December 14, 2017

**CASCADE VIEW MISSION STATEMENT**
Cascade View Elementary is a place where people want to learn as part of a world-class education. Our school is a home away from home, an open door, a place of rigor, wellness, and scholarship where students earn an education that matters and where everyone can expect to have an amazing experience. We do what it takes, we do no harm, we set no limits on our potential to learn and grow, we do it like a family, and we LOVE what we do.

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**School Calendar:**

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Our Winter Break always seems to come at just the right time--the energy in the building is always different, from both students and staff. This is one of the more profound things I love about life at school: we have the privilege of bearing witness to the entire range of human emotion. As teachers, we’ve come to expect this. At our morning staff meeting on Monday, we shared that, during this week in particular, it matters less what we do with our kids (reading, math, science, projects, etc.); what matters most is how we ARE with them. For lots of various reasons, December brings
new and different stressors into our lives and because our kids don't always (yet) have the skills and abilities to cope well through those, they need us to help them, support them, understand them, and teach them. Because we are raising young humans, weeks like the last school week in December presents us with a unique opportunity to continue our teaching and learning--just with a different focus.

Our WHY at our school is the fact we are passionate about meeting each learner where they are in order to help them reach their innate and extraordinary human potential. This isn't just about helping each student meet appropriate grade level academic standards--e.g. teaching the mind. It is ALWAYS necessary to also "teach to the heart." That's why another mantra we use in December is to simply "ride the waves of the times and work hard to enjoy every moment." After all, our kids don't care how much we know until they know how much we care. You are lucky to have a staff at your school that understands and "gets this." And we are constantly trying to get better at doing this.

May you all enjoy a safe, warm, restful, kind, and compassionate winter break. However you celebrate these times, may there be plenty of joy and love. See you in 2018!

Mr. L
Proud Principal

Friday, December 15 is~

Festive Friday!

Show your Thunderbird Holiday Spirit by wearing your most silly or beautiful or outrageous or fabulous holiday gear!
Please remember that on Friday, December 15, school is dismissed at 11:45am.

There will be no lunch served, however, sack lunches to-go will be available for purchase.

There is no school from Monday, December 18 through Monday, January 1, 2018.
School will resume on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

Changes in Sign-up for Newsletter and Weekly Updates!

Our district uses a listserv to send newsletters and other regular electronic communications from our schools and district. This week, our district switched its host for this service as our current host, the State of Washington, will no longer be providing this service as of early December.

We were able to successfully transfer all of our subscribers and their topic preferences (AIM, Cascade-View, Cathcart, Centennial, Central, District-Communications, Dutch-Hill, ECEAP, Emerson, Glacier-Peak, Little-Cedars, Machias, Parent-Partnership, Riverview, Seattle-Hill, Snohomish-High, Totem-Falls and Valley-View) to the new host. The one thing that did not transfer as part of the switch was account passwords.

Current subscribers are asked set passwords. To set a password, go to:

- http://SNOHOMISHSD.ORG/scripts/wa-SNOH.exe?GETPW1

Once you have an account password, you can login to the system to review and change your subscription preferences. To login to review and change your subscription preferences, go to:


If you are not receiving regular communications, you are invited to subscribe. To subscribe, go to:

Calling All Cascade View Visitor Badges!! Please come home!

Hello, you wonderful parents and volunteers! We are cheerfully requesting that if you happen to have one of our CV visitor badges hanging out in your house, car, purse, kitchen counter or pockets - that you please return them as soon as possible. Our supply has greatly diminished since the beginning of the year and we’re doing a “shout out” before ordering more. 😊 Thank you for your help!

The Office Ladies!

