



CASCADE ELEMENTARY

Cascade Elementary School Newsletter

February 2023

Message from the Principal

Hello Cascade Elementary families,

I hope this chilly beginning of February finds you well. We are very excited for the coming month as we have several exciting things going on at Cascade Elementary.

Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Please be on the lookout for your child to be bringing home a note about treats and candy as well as a class list for Valentines.

Parent teacher conferences will be held on February 14th and 15th of this month. We are very excited to have you all come in so that we can share the progress that your children are making at school with you. We recently completed our winter assessments and growth from fall to winter has been phenomenal.

On February 15th we will also be holding our PTO VIP breakfast. We have not been able to hold this event since COVID, so we are very excited to bring it back. The flyer and RSVP will be sent home via email today.

We also have a long weekend scheduled after conferences. This is a great late winter reset as we head into the final stretch of the school year.

Thank you for your ongoing support and if there is anything that we can do to better serve your children, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Dan Wendler
Elementary Principal

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Classroom Spotlight

4th Grade

Happy New Year from 4th grade! We have been busy learning and growing in our writing, math, reading, science, social studies, and social emotional skills this school year.

Students are currently working on their opinion pieces in writing. We are focusing on writing strong opinions that can be backed up by multiple reasons and examples. Once we complete the editing process, we will be moving on to our states research projects!

In reading, we have been diving deep into our comprehension strategies. Though we have touched on so many throughout the year, recently 4th graders have looked closely at character traits as well as main ideas and details. We also continue to grow in word knowledge and fluency during our guided reading time.

So many concepts have been covered this year in math! We have just wrapped up a unit on multiplication and will be starting our next unit on adding and subtracting fractions. We are continuing our learning of angles as well as multidigit addition and subtraction.

Social studies and science have been a blast as well! In social studies we are focused on learning the regions of the United States. We have already covered the Northeast and Southeast regions and are now learning about the Southwest region. Students are researching the different aspects of each region and then will present to the class their findings. In science, we are currently taking care of a pet goldfish and some guppies! We are learning about animals in freshwater environments and food chains.

During the month of January, we were given the privilege of being Cougar Pride Leaders. We completed a series of challenges leading up to the Cougar Pride assembly. We showed kindness, empathy, and respect in a variety of ways. Students created bookmarks for one another, made cards for staff, invited others to play at recess, and more! Ask your student how they continue to show Cougar Pride every day!

Dates to Remember:

February

8—Yoga in Schools, PTO Meeting at The Corner Taproom at 6:45

14—Parent Teacher Conferences 3:30-7:00

15—End of Trimester, VIP Breakfast, Parent Teacher Conferences 3:00-7:00

16—No School, Teacher In-service

17-20—No School

22—Cougar Pride Assembly, 4th & 5th Grade Field Trip

March

8—Yoga in Schools

29—Cougar Pride Assembly

Fechas para recordar:

Febrero

8—Yoga en las escuelas, Reunión de PTO en The Corner Taproom a las 6:45

14—Conferencias de Padres y Maestros 3:30-7:00

15—Fin del Trimestre, Desayuno VIP, Conferencias de Padres y Maestros 3:00-7:00

16—Sin escuela, Maestro en Servicio

17-20—Sin escuela

22—Ensamblaje del Orgullo de Cougars, Excursión de 4^o y 5^o grado

Marzo

8—Yoga en las escuelas

29—Ensamblaje del Orgullo de Cougars

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--- PTO News ---

We had a great Holiday in the Garden event this year. Thanks to all who attended. It is great to see our Cougar family enjoying time together.

PTO is excited to be able to host the VIP (Very Important Person) Breakfast this year. We have missed hosting this event the past couple of years and are looking forward to having our students invite their VIPs into school. More details will be coming home soon.

During the next couple PTO meetings we look forward to begin planning for our annual Color Run fundraising event. This year we will be focusing on raising funds to help purchase additional equipment for a new Preschool playground for next school year. We are also always excited to begin approving field trips for our students.



PTO Meetings:

Next Meeting –

Wednesday, February 8th @

6:45 pm

The Corner Taproom

PTO Officers:

Kendra Kedley –President

Stephanie Zalaznik -- Vice President

Jody Noonan – Treasurer

Lisa Aschtgen - Secretary

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 Mrs. Gansen for more information or questions!



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We are excited to share that we are moving forward with a new Pre-K playground at Cascade Elementary. This project will be funded in large part by Western Dubuque Community School District and made possible by our amazing Cascade Elementary PTO contributing nearly \$20,000 to provide additional equipment to the play space. For those that would like to support this project, please donate to our annual Color Run coming up this Spring.



Park Planet

Cascade Elementary School
Cascade, Iowa

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