

Cascade Elementary

Home of the Tigers

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Principal Momon's Parent Update

We're on the Move in the Tigers Den!!!!!!

This school year is rapidly coming to an end. I can't believe that it is March. Spring is approaching and the 3rd Quarter of the school year is closing this month. Wow, how time flies!! It has been very pleasing to see how our teachers, students, and parents have embraced the learning models that were selected for the 3rd quarter. Whether the selection was virtual or face to face, the quality of the instruction has not waived. Excellent teaching is still occurring at Cascade Elementary School.

The intent to return survey for parents is open until Monday, March 8th. Parents still have time to elect a different learning model up until the survey window closes. The school is ready to make adjustments to classes based on the survey results that will still keep safety as the priority. Parents whose scholars will have a change in teacher should receive a letter in the mail during the third week of March that indicates the change. The office staff is available too during school hours for any parents that may have questions about their child's new placement for the 4th quarter.

I want to take a moment to also thank you for making school attendance a priority. We have seen a steady improvement in our daily attendance rates for students. It just goes to show how much you value your child's education. As the warmer weather returns, we ask that you keep the same attendance expectations because it is also testing season. Your child will be administered a variety of formal assessments over the next two months that will determine whether or not your child is ready for the next grade level. The teachers will be reviewing skills taught earlier in the school year to help students finalize their conceptual understandings for the school year. Therefore, this is not the time to be absent from school.

Hopefully, you are aware that students in grades 3-5 will take the GA Milestones Assessment. The current plan is to extend the assessment to the students that report to school. As we receive more information about the administration, we will share it with you and host a parent workshop for testing. Please be on the lookout for that information.

We are planning for a fun and festive end of the year. We will move forward with having our end of the year awards ceremonies and moving on programs, in addition to field day. All of these events will either be virtual or have a virtual component so that we can have 100% participation for our school community.

If you are interested in serving on the Cascade GO Team, you still have time to declare. The candidate declaration period has been extended. Click on the link to declare by Monday, March 8, 2021.
<https://form.jotform.com/electionbuddy/2021GOTeamDeclaration>

As always, your support for the school is most appreciated and it is evident that even in a pandemic, we are transforming lives and preparing for a better tomorrow.

COVID Reporting and Testing Updates

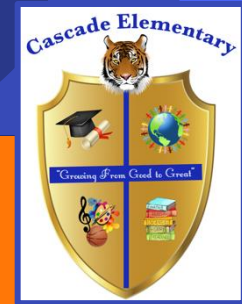
COVID-19 Self Reporting Form

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>

Stay Safe Cascade Parents, while we continue to **"Grow from Good to Great!"**

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Important Reminders

- March 1** Read Across America Activities
- March 1** Hero Squad Online Fundraiser Begins
- March 3** Gifted Testing Begins
- March 4** Covid-19 Surveillance Testing (Weekly)
- March 4** Gifted Testing Begins
- March 4** Food Box Give Away (Thursdays in March)
- March 4** SEL House Drive Thru Celebration for Virtual Learners (3-5 pm)
- March 5** Prize Palooza SEL HOUSE Celebration (F2F Learners)
- March 8** 4th Quarter Declaration of Intent Closes
- March 12** Pi Day (Math Day)
- March 15** Teacher Professional Day (No school for students)
- March 16** STAR Assessment (K-2)
- March 23** STAR Assessment (3-5)
- March 25** Report Cards Go Live in Infinite Campus
- April 5-9** Spring Break (No School)
- April 12-23** GMAS Test Prep (P.A.W.S Program)
- April 15** GMAS Parent Meeting
- April 19** SEL HOUSE Celebration
- April 19** IB SOTM Celebration
- April 28** GMAS Begins

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