Message from Mr. Collins (CVE PE Teacher)

The safety of our students at Cascade View is one of my primary concerns as our school’s PE teacher. The gym is a place with a potential for accidents. Therefore, I am asking all of our students to wear some kind of regular, laced shoe to all of their PE sessions. They don’t need to be tennis or athletic shoes, but a shoe that will stay on their feet and give proper support. No more boots, Uggs, flip flops, sandals or shoes with high heels while students are in their bi-weekly PE class. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

Next PTA Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 18, 2018

6:30 pm in the CVE Library
Bingo & Chili Cook Off
Wednesday, January 31, 2018

Bingo is FREE!

$10 to enter our famous
CVE Chili Cook Off
and winner takes all!

Reminders

School Hours
Classroom Hours
Monday - Thursday - 8:35 a.m.- 3:15 p.m.
Friday - 8:35 a.m.- 1:15 p.m.

Office Hours
Monday - Thursday – 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Friday – 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Important Arrival and Dismissal Information

The front doors are unlocked at 8:25 a.m. and students are welcome to enter the building at that time. Adult supervision begins at 8:20 a.m. Students that are walking to school or being dropped off by parents should arrive after 8:20 a.m. Exception: Children getting breakfast before school are welcome to enter the gym at 8:10 a.m.

When dropping your children off in the mornings- Please enter our visitor lot and drop your student(s) off along the load/unloading curb in the front of the school. Please do not use the bus lane in the staff lot or special transportation lanes along the front side of the school. Thank you for helping us keep the lines moving quickly and safely by pulling all the way up to the front of the drop off area, remaining in your car and having your
child(ren) ready to unload from the passenger side of your vehicle. There is absolutely no parking along the curb. Likewise, in the afternoons, please pull forward and wait in your car. Once you have safely dropped off your student, please use the left lane to pass other cars and exit the lot. You are also welcome to park in our visitor lot and walk out front to greet your child(ren).

As always, thank you for your diligence in helping keep our kids safe by honoring the Washington State laws regarding no cell phone use while operating a vehicle – especially while on the school campus.

**Bus Riders:**

**Due to the number of students assigned to each bus and the limited amount of seating, please minimize asking for bus passes for your child to ride a bus different from the one they are assigned to.**

**If you need to request a permanent bus pass/change – the transportation request forms can be found on the Snohomish School District website or you can pick one up in our main school office.**

**Attendance:**

If your child will not be at school, please call our Attendance line at 360-563-7070 as soon as possible to excuse your child's absence.

*Please note that you may still receive an automatic attendance call or email if you notify the office after 9 a.m.*

**Tardy Arrivals:**

Attendance is taken at 8:35 a.m. when the bell rings. Students arriving after that will need to come through the office, be signed in by a parent and take a yellow admit slip to their teacher. The purpose of the admit slip is for the office to communicate to the teacher that the student has been signed in and the student's "absence" will be changed to a "tardy".

Thank you in advance for making every effort to get your children to school on time. In addition to modeling a life-long good habit of punctuality, arriving on time means that your student will not miss out on beginning of the day instructions or distract others' learning by entering late.

*Disconcerting fact: Students that regularly arrive 10 minutes late (or leave 10 minutes early) miss out on 30 hours of learning a year.*
Early Dismissals:

Consistent attendance is so important to your child's education, however, we understand that families have appointments and occasional events that sometimes conflict with the school schedule. If you need to pick your student up before school lets out, please come into the office to sign your student out before 3:00pm Monday-Thursday or before 12:45 p.m. on Fridays. We will not be calling students down during the last 15 minutes of school (the last 30 minutes on Fridays).

Thank you for doing what you can to schedule appointments and extra-curricular activities around the school schedule! By prioritizing school, it emphasizes to kids how valuable education is.

**Please note that a "tardy" exceeding 30 minutes or an early release more than 30 minutes before dismissal counts as a half day absence in Skyward. Two half-day absences count as 1 full absence in your student's record.

Parent Notes Information

Note Writing:

Written notes to excuse your child's absence, request a parent pick-up pass, or inform the school of any other situations regarding your children's needs (including a change to your child’s end-of-the-day transportation home routine) are seen by the teacher then turned in to the office for appropriate follow up actions.

