

# Copper Hill Elementary School

## MAY 2022 FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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## DEAR COPPER HILL FAMILIES,

Thanks to our incredible PTO and our families for facilitating and hosting so many great events during the month of April. Our first annual Cougars on the Court was a huge hit; fun, competition, cheering, and camaraderie. Many families also participated in our first ever Copper Hill Family Heritage Night last week. We thank all of our families and staff who participated and visited our diverse booths. Your time and efforts allowed the night to be a great success; meeting new friends, trying new cuisine, and learning about various cultures and heritages. We look forward to making this a larger event in the future, as we celebrate our diverse school community. At our April Town Hall assembly, we focused on Autism Acceptance Month and social and emotional learning through You Are a Gardener. Our Copper Hill Cougars are worldly learners and empathic friends!

We also thank our PTO for sponsoring the upcoming Teacher Appreciation Week events. Thank you to all the volunteers who have supported us this week and throughout the school year. Please be sure to thank our teachers for the amazing work that they have done throughout this very challenging year.

Please remember that our third and fourth grade students are preparing for the upcoming state assessment, NJSLA. Testing is scheduled for May 16 & 17 for ELA and May 23, 24, & 25 for Math. Please encourage your child get a good night's rest, eat a healthy breakfast during testing, and have operational headphones.

Our Fourth Grade Chorus and Chimes Spring Concert is on Thursday, May 26 at 7:00 pm. Ms. Golding and her students have been practicing hard for their upcoming performance. We are super excited to welcome our concert back after a few years away.

We look forward to finishing this school year BRAVE, SMART, KIND, and truly TOGETHER.

Fondly,

Jesse Lockett and Amy Switkes



THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN HERITAGE  
NIGHT! IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL EVENING!



A graphic for Teacher Appreciation Week. It features the text "TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!" in a large, bold, dark blue font. Below it, the dates "MAY 2-6, 2022" are written in a smaller, bold, dark blue font. The background is white with scattered illustrations of red apples and yellow pencils with pink erasers.

# TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK!

MAY 2-6, 2022

THANK YOU TEACHERS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO FOR  
OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!



## 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

**5/2/22 to 5/6/22-** Teacher Appreciation Week!

**5/3/22-** Walkathon

**5/5/22-** Third and Fourth Grade Assembly: "Ball in the House"

**5/9/22 to 5/13/22-** Spring NWEA Map Growth Testing Window for Grades K-4

**5/12/22-** Kindergarten, First, Second Grade Assembly: "Hansel and Gretel"

**5/19/22-**Field Day

**5/16 and 5/17-** NJSLA ELA (Grades 3-4)

**5/23, 5/24, and 5/25-** NJSLA Math (Grades 3-4)

**5/26/22-**4th Grade Concert



## 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.

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

## PTO UPDATES & CALENDAR

This week...Showing love to teachers and staff...Please see information below:

### **Coming soon...FIELD DAY Thursday, May 19th (Rain Date May 23rd)**

We are so happy to see Field day is back this year. We need plenty of volunteers to make the event go smoothly!

Sign up here: <https://signup.com/go/ODudwfY>

### **Behind the scenes with your PTO**

Generous fundraising has allowed your PTO to continue to support our teachers and students. We're happy to provide the teachers and staff with lunch and treats this week. The return of assemblies is near. Cougars on the Court was a successful free event for all. We look forward to ice pops at field day and Camp Bernie with our fourth graders. All the hard fundraising makes this possible. We couldn't be happier and more excited to fund these in school events once again.

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](mailto: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 [copperhillelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:copperhillelementarypto@gmail.com).*

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# Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week 2022

**Monday** – THANKS FOR MAKING THIS YEAR GO SO **smoothie**

Grab a coupon for a free smoothie. Compliments of Smoothie King

**tuesday** – MAY YOUR **coffee** BE STRONG & YOUR STUDENTS BE **calm**

Enjoy a breakfast in the teacher's lounge!

Grab a coupon for a Hot Beverage. Compliments of Wawa.

**wednesday** – THERE'S NO **Sub-stitute** FOR TEACHERS & STAFF LIKE YOU!

Grab a coupon for a free Sub. Compliments of Jersey Mike's.

**thursday** – WE APPRECIATE YOU A WHOLE BUNCH,  
SO PLEASE ENJOY SOME DELICIOUS **lunch!**

Enjoy a catered lunch and giveaways in the teacher's lounge.  
Special thanks to ShopRite of Flemington for their generous donation.

**friday** – ENJOY A **sweet** FINISH FOR THE WEEK!

Enjoy a dessert reception in the teacher's lounge  
courtesy of your Copper Hill Families.

Grab a Flower Cookie Cutter to  
make some treats as sweet as you.

