

Cascade Elementary



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Hello Cascade Elementary families,

I hope that your summer has been refreshing as you spent time with your families and hopefully made some memories along that way. We are excitedly preparing for another school year at Cascade Elementary! Our first day of school is Monday, August 23rd (Kindergarten to 5th grade) and Tuesday, August 24th for our new Cougars in Pre-Kindergarten.

We are planning to hold an open house for K-5 students on Thursday, August 18th from 5:30-6:30 pm. This will allow you to come into the building, meet your child's teacher and drop off their school supplies. Teacher assignments for your child will be available through your Parent Portal account on Monday, August 8th.

The USDA lunch and breakfast program has now ended. This year parents will once again be required to pay for students' breakfast and lunch meals. If necessary, please complete the application in the link for financial meal support. <https://www.wdbqschools.org/FreeandReduced-PricedMeals.aspx>

Student drop off and pick up times will remain the same for this year. Students can be dropped off at school no earlier than 7:40 AM. Breakfast will also begin at 7:40 AM. The school day starts at 8:05 AM and dismissal takes place at 3:05 PM.

As your children return to school this year, there will be a couple of new faces at CES and a familiar face in a new role. Mrs. Rachel Brindle has moved from Kindergarten to 2nd Grade, she will have the opportunity to work with some students that she taught in the 2020-21 school year. Ms. Kelsey Schonhoff will be joining our team as a Kindergarten teacher. Kelsey is a Cascade High School grad and Cascade resident who is coming home after teaching for a few years in Potosi, Wisconsin. Our custodial staff is new to us this year. Deb Bartram, who has subbed as a custodian and paraprofessional for the past couple of years will be our 2nd shift custodian. We also have hired Terry Jasper as our head custodian. Terry comes to us from Clayton Ridge school where he served as the Maintenance and Transportation Director for the district. Finally, we are still in the process of trying to fill our Reading Interventionist position for the year. We are very excited about our new staff additions to our CES family.

Thanks to our amazing CES PTO, we do have a \$20,000 new playground equipment set that is due to (hopefully) be installed on the hard surface playground before school starts. This is something that will certainly make our hard surface playground more engaging for students. Along with these, we have received a \$5,000 grant from Outrun the Rays which will provide a permanent shade structure on the hard surface playground, which was greatly needed after the removal of dead trees. Hopefully both projects will be completed for the first day of school.

Enjoy these remaining days of summer and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions leading into the school year. We can't wait to have the halls of Cascade Elementary filled with energy and smiles in just a couple of short weeks.

Sincerely,

Dan Wendler
Elementary Principal