



# FALCON FLASH

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## REMIND

### Communication System

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## From the Principal's desk

Dear CHPCS friends and family,

Welcome to our last month in 2019! As we prepare to close out the 2019 year, we look forward to 2020 plans with our partners in community and the school board who supports the essence of our students and school.

Over the last few years, we have come a long way as an organization in our partnership with the North Clackamas School District. This has resulted in increased accessibility to training opportunities, professional development, mental health resources, social worker assistance, increased partnership with Special Education and ELD services, background check assistance, risk management support, access to materials and countless other opportunities. In 2020, we will have access to unprecedented support through the Student Success Act and the North Clackamas School District Local Option Levy. I'd like to encourage you to take a moment to familiarize with programs on the next page and how these programs will benefit our students and school.

Sincerely,

Kristin Macy

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NCSD's 32 schools

**The Student Success Act:** In Spring 2019, Oregon schools have the option of accessing funds to overcome barriers to student success in very specific areas. CHPCS currently does not qualify for these funds independently, however, the NCSD has decided to sponsor us so we have access to this program. The areas that we will be able to invest this money include programs that support English Language Learners, students that experience poverty, and populations that have traditionally experienced academic disparities, students with disabilities and to overcome chronic absenteeism. This initiative is incredibly exciting and will provide us with the flexibility to support our students in new ways.

**The North Clackamas School District Local Option Levy:** NCSD with the support of the area municipalities, passed this local option to prevent teacher layoffs, create mental health resources, address safety needs and increase student achievement. This spring we will begin receiving the benefits of this levy funding. Exact amounts allocated from the levy will be determined later this year and will be apportioned largely based on survey findings and school needs and board input.

## School Goals 2019 – 2020

1. Integrate engaging multisensory learning across the curriculum.
2. Teachers will clearly communicate to students and parents how assigned homework supports academic progress and empower parents to effectively help students at home.
3. As a community, we will work towards improving the maintenance and aesthetic of the campus.
4. Identify areas of opportunity and improve safety and security practices school-wide.

We are all hard at work addressing these areas. Throughout the year you may be asked to weigh in on a subject, we may look for volunteers or you'll hear of new ideas we are trying. This is all with the goal of school improvement in mind! Thank you for being on this journey of growth with us!

## Classroom Roundup

Check out what some of our students are learning about and exploring in their classrooms.

**Kindergarten** finished learning about Pacific Northwest Native Americans. They built and decorated plank houses with 8th grade buddies, made deerskin vests, built fishing poles, went fishing, made totem poles, read the legend of the 3 sisters, and planted seeds. Then, they transitioned into learning about Jane Goodall. The students created journals and binoculars and are observing other students in their natural habitats.

**6th grade** is learning about Health, Nutrition, and meal planning. Over the next two weeks, each student will have the experience of planning a menu, grocery shopping, and preparing a meal for their family. We can't wait to hear what tasty and nutritious dishes they make!

**3rd grade** just had their Viking Feast where students presented posters about the Norse culture and life, and sang a song before they feasted on traditional Viking dishes made by their families.

They also recently had their Mad Tea Party where students prepared reader's theater plays and sang their skeletal system song (why not, since they're in Wonderland and nothing makes sense!) Then they shared tea and biscuits with family members. It was a well-attended event!



## Upcoming Events & Activities



### Reminder:

#### 2020-2021 Kindy Applications Due January 21<sup>st</sup>

A friendly reminder that siblings of current CHPCS students who are entering Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 school year are also required to complete an application. The application 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 07, 2020.

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## Character Traits

Throughout the year at our all-school assemblies, we celebrate students that exhibit certain characteristics and/or qualities. Staff members give out Falcon Feathers to celebrate these qualities and student drawings are done at the assembly. The focused traits are:



**November/December: Curiosity**

January/February: Focus

March/April: Growth

May/June: Independence

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## Recycling Program Discontinued...

This month we are ending our cereal bag, energy bar wrapper, and oral care recycling programs as a result of program closure. We are looking at other sustainability programs to offer our community and will keep everyone posted as we learn of new opportunities.



Please reach out to the office with any viable sustainability programs that you are familiar with.

## CHPCS School Board Members and How You Can Get Involved

The CHPCS school board is a key partner in supporting and enriching CHPCS and community to be the best it can be. Our mission is to work together with the families, staff, and students to make the education and experiences at CHPCS memorable and positive, and more involvement from the PTA with the school board. We are striving for more interaction and feedback to ensure we continue to evolve and work together for the common goal of having a stellar school. To support this partnership, the school board encourages community members to attend each month's board meetings held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month at 6:30pm in the Library.

