

Copper Hill Elementary School

February 2022 Family Newsletter

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Dear Copper Hill Families

As we move back into Orange on the Cali report, we are excited to welcome parents, visitors, and our PTO back into our school. As we say, we are BRAVE, SMART, KIND, & TOGETHER, again.

At our January Town Hall meeting, we focused on the character traits compassion and caring. We discussed these words, and what they look like in action. In addition, students had the opportunity to meet our new therapy dog, Madeline. As a reminder, if your child is not able to connect with Madeline, please complete the Therapy Dog Opt-Out Form below:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1mZSsUMeeAFaf0kblM4XeIXZ-kF0POqsHlckamjJsryk/edit?usp=sharing>

Finally, we are sad to say goodbye to Ms. Brielle Ashforth, a teacher in our Autism program, as she moves on from Copper Hill School. Ms. Ashforth has been an incredible asset to our school community. However, we are excited to welcome Mrs. Surina Stepien to our team. Mrs. Stepien has vast experience and we are looking forward to her supporting our students and families.

With great appreciation,

Jesse Lockett and Amy Switkes



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

COPPER HILL STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL RECOGNIZE AND CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BLACK AMERICANS THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY. OUR LIBRARY WILL HIGHLIGHT AND SHARE TEXTS BY BLACK AUTHORS AND ILLUSTRATORS. IN ADDITION, VARIOUS READ ALOUDS WILL BE SHARED FROM MR. LOCKETT AND MRS. SWITKES!

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.

**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

Kindergarten Registration

Details below:

<https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/Domain/49>

IMPORTANT DATES

2/7/22- 2/11/22 School Counselor Appreciation Week
2/11/22 February Town Hall
2/18/22 Staff Professional Learning Day (School Closed for Students)
2/21/22 School Closed: President's Day

Parent Class Request 2021-2022

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



It is cold!

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.

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.

Visitors are allowed back into the building. Visitors must provide a negative Covid test or a copy of their vaccination status.

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 at the end of the school year.



PTO Updates & Calendar

Krispy Kreme Donuts Order Pick Up: Thursday, February 10th from 3:30pm - 5:00pm near the gymnasium under the awning.

Valentine Surprise Grams

February 14th parents, siblings or friends can surprise students with a small surprise delivered to their classroom.

Orders will be taken from Tuesday, February 1st - February 8th. Each item is \$1.00. All proceeds support the Copper Hill PTO.

Copper Hill Elementary Yearbook. New this year, available for grades K-4.

Order deadline: March 1st.

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Yearbook ID: 14490722

DINE OUT February 15-17th: Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 15-17th
Marinelli's Pizza & Italian Restaurant

505 Route 12

Flemington, New Jersey 08822

908-806-7562

<https://www.marinellisrestaurant.com/menu>

Support your Copper Hill PTO not one day but THREE! Mention you're dining in support of Copper Hill and 10% of your check is given to your 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.

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