

Copper Hill Elementary School

NOVEMBER 2021 FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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DEAR COPPER HILL FAMILIES

Our school community is BRAVE, SMART, KIND & TOGETHER! This year continues to bring many challenges, but together, we continue to move forward with very excited students and staff who love being in school. We thank you for your continued support as we navigate these challenges together.

A special shout out to our school nurse Lisa Maslankowski. On a daily basis, she keeps our students safe by providing bandages, medicine, and ice packs, all while supporting the needs

of our medically fragile students. Mrs. Maslankowski is also instrumental in monitoring the Covid protocols. Thank you, Nurse Lisa!

During the month of October, we had a fun Week of Respect with engaging themed days that focused on being yourself and anti-bullying. We are so thankful to our school counselor, Mrs. Moeri, for organizing a terrific week!

We also held our annual book fair in October. As educators, we strive to share our love of reading with our students. It was so exciting to see our volunteers in the school helping students buy books and our families book shopping together. A special shout out to our PTO and volunteers for all their support!

Last week, we held our October Town Hall where we focused on school and community safety. Thank you Officer Harry and Ryan Fisher from goHunterdon for presenting Halloween safety. Finally, the rain held off so we could bring back our fun-filled Halloween Parade! It was great to see so many siblings, parents, and grandparents celebrating with our students. A special shout out to our PTO for all their support during all of our school activities.

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, and reflect upon our blessings, we are very thankful to serve with amazing professionals, and to serve our spectacular school community!
#CHPROUD

As a reminder, our [Parent Handbook](#) is a wealth of information pertaining to our school procedures.

Thank you,

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

jackets, hats, gloves, etc.



TEACHER AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Has a teacher impacted your child or family? It is that very special time of year- time to nominate one **Teacher of the Year** and one **Educational Services Professional of the Year!**

The nomination deadline for this school year is Friday, November 12 by 4:00 p.m. A panel has been assembled to select our two 2021-2022 Copper Hill winners. We will announce winners on Friday, December 10th. Thank you in advance for taking the time to recognize and celebrate our Copper Hill staff! Nominations can be dropped off at the Copper Hill Main Office.

[Eligibility Criteria](#)

[Nomination Form Link](#)



PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Below are our dates for Parent Teacher Conferences.

- 11/30- Evening
- 12/1- Afternoon
- 12/2- Evening
- 12/3- Afternoon

Please note:

- Conferences will be 20 minutes each.
- Conferences will be offered both virtual and in-person.
- If you are attending a conference in person, please be sure that you are symptom free, practice social distancing, and wear a mask.

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.)

HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING PARENT TRAINING BY MRS. MOERI



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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

Facebook Page

Have you joined the Copper Hill PTO Facebook group? Try the link below.

www.facebook.com/groups/546291015501685/

Or search "Copper Hill Elementary School PTO"

Next Community Meeting

Mark your calendar. The PTO will meet via Zoom Thursday December 16, 2021 from 7-8pm . We will review what we've done, where we're going, and how you can help.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://frsd.zoom.us/j/82545628054?pwd=YnFHZGNGM3c4VWhlQ2JzNXRudWkwZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 4562 8054

Passcode: 822134

Coming Soon

In School Holiday Shop

The PTO is pleased to announce in school Holiday Shopping is back. December 6-10, 2021.

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

copperhillelementarypto@gmail.com.

Co- President Jacque Beason

Co- President Lauren Levin

Co-Vice President Alyssa Kayser

Co-Vice President Caitlin Ryan Persche

Co- Treasurer Tara Kraatz

Co- Treasurer Angelique Parashis

Secretaries

Michelle Blane
Robin Cooper
Christina Eliades
Katherine Sun
Candice Testa

IMPORTANT DATES

11/2/21 School Closed: Staff PD Day

11/4/21 and 11/5/21 School Closed NJEA Convention

11/12/21 Teacher/ESP of the Year Nominations Due

11/24/21 Early Dismissal

11/25/21 & 11/26/21 School Closed for Thanksgiving

