March 8, 2019

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.

School Calendar:

March 14  PTA Meeting
March 21  Literacy Night
March 22  PTA All School Family Dance – RESCHEDULED
March 25  3:45-7:20pm  Afternoon and Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 25  3:15-7:00pm  Book Fair in the Library
March 25  3:15-4:15pm  PAWS for Reading in the Library
March 27  11:45am  Half-Day Early Release for Students
March 27  12:30-7:20pm  Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 27  12:00-7:00pm  Book Fair in the Library
March 28  No School
March 29  Parent/Teacher Conferences
April 1 – 5  No School

Spring Break – No School

It always seems to us here at school that when we reach the month of March, things kick into overdrive as we begin to gear up, believe it or not, for end of the year activities. Our Spring conferences are rapidly approaching (with a newly revised way to electronically sign up for those conferences!), as is Spring Break (and we are crossing all fingers and toes we’ll have no more snow then!). For our students in grades 3rd through 6th, the Smarter Balanced Assessment is on our radar, and for our 6th graders, talks and orientations about middle school has already begun. It seems just like yesterday when we met each other at Meet the Teacher night.
Time really does fly by when we have fun—as we tell our scholars and heroes at our assemblies, learning can be challenging and difficult (and sometimes that’s when the best learning happens!); but, it can also be fun with the right growth mindset. Even though it’s March and we are about to see June in our headlights, we still have so much more to do, teach, and learn at school. And we are looking forward to each and every moment.

Here’s an important side note to our families who have given their children access to electronic tools that allows them to experience social media. A new nation-wide hoax has gained momentum that if one is not fully informed, can be scary for some of our students. Some of our students are aware of the “Momo Challenge.” If you are not aware of this, I urge you to conduct some serious research by looking into this on reputable sites. Please know that when we hear of our students talking about this hoax, we will be addressing it with them immediately and we will call you to let you know your child is engaging in conversations related to it at school. We will use such opportunities as teachable moments, but hope to partner with you in insuring our students are making safe choices if you allow them access to social media. And remember, our school policy allows students to have cell phones on their person, but they are not to be using them AT ALL while on school property or on our busses.

~ Kert Lensigne
Proud Principal

Spring Conferences Sign-Up Link

Because of the great feedback we received from many parents, we have modified our conference sign up process to make it more user friendly. You now only need to click on one link (listed below) that will take you immediately to a page that lists all of our teachers. Simply click on your child’s teacher to select an open spot that works for you! Please insure you fill in all fields including your name, your student’s name and your phone number. Click on the green “Save and Done” and then click on the blue “Save” at the top of your screen. You will see a confirmation on the page thanking you for signing up. From here, you can print the confirmation and/or you can save the date on your calendar. If you have more than one student here at school, please click on the “Go back to all SignUps” button at the bottom or you can go back to the original SignUp link below and select the other teacher to sign up for an adjacent conference time!

Conferences are vitally important times for us to share our teaching and learning with you—we hope to see everyone the final week of March! And remember as well, Spring Break follows conference week from April 1 through 5 (there are NO changes to conference week due to the lost snow days!).
Here's the link!
http://signup.com/go/ZBpGMZk

Please let your child's teacher know if you encounter difficulty in selecting conference times.

**Lost and Found**

When you come in for your Parent-Teacher Conference in a couple of weeks, please take a moment to look through our Lost and Found for any of your student’s missing items of clothing. Our Lost and Found is starting to fill up again with unclaimed coats, sweaters, hoodies and other items. We would love to reunite them with their owners! Thank you!

**Daylight Saving Time Begins This Weekend!**

Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday, March 9. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00am on Sunday, March 10. Spring forward!!

**Inclement Weather Make-up Days**

Students are required to be in school 180 days. Inclement weather days are built into the school calendar at the end of the school year. So far this school year (2018-2019), we have had to cancel six days (February 4, February 5, February 6, February 11, February 12 and February 13) due to inclement weather moving the last day of school to Wednesday, June 26. Please note when we are past this stretch of school closures, we will take stock of any additional number of days we need to make up and will schedule them to minimize the impact on students, staff and families. At this time, we do not anticipate changes in graduation plans or events. Click here to be redirected to a February 22, 2019 letter from Superintendent Kultgen.

