's Corner

*We are past the time of scary goblins, ghosts, vampires and zombies but now entering an even scarier time of colds, flu, temps and vomiting! Oh my!!!*

*Quite frequently students complain of different symptoms and it can be difficult to determine whether you should keep them home from school or send them. Following are some guidelines to help you determine what the best choice might be for your child...*

**Temperature:** *100.4 and above is considered a temperature per updated CDC recommendations. Students should stay at home for 24 hours once temp-free without the aid of Tylenol/Ibuprofen.*

**Vomiting:** *You can go hours without vomiting if you haven't eaten, but as soon as you eat or drink you can get sick again...so don't return to school until they are able to drink liquids and eat solid food without vomiting.*

**Coughing:** *This is most likely the hardest symptom to determine, we all know a cough from Bronchitis or a cold can last for weeks and we don't want students out that long! If they feel okay and the cough is only occasional then they can return to school. If they just don't seem to be able to stop coughing please keep them home.*

**Diarrhea:** *Please keep students' home until 24 hours after the last loose stool.*

**Pain:** *When a student complains of a sore knee or mild headache, its just fine to give some Tylenol/Ibuprofen and send to school. Students who complain of pain which is more than mild or minor should stay at home to be monitored.*

*We hope you find these guidelines helpful, please contact your school nurse if you have any questions.*

## Counselor's News

Reminder to sign up for the Angel Tree if you have not done so! If you feel you are in need of extra support this holiday season, please reach out to Ms. Botsford **ASAP**. Also, any students who are in need of coats, snow pants, hats, gloves, or any other winter gear please reach out!

Email: [ashley.botsford@wdbqschools.org](mailto:ashley.botsford@wdbqschools.org) or phone: 563-258-7609.

## BACKPACK PROGRAM



### Weekend Backpack Food Program:

Backpacks include extra food items for breakfast, snacks, and other meals. They will be distributed on Fridays to students at school.

**Please contact Ms. Botsford for more information or questions!**

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