This year, we have new members/positions on the school board: Board President, Cory Connors; Board Vice-President, Steve Campbell; Treasurer, Janelle Lawrence; Secretary, Amanda Folkestad; and board members Michael Leo, Angie Munoz (also PTA president), Director and Principal Kristin Macy, and Hope Loose.



**Cory Connors** is our newest Board President who is a dedicated member of our community and values being involved. He and his spouse Angela live locally and have one of their two children, ages 7 and 5 at Cascade Heights. Mr. Connors is a successful Packaging Consultant for Landsberg who graduated from Portland State University and has used his education and talent to lead on the Candlelighters For Children With Cancer Board. He coaches soccer, volunteers wherever he is needed and is a great asset to have as Cascade Heights Board President!



**Steve Campbell** has served on the Board since 2013 in a variety of capacities. He has recently stepped down from Board Chair to Vice-Chair. Steve is an experienced and well-known member of our Cascade Heights community and has led us through many different chapters of our collective book. Steve has been part of negotiating Charter contracts, has been an integral part of transitions both big and small. We are grateful for his past, current and future volunteerism!



**Janelle Lawrence** has been on the Board since 2018. She is the Executive Director of Oregon Impact and is now serving as our Board Treasurer. She is passionate about school safety and compliance. Janelle has been on the North Clackamas Education Foundation Board, the North Clackamas Chamber of Commerce Board, she is currently the treasurer of the Pacific Northwest Kiwanis Board and is a previous business owner. She is a dynamic force that we are lucky to have on the team!



**Amanda Folkestadt** is our newest member and also the new Board Secretary. Amanda and her husband Brenton are CHPCS parents of Hazel (6) and Henry (4) and who are heavily involved in supporting our school. She is a 4th-generation Oregonian who loves to sew and create, collect vintage china, salt and pepper shakers and vintage prom dresses. Amanda is a successful Real Estate agent who lives in Happy Valley and loves the overall Portland area.



**Michael C. Leo**, PhD has served on our Board for more than 4 years. He is a research investigator at the Kaiser Permanente Northwest Center for Health Research Biostatistics Core. Dr. Leo previously was an assistant professor in the Oregon Health & Science University School of Nursing's Statistical Consulting Group, where he taught quantitative research design and analysis in the nursing PhD program. He received his PhD from Portland State University in systems science in the areas of industrial and organizational psychology and quantitative methods. In his free time, he enjoys running, hiking, golfing, kayaking, and spending time with his son and daughter.

## PTA Corner



We invite you to join our next PTA meeting to help plan our upcoming fundraiser for the **Family Dance & Silent Auction in April 2020**. The PTA is a great place to meet other parents, get involved, help out and have some fun.

Please reach out to us (or even come to a meeting) as we are open to ideas, suggestions, and feedback. Together we can do great things for CHPCS and our community.

When:

Monthly PTA meeting every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 5:00pm in the CHPCS library.

Books, games, and activities are available for children entertainment.

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Stay Connected 

Cascade Heights PTA

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## Free and Reduced Lunch Program

Did you know that CHPCS participates in the free and reduced lunch program through the Oregon Department of Education?

Click on <https://www.nclack.k12.or.us/nutrition/page/free-or-reduced-meal-applications> to access the online application and income eligibility guidelines, available in multiple languages or stop by the Resource wall in the main hall across from the gym for printed applications in both English and Spanish. Please stop by the front office if you need any assistance or have any questions.



Also, at [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com) you can download the app, pay your bill online or check your balance. You can also send payment with a student or stop by the office. Payments can be made in cash or checks can be made to Cascade Heights.

If you have a balance and qualify for free or reduced lunch then your balance will be reduced to zero once your application has been processed. It is worth the effort to submit your application!



## School Communications: Who do I contact?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Attendance: tardy, absences, or appointments</li> <li>• Medications</li> <li>• Volunteer Opportunities</li> </ul>	<p><b>Angie Gonzalez</b> Front Office Email: <a href="mailto:a.gonzalez@chpcs.org">a.gonzalez@chpcs.org</a> Phone: (503) 653-3996</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Payments, Homework Club, lunch and activity fees</li> <li>• Email maintenance: updates, changes, and concerns</li> </ul>	<p><b>Hope Loose</b> Community Development Director Email: <a href="mailto:h.loose@chpcs.org">h.loose@chpcs.org</a> Phone: (503) 653-3996</p>

## Calendar of Events

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

### December 2019

### Time & Location

12/19 (Thursday)	All School Assembly (ASA)	8:00am - gymnasium
12/23/19 – 01/05/2020	Winter Break – No School School resumes Monday, 01/06/2020	

### January 2020

### Time & Location

01/13	Board of Director's meeting	6:30pm – library
01/14	PTA Meeting	5:00pm – library
01/20	MLK Day – Holiday No School	
01/27	Chinese New Year	