**Nurses Needed**

Join our Snohomish School District team as a substitute nurse. Don’t miss out on this fantastic opportunity to work with a great group of students, teachers, staff and community! Licensed substitute nurses in our district can earn:

- $23.32/hour (LPN)
- $28.90/hour (RN)
- $160/day (certificated nurse)
Contact Human Services at (360) 563-7259 for more information. To apply: Complete the online application at snohomishjobs.hrmpplus.net. Select “Register” and follow the online registration steps.

Join our Team! Para Educator Substitutes Needed!

Do you know someone who would make a great para educator substitute? Interested applicants need one of the three following items: BA or AA from a college or university; 72 quarter or 48 semester college credits; or successfully pass the para pro test with a score of 461. We offer competitive wages ($17.21-$18.18/hour).

If you are interested in joining our team, please apply today at: https://snohomishjobs.hrmpplus.net/JobOpenings.aspx (listed under Substitute Para Educators). Call 360-563-7247 with questions.

Thank you to our Wonderful Lunch Room Leaders for January/February:


2nd Lunch/3rd-4th Grade: Rylee Allred, Mindy Butler, Emmie Chandler, CJ Cressey, Addison Cruze, Lily Eckert, Wyatt Fraser, Tanner Herman, Brissa Indalecio, Fox Kelsey, Arden Lee, Ele MacDicken, Olivia Miller, Cordelia Murray, Ben Nesterenko, Payton Osborne, Gillian Paje-Smith, Emily Podoll, Aubree Powers, Greta Shears, Paityn Skouras, Sarah Tonne, Jonathan Williams and Milana Zhydovlenko

3rd Lunch/5th-6th Grade: Skarlit Bellville, Kalum Cruze, Lexie Erdelyan, Jamie Farlow, Itzabeth Hernandez, Audrey Hillery, Ian Johnson, Ryan Kepler, Langston Santos, Kyla Sharp, Judah Swift, Corban Villwock and Rheagan Welch
Influenza, also called the flu, is a contagious viral infection of the nose and throat. Flu is easily spread through coughing and sneezing. It can make chronic medical conditions, like asthma, worse. Flu is not the same as the ‘stomach flu’. The flu is a serious disease that is much more dangerous than the common cold. Every year in the United States an average of 100 children die from flu, many of whom were otherwise healthy (CDC, 2017b; Flannery et al., 2017).

This disease usually peaks in Washington between January and March and flu activity is currently on the rise in our area. Please be reminded of our protocol to keep your child home 24 hours after having a fever of 100+ degrees. This means 24 hrs without fever-reducing medications like Advil or Tylenol. Hand washing is the best preventive measure as well as cough etiquette and getting a flu vaccine annually. Children ages 6 months through 18 years can receive a seasonal flu vaccine at no cost through the Vaccines for Children (VCF) program.

You can educate yourself about the differences between flu and colds, remedies, success stories and more at www.preventchildhoodinfluenza.org/school, or at many other on-line sites. The Washington State Department of Health has weekly updates regarding the flu at: www.doh.wa.gov/YouandYourFamily/IllnessandDisease/Flu.

Measles Resources

The health of our students is important to us, and we work hard to keep the school environment clean and to partner with families to teach and model good hygiene practices. We also remain in close contact with local health agencies to stay alerted to any serious outbreaks of communicable illnesses. As you may have heard/read in recent media, as of January 20, there were 21 confirmed cases of measles in the state of Washington. Please note there are no known cases of measles in the Snohomish School District. Below is some information and resources regarding measles:

- Washington State Dept of Health – Measles in Washington
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – Measles (Rubeola)
- Measles fact sheet - English
- Measles fact sheet - Spanish
Upcoming Events

Next PTA Meeting
Thursday, March 14th
6:30 pm in the CVE Library

Literacy Night Donations
Cascade View’s Literacy Night is coming up on Thursday, March 21 from 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Our theme this year is “Circus”! The committee is asking for book donations (new or gently used), as well as two or three outdoor canopy tents to make the night a hit! If you have a canopy tent we can borrow, please contact Jodie Caldwell at Jodie.caldwell@sno.wednet.edu or Abbey Baumgartner at abbey.baumgartner@sno.wednet.edu.

PTA Family Dance
The PTA Family Dance has been rescheduled for Friday, March 22 with a new theme: HOLLYWOOD BALL!

