



CASCADE ELEMENTARY

Cascade Elementary School Newsletter

October 2022

Message from the Principal

Hello Cascade Elementary families,

The beautiful fall weather is here, and we are all hopeful that it will last several weeks. The end of September is always a busy and exciting time in the elementary world. We spend most of the first few weeks of school setting routines, conducting assessments and laying the foundation for a great school year. Now that the assessment window has closed, we have really ramped up instruction. Students are getting into full guided reading groups to go along with math instruction that started heavily a few weeks ago. We are also able to identify students with areas of struggle to put plans and interventions in place to support their learning based on individual needs.

As you know, we conducted a lockdown in evacuation drill earlier in September. The drill was incredibly successful. I want to think our teachers and parents for talking to and supporting our students in preparation before and after the drill. I would also like to think that Dubuque County Sheriff's department, Cascade Police department, Cascade Fire department and Dubuque County Emergency Management for their support and guidance in this process. We hope that we never have to use these skills, but our students and staff knowing and understanding the procedures is important.

October will be a busy month with Cascade Homecoming, Red Ribbon Week and our PTO Trunk or Treat. We look forward to the fun times and dress up days for our students.

Thank you for your continued support. Please reach out if you have any questions or would like to provide feedback.

Sincerely,
Dan Wendler

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Classroom Spotlight

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten has been working hard in science, where they just started an investigation of the world's biggest plant: trees! Kindergarteners have observed many different trees in Cascade and are learning about the parts of a tree, different tree shapes, and what trees need to grow. Each kindergarten class will even 'adopt' a tree in our schoolyard to observe throughout the year and watch as it changes with the upcoming seasons.

Cascade Elementary School worked throughout the summer to update our hard surface playing area to help make recess more fun and accessible for all grade levels in our school. With the help of our school's PTO, we were able to add a new playground, rubber woodchips, plus a shelter for shade onto our hard surface. The kindergarteners love the new upgrades and are enjoying playing on the new equipment.

As well as working on literacy, math, science, and writing, we also try to incorporate as many hands-on learning opportunities as possible during our independent center times. We do this through various puzzles, STEM activities, interactive read alouds, and manipulatives. This helps make academics more engaging for students as they combine learning and play together.



Eldon Noonan, Willow Morfey, Henry Knuth, Owen Bruggeman, Elizabeth Cook, Hattie Lynch, Jackson Pritchett, and Kennedy Ryan enjoying the new playground on our hard surface.

Dates to Remember:

October

- 7—Homecoming
- 12—Yoga in Schools, PTO Meeting at Two Gingers 6:45 pm
- 14—Jam the Van (more info to come)
- 21—Fire Prevention w/Fire Dept.
- 24-28—Red Ribbon Week (more info to come)
- 24—Trunk or Treat 5:30-6:30 pm (more info to come)
- 26—Cougar Pride Assembly
- 28—Scare Away Drugs—Fall Celebration

November

- 1—Picture Retakes
- 8—Parent Teacher Conferences
- 9—End of Trimester, Yoga in School, Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10—No School, Teacher In-Service
- 11-14—No School
- 23-25—No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
- 30—Cougar Pride Assembly

Fechas para recordar:

Octubre

- 7—Homecoming
- 12—Yoga en las escuelas, Reunión de PTO en Two Gingers 6:45 de la noche
- 14—Jam the Van (más información por venir)
- 21—Prevención de Incendios con El Departamento de Incendios
- 24-28—Semana de la Cinta Roja (más información por venir)
- 24—Trunk o Treat 5:30-6:30 pm (más información por venir)
- 26—Asamblea del Orgullo Cougar
- 28—Ahuyentar las drogas—Celebración de otoño

Noviembre

- 1—Retomas de imagenes
- 8—Conferencias de Padres y Maestros
- 9—Fin de trimestre, Yoga en la escuela, Conferencias de padres y maestros
- 10—No hay escuela, maestro en servicio
- 11-14—No hay escuela
- 23-25—Sin escuela, vacaciones de Acción de Gracias
- 30—Asamblea del Orgullo De Cougars

