

# COPPER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

APRIL 2022 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## Dear Copper Hill Families,

April is associated with springtime, new beginnings, and a time to bloom. As we move into April and Spring Break, it is a great time to relax and rejuvenate, while finishing the school year strong. As Covid regulations are reduced, we are very excited to have visitors back in the building, enjoy PTO sponsored assemblies, and the return of school wide events. Our PTO is supporting and financing fun activities, events, and supplies. We are also excited to welcome in a program called "You Are A Gardener." Now more than ever our children need tools to help them navigate stress and uncomfortable emotions. By creating a new narrative that uses gardening vocabulary as emotional metaphors, You Are a Gardener empowers children with a mindset to help them grow, feeling confident and calm. For more information, please see the presentation from our recent PTO meeting.

On Wednesday, April 27, 2022, we will be hosting our first annual Copper Hill Heritage Night. We are excited for our students and families to celebrate their heritage through a display, food, artifacts, dance, music, etc. Please save the date and be on the look out for additional information from the school and PTO.

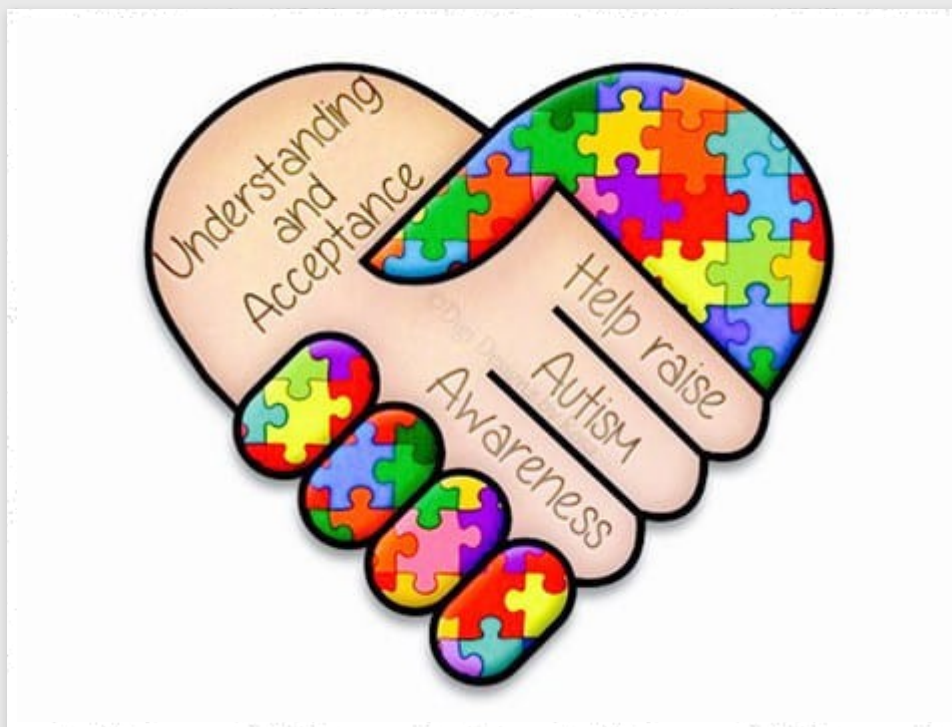
At our March town hall meeting, we focused on perseverance. According to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, perseverance is defined as continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failure, or opposition. Perseverance is a vital skill to be successful in

school, and in life. We are incredibly proud of our students, as they have persevered through the many challenges of the pandemic.

Our Cougar community continues to be BRAVE, SMART, KIND, and truly TOGETHER.

With great appreciation,

Jesse Lockett and Amy Switkes



## Autism Acceptance Month

Copper Hill School is committed to educating, enriching and empowering students with Autism and their families through our inclusive programming and support services. In honor of our students and families, we will wear blue on Monday, April 4, 2022.



## PRESCHOOL PARKING

We have designated eight parking spots for preschool parent drop off and pickup. These parking spots are now designated by preschool parking signs. Thank you to our PTO for purchasing these signs.

## NEW DRILL GUIDANCE

As per new guidance from the NJ Department of Education Office of School Preparedness and Emergency Planning, we will be notifying you each month when we have our monthly security drill. We will continue to approach these drills in a kid friendly manner with developmentally appropriate language, while promoting the safety and security of our students and staff.

## IMPORTANT DATES

**4/1/22-** PTO Event: Cougars on the Court

**4/4/22-** Wear Blue for Autism Acceptance

**4/12/22-** Whole Child Community Resource Fair - RFIS Gym-Information Below

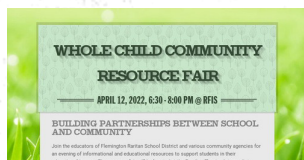
**4/15-4/22-School Closed for Spring Break**

**4/27/22-** Heritage Night

**4/28-**Dine out at Blue Fish Grill and Humdoo

**4/27-4/29-**Spring Scholastic BOGO Book Fair

**4/28-5/2-**Spring Clothing Drive



### Whole Child Community Resourc...

[www.smores.com](http://www.smores.com)

Join the educators of Flemington Raritan School District and various community agencies for an evening of informational and educational resources to support students in their educational journey. The resource fair will be located at the Reading-Fleming Intermediate School in the gymnasium. No RSVP is required.