In order to accurately and quickly assimilate parent communications, Mrs. Byers would so appreciate notes of any kind to include the following information.

All Notes Need to Include:

Your child's first and last name

Teacher's name

The date the note is regarding

The action needed (excuse an absence; parent pick-up today, going home with a friend)

*If a Pick-up pass is needed, please also include:

-First and last name of adult picking your child up (if other than parent)

* If requesting a pass for your child to ride a different bus than normal, please include:

-The bus route number
- The first and last name of the student your child is riding with

- The address of the stop your student is getting off at

(please note that approving these are subject to seating availability on the bus)

Thank you so much! We are excited to share a fabulous year with you!

Parking Lot and Campus Safety

We live in a world of technology - no doubt! But, when you are operating a vehicle on school grounds we ask that your full attention be on driving - not on your smart phone.

We have had several incidents of unawareness while driving that have caused some near-misses, rolling into crosswalks while children are crossing and caused delays in the parent pick-up lines while folks are on their phones. Thank you for being diligent in prioritizing and modeling safety to and for our students!

Special Transportation Bus Lane

Please be aware that the car lane that runs in front of the school (parallel with Park Avenue) is for our Special Transportation busses. Many of the students riding these busses require assistance to load on and off the bus. Please do not park, drop off or pick up your students in that bus lane. Please use the parent pick-up and drop-off lane in front of the school. Thank you so much for your understanding and cooperation!

A Friendly Reminder from the Main Office~

When making appointments for your children, it would be ideal if you would schedule them with the intent that they miss as little school as possible. If you still need to pick them up during the school day, please send a note with your student letting us know what time you will arrive. This minimizes searching for them during recesses or lunchtime.

**Please note that the last 15 minutes of each day is a time dedicated to the dismissal process. We ask that you do not come in to excuse your student for an early release during this time (Emergencies being an exception, of course).**
Any calls made to the office to alter your child’s transportation home must be made before this time in order to ensure the pass can be made and delivered to your student.

**Dogs on Campus**

Please read the attached district policy regarding animals in schools and buildings. Cascade View does not allow dogs on campus. Animals are only allowed inside District schools and buildings or on District property as defined below:

- Service and/or therapy dogs. Service and/or therapy dogs must have current vaccinations, be trained and registered, and kept on leashes or
- Any animals used as part of an instructional program.

**Purchasing Meals**

Chartwells Food Services is the food service vendor for the Snohomish School District. All students are issued a lunch card. Parents can load money to the card by sending a check to the school with the student’s name clearly marked and made payable to Snohomish School District. You can also load money to the lunch card online through Family Access.

Parents are encouraged to purchase multiple days and to keep a positive balance. Any money sent to the school should be sent in an envelope clearly marked with the child’s name, teacher’s name, and purpose of money.

Free/reduced lunch application forms are available in the office or online at [www.sno.wednet.edu](http://www.sno.wednet.edu). All applications are kept confidential.

Lunch prices remain the same as last year:

- Elementary Breakfast: $1.25
- Elementary Lunch: $2.75
- Adult Lunch: $3.50
- Reduced Breakfast: Free
- Reduced Lunch (Grades 4-12): $0.40
- Reduced Lunch (Grades K-3): Free
- Milk: $0.50
Important Information About Busses!!

As many of you are already aware, our buses are FULL to capacity. At this time, the transportation department has CLOSED ALL BUS PASSES. This means that the school will no longer have the authority to issue temporary bus passes when parents call-in or send notes.

From the Health Room

Cascade View Health Room is in need of Sweat Pants. If you have any clean sweat pants, in good condition, that your child no longer wears, we would love to put them to good use for our students who may need a change of clothes at school. Thank you so much for your generosity!!!

Lauri Walker, Health Room Assistant 360-563-7006

IS YOUR STUDENT TOO SICK FOR SCHOOL?

