

COPPER HILL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JUNE 2022 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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DEAR COPPER HILL FAMILIES,

Happy June!

It is hard to believe that the 2021-2022 school year is coming to an end. On behalf of our entire staff here at Copper Hill, we wholeheartedly thank you for all of your support this year and look forward to another year of learning and growing together! We thank each member of our school community for their contributions to our school; our students, staff, parents, PTO and entire Flemington-Raritan School Community. The Copper Hill School community has continued to be Brave, Smart, Kind and Together in the face of the pandemic challenges.

May was a busy and exciting month; Walkathon, Field Day, 4th Grade Concert, Handprints, and Head Shaving, and so much more! We are looking forward to celebrating the end of another successful school year with classroom celebrations, our 25th Anniversary Party, 4th grade class trip to Camp Bernie, Kindergarten Celebration, and yearbooks.

We want to wish our 4th grade students the best of luck as they transition to their new home at Reading Fleming Intermediate School. We are so proud of all that you have accomplished during your time here at Copper Hill. We hope you will take with you all of the wonderful memories, friendships, and smiles that you gained as a Cougar. Please come back and visit!

We would also like to recognize Mrs. Kathy Downs, as she celebrates her retirement. Mrs. Downs has been a dedicated and caring teacher who has touched the lives of many students and families throughout her tenure at Copper Hill School. She has been a tremendous asset to our school, a leader on her team and a wonderful colleague to all. Thank you Mrs. Downs for all of your contributions to our community and education over the years! Enjoy your upcoming retirement!

This has been a challenging year, and we are grateful for your support through this journey. We wish you all a happy, healthy, and restful summer!

With great appreciation,

Jesse Lockett
Principal

Amy Switkes
Vice Principal

ELECTION DAY-TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022: PARENT DROP OFF/PICKUP

COPPER HILL IS AN ELECTION SITE; THEREFORE, THE AREA OF PARENT DROPOFF/PICKUP WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE. **No impact on preschool.**

PLEASE REVIEW THE FOLLOWING CHANGES FOR JUNE 7TH ONLY:

ARRIVAL: STUDENTS WILL BE DROPPED OFF AT THE GYM OVERHANG and ENTER THROUGH the glass corridor. DO NOT EXIT YOUR VEHICLE.

PICKUP: PLEASE PARK IN THE MAIN LOT AND PICK UP YOUR CHILD FROM UNDER THE OVERHANG NEXT TO THE GYMNASIUM DOORS.

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. Please be sure to have your children check for items before they are donated.

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

6/2/22 and 6/3/22- 4th Grade Camp Bernie

6/7/22- 4th Grade Visit to RFIS

6/10/22- Kindergarten Celebration

6/11/22- Somerset Patriots Game

6/15/22- Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

6/16/22 or 6/17/22 (Rain Date)- You Are a Gardener

6/17/22- 25th Year Celebration

6/20/22- 4th Grade Pizza/Ice Pops Celebration

6/20/22- Early Dismissal for Students

6/21/22- End of Year Assembly, Early Dismissal for Students, Last Day of School



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.

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.

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.

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PTO UPDATES & CALENDAR

- June 2nd - 3:30pm-5:00pm Pick up 4th Grade Lawn signs under awning near the gym.
- June 3rd - 4:00pm-5:00pm Pick up 4th Grade Lawn signs under awning near the gym.
- June 9th - Rita's Dine Out - Come and see who our special guest is serving up cones and treats.
- June 11th - Somerset Baseball Game. Game time is 7:05pm. Tickets are \$14.00 each and can be purchased using the link below.
- Group Portal Link: <https://so6.glitnirticketing.com/soticket/web/loginroup1.php>
Password for ALL purchases is: cophill
- The Portal will close an hour prior to the start of the game which will be 6pm on June 11th.
- June 16th - 7:00pm Community Meeting
- June 17th - 25 Year Anniversary Celebration

Meet with the PTO

Have a new idea?

Feel free to share it with us using our new event form.

[New event form](#)

Please feel free to contact us with questions, suggestions and feedback at:

copperhillelementarypto@gmail.com.

Community Meeting-Thursday, May 19 at 7 pm. (Zoom link to follow)

Co- President Jacque Beason Secretaries

Co- President Lauren Levin Michelle Blane

Co-Vice President Alyssa Kayser Robin Cooper

Co-Vice President Caitlin Ryan Persche Christina Eliades

Co- Treasurer Tara Kraatz Katherine Sun

Co- Treasurer Angelique Parashis Candice Testa

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

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