

Copper Hill Elementary School

OCTOBER 2021 FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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CONGRATULATION & BEST OF LUCK

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST OF LUCK TO TWO OF COPPER HILL'S FINEST PROFESSIONALS; MRS. LAURIE ANN MOORE (3RD GRADE) AND MRS. MARY GENOVASE (SPEECH THERAPIST).

THEY HAVE TOUCHED AND IMPACTED MANY LIVES AND WILL CERTAINLY BE MISSED!
GOOD LUCK IN YOUR WELL DESERVED RETIREMENT!

DEAR COPPER HILL FAMILIES

We held a very exciting in person Back to School Night. It was great seeing our families and welcoming everyone back into our great school. A special shoutout to our PTO for facilitating a food pantry collection and for supporting our great evening. Last week, we held our back to school Spirit Assembly where we sang Happy Birthday to our September birthdays, sang our school song, introduced school staff, reviewed school rules, safety practices, and had some fun dancing with Cody the Cougar.

We are entering the month of October. The weather is changing, leaves are turning vibrant colors, and our students are starting to settle into a routine. A routine full of learning, friendships, and fun at Copper Hill School.

As a reminder; our parent handbook is a wealth of information pertaining to our school and procedures;

<https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01001104/Centricity/Domain/1341/Parent%20Handbook%202021-2022.pdf>

Thank you,

Jesse Lockett & Amy Switkes

FLEMINGTON RARITAN WEEK OF RESPECT



WATER FOUNTAIN UPDATES

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

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 you have not already done so, please complete the COVID Pledge in the parent portal.

- If you have not submitted your required medical paperwork (physicals, etc.), please do so immediately, as to not disrupt your child attending school.

Executive Order (EO) 253 requires all public school districts, charter schools, parochial schools, and private school employees to be fully vaccinated or submit to COVID-19 testing at a minimum of one or two times per week. According to the Executive Order, "For purposes of this Order, "covered workers" shall include all individuals employed by the covered setting, both full and part-time, including, but not limited to, administrators, teachers, educational support professionals, individuals providing food, custodial, and administrative support services, substitute teachers, whether employed directly by a covered setting or otherwise contracted, contractors, providers, and any other individuals performing work in covered settings whose job duties require them to make regular visits to such covered settings, including **volunteers. This includes homeroom parents, PTO members, and club chaperones.** **Any questions, please reach out to the building administration and Nurse Maslankowski.**

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.

COVID UPDATES- PLEASE CONTINUE TO READ DR. MCGANN'S CORRESPONDENCE

At this time, due to local metrics in our region, the district maintains previously released guidance:

- Masks are required for staff, faculty, and students while in our buildings.
- Masks are required on all school buses, as they are required on all public transportation, per Governor Murphy's mandate.
- District continues with layered mitigation strategies like handwashing, excluding students with COVID-19 symptoms, and contact tracing to identify threats of exposure to the virus.
- We are monitoring community transmission, vaccination coverage, the occurrence of outbreaks, and local policies and regulations to guide our decisions on the use of layered prevention strategies.



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.

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL LOCATIONS

Buses: on the blacktop behind the building by the large playground.

Vans: at the school main entrance.

Preschool: at the Preschool entrance.

Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up: at the exterior gym doors.

YMCA Before/After Care: under the gym overhang.

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

October

We are excited about this year's PTO Team. At the core of our organization we continue to have heart, spirit, energetic and dedicated people. At Copper Hill our volunteers and PTO make a difference. Remember that we are all here to leave our paw prints on tomorrow. 🐾
Would you like to volunteer for the CH PTO? Help us create a strong Copper Hill Family.

Volunteer! Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/gw59v8C1bbWU15D77>

Did you know the Copper Hill PTO has a Facebook group? Join our FaceBook Group today! Just search "Copper Hill Elementary School PTO" or try the link below.

www.facebook.com/groups/546291015501685/

For security purposes you will be asked 3 questions prior to gaining access.

Joe Corbi's

The team started off the year with one of our more popular fundraisers, Joe Corbi's. We sold over 540 items. Orders will be available for pick up at the school on October 15th during Family Book Fair Preview Night.

Book Fair

Copper Hill has been partnering with Scholastic Books for over 5 years. Literacy development is a key component to empowering youth and strengthening the community. Join us Friday, October 15th for our Scholastic Book Fair Family Preview Night. In school sale 10/20-10/22.

Meet with the PTO / Community Meeting

If you missed the PTO's first monthly community meeting, mark your calendars. The PTO will meet via Zoom Thursday October 28 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=YnFHZGNMG3c4VWhIQ2JzNXRudWkwZz09>

Meeting ID: 825 4562 8054

Passcode: 822134

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

Kindergarten Back to School Night- Wednesday, 10/6 at 6:00 p.m. (regular school day)

Early Dismissal for Staff Professional Development Day- Tuesday, 10/19 at 1:20 p.m.

Halloween Parade- Friday, 10/29 10:00 a.m. (details to follow)

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

NWEA MAP STUDENT GROWTH ASSESSMENT-MATH AND LANGUAGE ARTS



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