Cool Cats and Glamorous Gals join us for a Hollywood themed family dance from 6:00 to 8:00 pm in the CVE gym. RSVP’s will be sent home within the next two weeks. The cost is $5 per student. Parents and children under age 4 get in for free. The attire will be semi-formal and there will be photo ops on the stage. Cake will be served! Join us for a fun family night!

Parent/Teacher Conferences
At the end of March, we will be having our Spring conferences. Students will attend full days of classes on Monday, March 25 and Tuesday, March 26 and a half day only on Wednesday, March 27. Dismissal time will be at 11:45am on Wednesday and lunch will not be served at school, but sack lunches will be available for purchase. There will be no school on Thursday, March 28 and Friday, March 29. Spring Break is April 1 through 5.
Conferences and Meal Sign-Ups

Please help the Cascade View PTA provide dinner meals for our teachers during Spring conference week.

**Monday, March 25 – Dinner**
The menu is *soup & salad* with rolls, dessert & beverages.
Please sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da4ad2ca20-dinner2

**Wednesday, March 27 – Dinner**
The menu is *taco bar* with rice & beans, dessert & beverages.
Please sign up here:
https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0b4da4ad2ca20-dinner3

Thank you!!

PAWS for Reading

On Monday, March 25, PAWS for Reading animals will be in the Cascade View Library from 3:15 to 4:15pm (right after school). Students MUST be accompanied by an adult. Students, and their siblings, can read to animals (dogs and a cat) and they can check-out books during this time. They will also be given a personalized bookmark from each animal that they read to and a little “treat.”

Reminders

**School Hours**

**Classroom Hours**
Monday - Thursday - 8:35 am- 3:15 pm  
Friday - 8:35 am- 1:15 pm

**Office Hours**
Monday - Thursday – 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
Friday – 8:00 am – 2:00 pm
School breakfast begins at 8:10 am. Unless your child is having breakfast at school, please arrive no earlier than 8:20 a.m. There is no supervision for students who arrive earlier than 8:20 am.

**Student Drop-Off and Pick-Up Lanes**

In an effort to build leadership among our sixth graders, and provide a great service to our community, we have student traffic butlers! Every week, we will have a crew of sixth graders out along the parent drop-off/pickup lane to help insure student safety and help the drive line run more efficiently. Here’s what you can do to help:

When in the queue lane, drive as far ahead as possible as guided by our traffic butlers - rain or shine- before loading or unloading your student. This helps to get as many cars as possible into the safe zone to move students in and out of cars. And, please load and unload students only in the safe zone next to our sidewalks.

**We are far enough into the school year that parents of kindergarteners should feel comfortable letting their kindies exercise the freedom and responsibility of walking down the sidewalk to join their class lines.**

- Please stay in your car - if you need to get out of your car for any reason, please park in one of the lot stalls. **This includes parents wanting to walk to their kindergarteners to join the class lines.**
- Your children should load and unload on the right-hand side of your vehicle next to the safe sidewalk. It is not safe to have students exit on the left as they are then exposed to oncoming traffic!
- When you can safely do so, please merge in to the left “passing” lane to exit from the queue line. And please, do this slowly and safely in conjunction with the other parent drivers. Please avoid “straddling the line” until it is time to merge. We can better keep cars moving if we utilize both lanes as much as possible.
- At all times, please wear smiles and patience! We are doing the best we can to keep our kids safe—and you should assume all other parents have only the best intentions in mind when they, too, are on our campus.
- **Stay 100% attentive** – please- no cell phones while you are behind the wheel, especially on our campus; little bodies can dart fast from one place to another, and they can be hard to see from the driver’s seat. And...remember those smiles!

Thank you for helping make our school a safe and positive atmosphere at all times!!
Snohomish School District has a new way to pay online fees. Student food service accounts, athletic fees, fines and other fees may be paid online using your debit or credit card through our TouchBase link - https://wa-snohomish.intouchreceipting.com/

Through TouchBase, we have combined our online food service portal with our middle and high school online payment system. Parents and guardians are able to make payments for all their students, attending multiple schools, through a single system. A link to the TouchBase site is available on every school website and the district website.

