



CASCADE ELEMENTARY

Cascade Elementary School Newsletter

September 2020

Message from the Principal

Hello Cascade Elementary families,

It has been a wonderful start to the school year. I believe that the students and staff have responded well to the changes that were put in place for health and safety. The most common comment that I've gotten is that things do feel really normal around school. This is really encouraging because, in the end, we want our students to be safe, but we also want them to have a typical school experience.

As we have navigated through the first couple weeks we have had incredible communication with families. This will be a key piece to us helping to support students and families through these new challenges, whether those are virtual learning or health and safety. If you have any questions related to the hybrid model of school, experiences with Covid or accessing our online It's Learning platform, please reach out. We are here to help.

Now that the school year is off and running, our teachers have dug into assessing your children to determine where they are academically and what we need to do to help them move forward. We fully understand there was time lost last spring that we need to make up, and we want to make sure that we get back to doing what we do best, instruction, as soon as possible. This work has already begun.

We are truly honored to serve your children and your families at Cascade Elementary! This year we have 37 new students (not including PK)! This is a huge number and I believe it is a testament to the wonderful community we live in and the school culture we have created. We look forward to an amazing school year!

Sincerely,
Dan Wendler
Principal

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Classroom Spotlight

5th Grade

Mr. Hummel:

The year is off to a great start! We have 21 eager students ready to rock it this year! I can't wait to see what they can accomplish.

Our class is reading the novel *Fish in a Tree* together. We've had some great discussion already!

If you haven't done so, please sign up for our classroom remind account. Let me know if you have any questions on it.

Mrs. Andrews:

It feels so good to be back with kids. It has been awesome to see so many faces and meet new kids. There are 20 face-to-face kiddos in our room and we're trying to get up and move as much as possible and get as many mask breaks as we can.

In the first week of school, the students have been busy learning how to access a variety of materials online as well as working with ITs Learning.

On the first day of school my class started reading the Novel *Holes*. We will have lots of discussion with this novel and model some important literacy skills.

Things to remember for 5th grade this year:

1. Make sure your student planner is filled out every day!
2. Read at home every night!
3. Be active! Get outside as much as you can!
4. Be a role model. You are the oldest in the school now.

Dates to Remember:

September

7—No School, Labor Day
9—Yoga In School
23—School Picture Day

October

14—Yoga in School

Fechas para recordar:

septiembre

7 - No escuela, Dia laboral
9 - Yoga en escuela
23 - Dia de fotos escolares

octubre

14 - Yoga en escuela

Counselor's Corner

ABOUT MYSELF

I am Mrs. Boffeli, the School Counselor at Cascade and Dyersville Elementary. I am very proud to say this is my 25th year in the Western Dubuque School District! My family and I enjoy living in Cascade and spend our free time outdoors together.

CONNECTING WITH ME

Please feel free to call or email me with any concerns you may have about your child. I am a helper. I enjoy helping parents, guardians and students who needs a little guidance in school, at home or in-between! If you need community supports, I am a great resource to guide you in the right direction for resources in our communities as well. My contact info.:

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THE SCHOOL COUNSELOR'S ROLE

What does the school counselor do? I work with students one-on-one, in a small group or in a classroom setting to address personal, social, academic concerns and explore career paths. I teach K-6 guidance lessons targeting social/emotional learning and career awareness one time each month in every classroom. There will also be short virtual guidance lessons/activities for students to access on Itslearning each week. I also serve as a liaison between parent and teacher, administration and parent, and a resource to children, parents and teachers. I strive for everyone to have a positive school experience!

MISSION STATEMENT:

The mission of the WDCSD comprehensive school guidance program is to enhance each student's ability to acquire knowledge, attitudes, and skills in the academic, career, and personal/social domains to become lifelong learners and responsible citizens.

Community Resources Available To All:

This is also located on our district website under the Quick Links tab.

****Dubuque County Resource Guide:**

<http://www.wdbqschools.org/Downloads/Dubuque%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>

****Food Resources:**

<http://www.wdbqschools.org/Downloads/Dubuque%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>

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