

Copper Hill Elementary School

December 2021 Family Newsletter



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Dear Copper Hill Families

We hope everyone enjoyed their Thanksgiving holiday, giving thanks for the many things you are grateful for. We offer many thanks to each family for helping foster a successful home-school connection for your children. We are thankful to serve our outstanding school community, and serve alongside exceptional professionals.

During the month of November, we held our November Town Hall where we focused on service and helping our community. Our school and PTO honored Mr. Lockett for his service to our country. We look forward to welcoming Veterans into our school next year to celebrate their service to our country.

This month our PTO is hosting our annual Holiday Shop for our students to purchase gifts for family members and friends during the holiday season. Thank you to the many volunteers who help organize our Holiday Shop for our students and assist them in choosing their special gifts!

On behalf of the faculty and staff here at Copper Hill, we wish everyone a joyous and festive holiday season! May the New Year be filled with much health and happiness for all!

Best Wishes,

Jesse Lockett & Amy Switkes



The weather is changing!

Families, now that colder weather is upon us, please be sure that your child is prepared for physical education, recess, and mask breaks outside. Please label your child's name on all jackets, hats, gloves, etc.



Congratulations to Copper Hill's Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Skove and Educational Service Professional of the Year, Mrs. Maslankowski! Our school is a great place to learn, work, and grow because of these two amazing professionals.



Parent Teacher Conferences

Below are our dates for Parent Teacher Conferences.

- 12/1- Afternoon
- 12/2- Evening
- 12/3- Afternoon

Please note:

- If you are attending a conference in person, please be sure that you are symptom free, practice social distancing, and wear a mask.
- Please maintain social distancing during in-person conferences.

Water Fountain Updates

Out of an abundance of caution, our water fountains continue to be closed. The district has provided our school with bottled water. If your child needs water, they can come to the main office or the nurse's office for a bottle of water. We recommend that you send your child to school with a filled water bottle to limit classroom disruptions.

Important Updates from Nurse Maslankowski

When you call your child out of school, or complete the online attendance form, please be sure to share the symptoms that your child is experiencing.

If anyone in the household is experiencing Covid symptoms, **ALL STUDENTS/SIBLINGS** in any school must stay home until the individual experiencing the symptoms provides a negative Covid test to the school nurse.

All visitors and volunteers **MUST** provide ONE of the following to enter the building:

- Proof of full vaccination to Covid. A copy of their vaccination card can be emailed to Nurse Lisa. Full vaccination is defined as at least 2 weeks after the **SECOND** dose of either Pfizer or Moderna vaccine OR 2 weeks after a single J&J vaccine.
- Proof of negative Covid test done within 7 days of the volunteer opportunity.
- Proof of Covid infection within 90 days of the volunteer opportunity (must be after the mandatory 10 day isolation/recovery period from Covid infection.)

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.

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.



PTO Updates

Holiday Hands

The United Way's Holiday Hands campaign goes until Friday, December 3rd.

- Donate gift cards by signing up here: <https://bit.ly/3qBs5ll>.
- Drop them off to the PTO Holiday Hands table at Parent-Teacher Conferences.

- Buy in-person from the United Way's most popular items, and drop off gifts at the United Way Volunteer Center, 20 Fulper Road, Flemington.
- Make a Venmo donation, noting "Holiday Hands", to @CopperHill-PTO, and the PTO will buy what is most needed.

Holiday Shop

The Holiday Shop will be held in school December 6- December 10th. Children were sent home with information about the shop.

Consider volunteering to help make this successful and fun for the children!

Use the link to sign up.

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/53843558012/true#/invitation>

PTO Purchases

The PTO gifted the school two Buddy Benches and 25 Storybook Cushions for our outdoor learning space.

After-School Clubs

Our teachers host a variety of activities for our children before and after school. Clubs vary by age and activity. A reasonable fee is charged, and the PTO receives a portion back.

Fundraiser - Five Below

Come out to buy holiday gifts December 12-18 at Five-Below. A portion of your purchase helps support the PTO!

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.

Co- President Jacqué Beason

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Secretaries

Michelle Blane

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Katherine Sun

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IMPORTANT DATES

11/30/21 Early Dismissal: Evening Conferences

12/1/21 Early Dismissal: Afternoon Conferences

12/2/21 Early Dismissal: Evening Conferences

12/3/21 Early Dismissal: Afternoon Conferences

12/6/21 to 12/10/21 Holiday Shop



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DECEMEBER FOOD DRIVE!**

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