As a parent, you can help prevent the spread of illness by not sending a sick student to school. In determining whether to keep your student home, we encourage you to consider: 1) is your student rested and alert enough to learn, pay attention in class, and able to participate in all school activities, including physical education; 2) is your student’s illness contagious to others? Please use the following guidelines.
• **APPEARANCE, BEHAVIOR** – A student that is difficult to wake, unusually tired, pale, irritable and/or lacking in normal appetite should remain at home. These symptoms could indicate the onset of illness.

• **FEVER** – A temperature of 100.4°F (38°C) or higher suggests infectious illness. **Your student should be fever free for 24 hours (without medicine) before returning to school.**

• **COLD SYMPTOMS** – A student with a “mild” cold but otherwise feeling well may go to school. A student with a “heavy” cold or deep hacking cough belongs at home in bed. Greenish nasal discharge and/or a chronic cough should be medically evaluated with provider clearance for school return. A mild sore throat is usually not a problem but a severe sore throat could be strep throat even if there is no fever. Other symptoms of strep throat in students are headache and stomach upset. Keep your student home from school and have your student medically evaluated. If strep has been diagnosed, (s)he may return to school as early as 24 hours after antibiotic treatment begins.

• **EYES** – White or yellow drainage from the eye, altered vision, and/or redness of the eye lid or skin surrounding the eye requires medical evaluation and provider clearance for school return. Pink eye is highly contagious.

• **DIARRHEA AND/OR VOMITING** – 3 or more watery stools in a 24 hour period and 2 or more episodes of vomiting in the past 24 hours is reason to keep your student at home. **Please keep your student home for 24 hours after the last episode (without medicine).** A single episode of diarrhea or even vomiting, unaccompanied by any other symptoms, may not be reason enough for the student to miss school – it is best to look at your student’s overall condition in determining if (s)he is well enough to attend school. If you do decide to send your student, please be sure that you are available to pick your student up if his or her condition worsens.

• **RASH WITH FEVER OR BEHAVIOR CHANGE** – This may indicate an infectious illness. Please have your student medically evaluated and keep your student at home until (s)he has received provider clearance for school return.
How to Become a Volunteer

Snohomish is known for coming together to support education and our students, and our strength comes from the people who work and volunteer in our schools and across our district. Volunteers have many opportunities to work with children and schools by assisting on the playground, in the classroom or library, as well as tutoring, chaperoning field trips, serving on committees or assisting with school projects and newsletters. An hour of time can make a valuable difference.

This summer, our district streamlined its volunteer process. All volunteer applications and records are now maintained at the district office. As before, approved volunteer applications are valid for two calendar years from date of approval. The district office is maintaining a single database of applications on file (included is date of application and expiration date). Currently, more than 4,000 people are registered as active volunteers in our district. If you are a new volunteer to your child’s school or the district, more information and applications are located at www.sno.wednet.edu/volunteers. Information is also located on every school website under the Community tab of the sites.

Inclement Weather Information

Winter, and the inclement weather that often accompanies it, will be here before you know it. Below are some resources for families:

- Click here for more information available on our district website regarding our inclement weather procedures and communicating with families and staff. Our site also includes important links to community resources such as Puget Sound Energy, Snohomish County PUD and Snohomish County road closures.
- Click here to access limited transportation bus routes and schedules.
- Click here to access a one-page inclement weather information bulletin.

In the event of inclement weather and our schools are closed or are starting late, announcements will be made through the following systems:

- Automated phone calls and emails are sent to all district families through the School Messenger system. A notice is posted on the district Facebook page - www.facebook.com/snohomishschooldistrict
- A notice is placed on the district website at www.sno.wednet.edu
- Local television and radio stations are notified.
- Emails are sent through our listserv newsletter subscription system.
- A notice is sent to the statewide public emergency notification system - www.flashalertseattle.net
Fliers: Link to approved community fliers: http://cascadeview.sno.wednet.edu/Domain/425. Feel free to email fliers@sno.wednet.edu with any questions or concerns.