



FALCON FLASH

Cascade Heights Public Charter School Family Newsletter | January 08, 2019

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From the Principal's desk

Welcome to 2019!

I hope you had a wonderful break, and are revved up and ready to go for the second half of the year! All of us at CHPCS are excited to have your children back in the building.

In January, teachers and students will start preparing for the 2019 Battle of the Books.

What is Battle of the Books?

- Third through eighth grade will spend six weeks reading and strategizing before going head to head with other classes in fast-paced battles that test comprehension. Last year, the fifth grade class took first place.
- On January 17th, the official list of 30 books will be released. Classes will work together to not only read these books, but master them. Because each student can answer only three questions per battle, it must be a team effort.



Support our School!

Reminder...

Deadlines for Scrip orders

- Monday, 01/14 & 01/28
(before 8:00am)

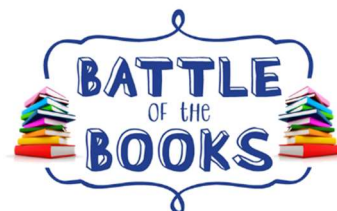
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What to expect

This year we will provide parents with a preview of the book selections before students have access to the actual books. We believe that the parent is the primary educator of the child and that you will have an opportunity to create more meaningful dialogue in your homes around the books that your children are reading.

- The official list will be released via email on January 17th
- The books will be available for students on January 22nd



Frequently asked questions

How are books chosen?

The Battle of the Book list is chosen by a team of teachers and administrators. They review the National Librarian's Association recommendations, Newberry Medal winners, Caldecott Medal winners, and other notable award winners. From these lists they find books that range from the lowest reading level participating to 3 years above the highest grade participating. From there they ensure that we have fiction and nonfiction, historical fiction, classics, sports fiction, animal fiction, adventure, and a biography. The last consideration is a balance between female and male characters. The idea is to have at least one book in the list that appeals to every child participating.

What if I think a book is over my child's head or is inappropriate for them?

The beauty of Battle of the Books is that it is a team effort. No one child is expected to read every book. In fact, it's best if they don't read every book. Choose 2 or 3 from the list that you are OK with and read those.

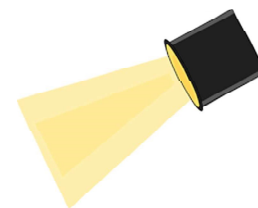
Can my child listen to the book/watch the movie/have it read to them etc?

YES! The idea is for children to be exposed to literature and to understand the story. They can have it read to them by an adult or older sibling, listen to it on tape, or read it themselves. They can watch the movie, but be careful; often the movie is not the same as the book.

Thank you for partnering with us!

Mrs. Macy

Falcon Member Spotlight: Mrs. Bradbury



This month, we are featuring two wonderful Falcon Members:

Get to know Mrs. Bradbury

Mrs. Bradbury is a phenomenal volunteer! She has been volunteering full time (8:30am-3:30pm) at Cascade Heights for 13 years. She does so much for the school and is an absolute treasure. From filling the copier with paper so teachers' print jobs aren't stopped due to no paper to helping teachers make sure that their school lunch kids are making it through the line to everything in between and so much more.

We love and appreciate all you do Mrs. Bradbury.

Falcon Member Spotlight: Mrs. Gausman



Get to know Mrs. Gausman

Angela Gausman has been a CHPCS teacher for 11 1/2 years (teaching for 16 years total)! She has taught in 3rd grade, 5th grade, and now 6th grade. She is a Native Oregonian who studied at the University of Idaho and she received her Masters in 2016.

Mrs. Gausman has two children of her own, ages 19 and 16. Her hobbies include kayaking, camping, reading, knitting, and she loves to travel! Someday, she hopes to teach at the college level and keeps that goal in mind as she helps students find academic success that they can carry with them past their K-12 education. Mrs. Gausman plans to stay here for a long time and is a leader among her peers.

In 2018, Mrs. Gausman was a finalist as the Onpoint Community Credit Union Teacher of the Year! She was appropriately honored publicly for her outstanding achievements.

Upcoming Events & Activities



Reminder:

2019-2020 Kindy Applications Due January 29th

A friendly reminder that siblings of current CHPCS students who are entering Kindergarten for the 2019-2020 school year are also required to complete an application. The applications can be found on our website <https://cascadeheights.org/> or office. The Kindergarten application process is open to the public. The lottery takes place Friday, February 01, 2019.

Come and support the 8th grade fundraiser

Every year, the 8th grade class travels to Ashland, Or to attend the Oregon Shakespeare Festival.

The students will get to study and experience theater, learn stage combat and dance, go to shows, and have other cultural experiences. To help with travel expenses, the 8th grade class is hosting a fundraiser for an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast at Applebee's.

We are currently selling tickets in the office and in the 8th grade class room for \$10 per person. The last day to buy your tickets is January 25th! Invite your family and friends to come support the 8th grade class.

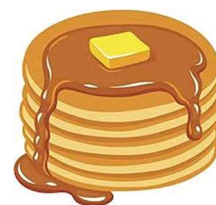
When: Sunday, January 27, 2019

Where: Applebee's at 10172 SE 82nd Avenue, Portland, Or 97086

Time: 8:00am to 10:00am

Cost: \$10.00 per person

Questions? Contact Mrs. Adams at m.adams@chpcs.org.



PTA Corner



The PTA board would like to give the families a HUGE thank you for all of your help in making this year's Jog-A-Thon a success! Without you, your family and friends we would not have been able to achieve our goal for our teacher's stipends and the students having a fun spirit week.

In 2019, we have more fundraising events planned with our Falcon families, friends, and community partners. We welcome you to attend our PTA meetings to help us plan and provide feedback. Our PTA meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month and the next meeting is on **January 9th at 6:30pm** in the library. We hope to see you there.

Mark your calendars for upcoming events:

- **First Parent/Child Dance & Raffle:** April 06, 2019 [Time TBD]
- **Family Night Out at Menchies:** May 23, 2019 from 3:00pm to 8:00pm
- **Family Night Out at McMenamins in Clackamas:** TBD

PTA Board:

Angie Munoz, President

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Thank you,

Angie Munoz, President

Calendar of Events

Did you know? Our Calendar of Events is also on <https://cascadeheights.org/> under News & Events

January 2019		Time & Location
01/07/19 (Monday)	School Resumes	
01/09/19 (Wednesday)	PTA Meeting	6:30pm – Library
01/11/19 (Friday)	School Field Trip	
01/14/19 (Monday)	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30pm – Library
01/21/19 (Monday)	MLK JR Day Holiday No School	
01/22/19 (Tuesday)	Coffee in the Library	8:00am – Library
01/27/19 (Sunday)	8th Grade Fundraiser	Applebee's
01/29/19 (Tuesday)	2019-2020 Kindy Applications Due Lottery takes place 02/01/19	
01/31/19 (Thursday)	All School Assembly	8:00am – Gymnasium
February 2019		Time & Location
02/01/19 (Friday)	Parent – Teacher Conference	
02/01/19 (Friday)	2019-2020 Kindergarten Lottery Drawing	
02/06/19 (Wednesday)	PTA Meeting	6:30pm – Library
02/08/19 (Friday)	Parent – Teacher Conference	
02/11/19 (Monday)	Board of Directors Meeting	6:30pm – Library