Please pay online to avoid wait times at your school bookkeeping or main office. The link is - https://wa-snohomish.intouchreceipting.com/. Payments made to a student’s food service account will be reflected within 12-24 hours. There is a $1.25 convenience fee per TouchBase transaction.

For parents with multiple students in the district, you are able to see all of your students with your one username and password. Once you’ve selected your student, the shopping experience will be specific to that student. You must be signed with the parent’s or guardian’s Skyward/Family Access login in order to view all of the students in your household. If logged in as a student, you will only be able to see that individual student.

Family login
- Username: Skyward Family Access Username
- Password: Skyward Family Access Password (CaSe SeNsItiVe)

Student login
- User Name: (your child’s student number, including leading 0)
- Password: (student’s last name — with a capital first letter and any other letter that may be capitalized in the last name - example McDonald)

Click on student’s name
- This will give you options to pay the fines or shop for other items.
- You may also view the student’s purchase history through the TouchBase system.

### Meal Prices
- Elementary Breakfast - $1.25
- Middle/High School Breakfast - $1.50
- Reduced Breakfast - Free
- Adult Breakfast (Grades K-12) - $2.00
- Elementary Lunch - $2.75
- Middle/High School Lunch - $3.00
- Reduced Lunch (Grades 4-12) - $0.40
Important Arrival and Dismissal Information

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

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:

If your child(ren) will be riding the bus for the majority of the year, we strongly encourage you to have them ride the very first days of school. While we understand that the first day of school is exciting and you may be tempted to make it even more special by dropping them off at school, please have them ride the bus. These first few days are very important for the transportation department to solidify their headcounts, bus routes and give important safety information and bus expectations to all of the students in the beginning of the year. It is natural for younger or new students to be a little nervous the first day.

**A wonderful way to empower your student to take this important step of independence and be a part of this special day is to put them on the bus in the morning and then meet them at the school, celebrate their step of independence and see them off to their class.
**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 9am.*

**Tardy Arrivals:**

Attendance is taken at 8:35 am 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 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday or before 12:45 pm 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.

Free Swim Lesson Session for District 2nd Graders

Swim for Life is offering every 2nd grader enrolled in the Snohomish School District a free session of group swim lessons at the Snohomish Aquatic Center for the 2018-2019 school year. (Note: Sessions are typically 4 or 5 weeks long, and classes are offered once or twice a week.) This community program is being funded through generous donations raised through Swim for Life. To learn how to register and other program information, visit www.sno.wednet.edu/2ndgradeswim. Swim for Life is a nonprofit organization formed by local community members who have a passion for enriching the lives of young people in our community. Its mission is to make young people safer in the water.

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
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.

All volunteer applications and records are now maintained at the district office. 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.

Cascade View “ListServ” Sign-Up Directions

The Snohomish School District uses a Listserv application to send electronic newsletters. If you would like to receive district and school newsletters, please subscribe to our Listserv (SSD-Communications) by:

1. You may subscribe, unsubscribe, edit your subscription preferences or view the archives of messages that have been sent to this list, by visiting: http://listserv.wa.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=SSD-COMMUNICATIONS
2. On the right hand side of the page, you will see the Options box. Select “Subscribe or Unsubscribe”.
3. Fill in your name and e-mail address.
4. Topics – click on Cascade View and any other topics of interest to you.
5. At the bottom of click Subscribe SSD – Communications or Unsubscribe SSD-Communications.
6. You will immediately receive an e-mail from Listserv asking you to confirm. This confirmation opportunity will expire in 48 hours. Click on the link given in the e-mail to confirm. You will then get an e-mail stating that your subscription has been accepted. Congratulations! You will now receive correspondence (newsletters, general info, etc.) from the sources you have chosen.

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.
The Snohomish School District does not discriminate in any programs or activities on the basis of sex, race, creed, religion, color, national origin, age, veteran or military status, sexual orientation, gender expression or identity, disability, or the use of a trained guide dog or service animal and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following employees have been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Title IX (program) and 504 – Scott Peacock, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, WA 98290, 360-563-7282, scott.peacock@sno.wednet.edu; Title IX (employee) and ADA – Darryl Pernat, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, WA 98290, 360-563-7285, darryl.pernat@sno.wednet.edu; Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying – Shawn Stevenson, 1601 Avenue D, Snohomish, WA 98290, 360-563-7314, shawn.stevenson@sno.wednet.edu.