Cascade Elementary *Home <u>of the Tigers</u>*

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Principal Momon's Parent Update Reopening Safely!!!!!!

The month of February is normally the time of year where you begin to see so much growth in students and yet this February, we are just now opening our doors to some of our scholars who elected to return to the school. The first two weeks with our Pre-K-2nd grade scholars have gone really well. We must commend the parents for working with your children at home to prepare them to return to the building. It is evident that the parents discussed the importance of wearing a mask and socially distancing themselves from others because we have not experienced any issues thus far. We're looking forward to seeing our 3rd-5th grade scholars during the week of February 8th who expressed the intent to return.

Parents whose scholars will have a change in teacher should receive a letter in the mail during the first week of February that indicates the change. The office staff is available during school hours for any parents that may have questions about their child's new placement for the 3rd quarter. Parents will have an opportunity to complete an intent to return survey for the 4th quarter, which opens on February 15th. Please don't miss this chance to declare your intent, especially if your intent is for your student to return to the building.

COVID Reporting and Testing Updates

COVID-19 Self Reporting Form

There are now forms for **self-reporting confirmed-positive COVID-19 cases** and **exposures**. This will help Health Services and HR quickly initiate and respond to any follow-up that needs to occur, such as case interviews or telework requests.

Parents/guardians should use the student form to notify their school as soon as possible if their student receives a positive COVID-19 test or if they find out that they have been a close contact of someone who has tested positive. The form should be completed for any student who has spent time on campus (whether attending in-person classes or participating in intervention or extracurricular activities). Student self-report form: http://tinyAPS.com/?CovidStudentForm

Atlanta Public Schools is in partnership with Viral Solutions to develop a plan that will provide surveillance testing for COVID-19 for students and staff. A detailed letter explaining this process is attached and a FAQ link is provided for additional questions. Reviewing the FAQs on our website

Upcoming Town Hall Meeting

We will not have a town hall this month. Our next town hall will take place on March 3rd at 2:30 PM. We encourage all of our parents to attend this virtual event. Topics will include an update on face-to-face learning, spring testing, and end of the year events.

Zoom Link for Town Hall on March 3, 2021: <u>https://atlantapublicschools-</u> us.zoom.us/j/3707920268?pwd=dUFGOUdXWjRQYjZTWldXcmg2VHRMQT09

Go Team Parent Seat for 2021-2022

If you are a parent interested in serving on the Cascade Elementary School's governing board, you can declare your candidacy before February 28th by using the following link: https://form.jotform.com/electionbuddy/2021GOTeamDeclaration

Congratulations to the parent of Niema Carter-Akins!!! Niema was the winner of the Cascade Elementary Spelling Bee and represented us in the first APS District Wide Spelling Bee.

Congratulations to the parents of the students who represented us well in the Helen Ruffin Reading Bowl! Destiny Clark, Gregory Hill and Kameron Wright, sponsored by Mrs. Sheila Williams led us to a great victory.

Thanks again for all that you do to help Cascade "Grow from Good to Great!"

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Important Reminders

Feb. 8th Grades 3rd-5th students return (F2F students only) Feb. 8th 100th Day of School Feb. 11th Perfect Attendance Drive Through Celebration from 3:00-6:00 PM Feb. 14th Valentine's Day Feb. 15th Winter Break for Students (no school) Feb. 16th Benchmark Assessment Begins Feb. 17th Progress Reports available on Infinite Campus Feb. 22-26 "Rep" Week Feb. 22nd Rep Your VP (Wear Blue or Chucks & Pearls) Feb. 23rd Rep Your Favorite Black Musician (Dress as your favorite entertainer) Feb. 24th Asynchronous Wednesday Feb. 25th Rep HBCU/Sororities/Fraternities (Wear Paraphernalia) Feb. 26th Black History Program: Melanin Magic! @1:00 PM (Wear Black History Month T-shirt) Black History Program Zoom Meeting Info:

https://atlantapublicschoolsus.zoom.us/j/82244307991?pwd=SHEwSnFPMklZa0FNdU0vQ09nbUYxQT09 Meeting ID: 822 4430 7991 Passcode: 930826

Feb. 26th-March 26th Hero Squad (Formerly Pennies for Patients) Online Fundraiser March 3rd Virtual Town Hall @ 2:30 PM

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