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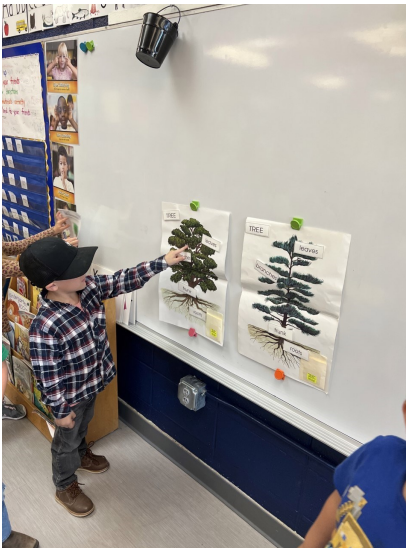
Easton Schultz, Cannon Trumm, Eli Gibbs, Maverick Gassman, Charlie Johnson, Waylon Ressler, and Ridge Loewen playing Gaga Ball.



Eli Gibbs and Easton Schultz taking a break from a football game at recess.



Tad Stecklein, Charlie Johnson, Hattie Lynch, and John Marcus identifying the different parts of a tree in science.



Damien Gassmann labeling the different parts of a tree.



Rilee Zuercher and Sara Staner working on labeling the different parts of a tree.



Molli Lawrence, Owen O'Dell, Max Koos, and Cannon Trumm showing their Science Notebooks about trees.

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Emberly Dole acting out the 5 Little Monkeys story with puppets and a read aloud.



Allie Meier, Tomlin Manternach, Maverick Gassman, and Eldon Noonan working together to solve sentence puzzles with our new sight words.



Margo Koppes and Colton McLaughlin using tablets during centers.



Cannon Trumm, Owen O'Dell, Kennedy Ryan, and Ruby Richard working with linking chains to practice groups of five and making patterns.



Kenny Carlson, Ridge Loewen, Jackson Pritchett, Lennox Miller, and Waylon Ressler showing their completed ABC puzzle they worked together on.



Rilee Zuercher, Tayden Andrews, and Yanelly Nava Gonzalez using pom poms to practice making groups of five.

--- PTO News ---

Current Events –

We would like to thank Mary ~~Finzel~~ for serving as our PTO Treasurer the last few years. We appreciate her time and service to the organization.

We are so excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat event again this year. If you are interested in setting up a trunk please look for more information coming soon. Mr. Wendler will be posting sign up information on Cascade Elementary's social media sites along with a note that will be coming home from school soon.

Here are some pictures from last year for ideas or inspiration:



Introducing our new PTO Treasurer, Jody Noonan. Jody has been an active member of PTO and we are glad to have her serve as an officer.



PTO Meetings:

Next Meeting –
Wednesday, October 12th
6:45 pm at Two Ginger's Eatery

Please consider attending a PTO meeting. At the next meeting we will be planning for our upcoming Trunk or Treat event and begin discussing ideas for our Holiday in the Garden event. We encourage new ideas and are always open to feedback.

PTO Officers:

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

Counselor's Corner

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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COATS FOR KIDS!!!

(We are collecting for people of all ages)

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #930 IS SPONSORING “COATS FOR KIDS” STARTING IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH THE END OF OCTOBER.

If you have new or gently used winter apparel such as coats, hats, gloves, “hoodies,” sweaters, mittens, scarves, snow/ski pants, boots, or any quality clothing you’re looking to clean out that you no longer need, please consider donating to people in our communities in need this winter. We are collecting both children’s and adult sizes of all items. We ask that you please wash all items thoroughly before donating.

COLLECTION BOXES WILL BE PLACED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS

**CASCADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
AQUIN SCHOOL
ST. THOMAS AQUINAS PASTORATE PARISHES
BROTHERS’ MARKET**

**Distribution Dates – Cascade Columbus Hall
Thursday, November 3, (5:30 PM - 7:30 PM)
Friday, November 4, (4:00-5:30 PM)**

Any questions, please contact Jacob Brindle at 563-599-7832 or Coachbrindle@gmail.com.

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