## Parent Class Request 2022-2023

Creation of class lists is an important responsibility that classroom teachers, content specialists, guidance and administrators take very seriously. A great deal of time and effort goes into creating classes, which are well balanced academically and socially. Many factors are considered in making placement decisions, including both desirable and undesirable social combinations of students, numbers of students requiring academic support or enrichment and overall number balance.

Placement decisions are not made casually. Because it is not as simple as placing a student with a teacher without considering all of the dynamics of each class, as well as the individual and collective needs of the students, the Flemington Raritan School District does not honor parental requests for specific teachers.

Parents may write a letter to the principal stating specific needs that their child may have and which may be considered when placing the student. The letter should state facts to consider and not include a request for a specific teacher.

***LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2022***

## Important Updates from Nurse Maslankowski

Please continue monitoring district guidance and correspondence as we continue to navigate the updated Cali Report and the local and federal guidance.

As a reminder, we will continue to contact trace positive cases and will require a negative test or alternative diagnoses.

## Free Breakfast and Lunch for 2021-2022

Breakfast and lunch options are available for all students this year at no cost to families. Please visit [Maschio's website](#) for updated menus and other important information.



Domino's Pizza (Smartslice) will return to Flemington Schools starting the week of April 4.

Domino's Pizza will be served on Mondays at Copper Hill School.

Maschio's is pleased to incorporate Jersey Fresh produce into the Flemington Schools menus. In collaboration with Zone 7, we will feature a fruit and/or vegetable that is available during that month. Beginning next week, we will offer steamed Jersey corn with lunch at all schools.

### Lunch Information:

For safety purposes, please refrain from sending in glass bottles or glass tupperware.



## Safety and Security

- Please do not hold any doors for visitors.
- Please use the crosswalks in the parking lot.
- Please obey the 15 mph speed limit in our parking lot.
- Student drop off begins at 8:45 am. Please wait at the stop sign, until being waved on by one of our staff members wearing bright green vests.
- When exiting the drop off area please be aware of buses that may still be entering the back parking lot or leaving the school.
- If you are dropping your child off after 8:55 am, please park your car in the main parking lot and walk your child into the building and check in with the main office.
- Please **DO NOT** park your vehicle in the front driveway of the building.
- For the safety and security of our staff and students, monthly fire and security drills are conducted.
- Staff wear bright green safety vests during drills as well as during bus duty.

## Absences and Changes in Your Child's Routines

- If your child is **ABSENT** or **TARDY** for any reason, please call the Copper Hill **ATTENDANCE LINE** by dialing **908-284-7665** or report an absence online [here](#). Leave a message detailing the nature of the absence, your child's name and his/her teacher's name. Messages may be left at any time of night or morning and are retrieved on a daily basis.
- If your child needs to be **DISMISSED EARLY**, please send a note to school with your child in the morning, listing the time for pick-up and the reason. Children leaving school prior to 3:25 pm will be marked as an early dismissal. Please note, three tardies or early dismissals count as one absence.
- If your child normally rides the bus but will need to be **PICKED UP** at dismissal time, please send a note with your child that morning.
- Please **DO NOT** leave information regarding your child's change in dismissal on a **teacher's e-mail or voicemail**. They often do not have an opportunity to check their e-mail during the day and your message may not be communicated.

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEND A NOTE WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE MORNING FOR ANY CHANGE IN YOUR CHILD'S ROUTINE.**

## LOST AND FOUND



Please label all of your child's belongings (lunchboxes, jackets, glasses, etc.) Any items that are found with a name on them will be returned. The lost and found is located right outside the office. Valuables (such as money, jewelry, eyeglasses, etc.) will be kept in the office. Items that have not been claimed will be donated at the end of the school year.



## PTO Updates & Calendar

**April 1st, Cougars on the Court, 5:00pm-7:00pm** will mark the first in-school community event in two years.

We're so proud of the unity at Copper Hill. On April 27th we are inviting families to our first Heritage Night event. We will invite families to share their diverse cultures through food, stories and even entertainment.

April 27-29 we will host our Spring Scholastic BOGO Book Fair. We will be looking for volunteers to make this fair as amazing and successful as our fall fair.

April 28th come and dine out at Blue Fish Grill, 50 Mine Street, Flemington, NJ. Walk off dinner and grab dessert right around the corner at Humdoo, 20 Stangl Road, Flemington, NJ.

Spring is in the air. Time to clean out your closets. PTO Spring clothing Drive, April 28-May 2nd.

### Facebook

Have you joined our FaceBook Page? Use the link below or search "Copper Hill Elementary School PTO". Make sure to answer the 3 security questions.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/546291015501685/?ref=bookmarks>

*Please feel free to contact the PTO with questions, suggestions and feedback at [copperhillelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:copperhillelementarypto@gmail.com).*

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