

Copper Hill Elementary School

OCTOBER 2022 FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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DEAR COPPER HILL FAMILIES

Our school year is off to a great start! Students arrived at school on the first day smiling and excited to connect with old friends and excited to make new ones! Our teachers and staff worked hard over the summer to prepare their classrooms to welcome their new group of students and spent time getting to know them this month. You could sense the “newness” of school everywhere - polished floors, shiny sneakers, new book bags, fun school supplies!

September is such a wonderful time of year and everyone is eagerly looking forward to what lies ahead for the new school year!

Many families attended our Ice Pop Back to School Social, hosted by Copper Hill's PTO. It was wonderful to see such a great turnout and a nice opportunity for many families to connect as the school year begins. We have an incredible school community and everyone's efforts in supporting one another are appreciated! If you are interested in joining our PTO please utilize the QR code below.

In August we welcomed our kindergarten students at orientation, where our young learners rode the bus to school with their parents for the first time, met their teachers and explored their new classrooms. Two weeks ago, we held our back to school Spirit Assembly. We sang Happy Birthday to our September birthdays, sang our school song, celebrated our new students and staff, reviewed school rules, safety practices, and had some fun dancing with Cody the Cougar. We are eager and excited to welcome our families into Copper Hill on 9/29/22 for Back to School Night. Back to School Night is a great time for sharing important school, curriculum and classroom information. Thank you for making arrangements to attend Back to School Night to support your child and begin to form the home-school connection that is imperative for our students' success each year! The end of October will bring our fun and exciting Halloween Parade on 10/31.

As a reminder; [our parent handbook](#) is a wealth of information pertaining to our school and procedures;

Please note the important reminders below regarding electronics and the district wellness policy:

Wellness Policy

In order to maintain a learning environment which is healthy and sensitive to our students with severe food allergies; the following practices are followed:

- Daily classroom snacks and birthday parties may consist of fruit, vegetable or dairy products.
- Food for grade level parties and special events will be at the discretion of the teacher, school nurse or building administration and will remain in line with the district's wellness policy (FRSD Policy 8505).
- Classroom teachers and the school nurse may suggest snack choices based on a food allergy specific to a classroom.
- Birthday treats must be pre-approved with the classroom teacher.
- At no time are students to share their snack with another student.

Electronic Devices- Cell Phones, Cameras, Smart Watches

Students are permitted to use school telephones in the case of an emergency or if they miss the bus. Students must make after-school plans prior to the school day. Cell phones must be turned off and stored away from the learning environment at all times during the school day. Also prohibited is the use of all cell phone functions, including text messaging or use of photographic features (such as cameras). Additionally, the use of any camera during school

hours, including on a school bus, without administrative permission is a violation of privacy and is not permitted pursuant Policy 5516.

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.

Thank you,

Jesse Lockett & Amy Switkes

UPCOMING SCHOOL-WIDE EVENTS:

Copper Hill Helps September 29 - October 7: Kicking off on Back to School Night, we will be holding a small fundraiser for families in need in our community. Please consider a donation of spare change, or personal hygiene items to help those in need. The Copper Hill Helps change jug and a box for collection of items will be in the Copper Hill Foyer for your donations on Back to School Night and all through the Week of Respect.

Week of Respect, October 3-7: Copper Hill will celebrate the Week of Respect with a district-wide spirit week, as well as in-class lessons that emphasize respect in school. Please join us in these fun themed days to show off how respectful we are at Copper Hill.

Copper Hill Heritage Night, October 14: Signup and join us to celebrate our diverse community!

IMPORTANT DATES

9/29/22- Early Dismissal, Back to School Night Grades 1-4

9/27/22, 9/28/22, 9/30/22- Picture Days

10/5/22- School Closed (Yom Kippur)

10/13/22-Preschool Back to School Night

10/14/22- PTO Heritage Night

10/31/22-Halloween Parade



Heritage Night 2022-2023 School Year (1).pdf

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FRSD'S GOT HEART!

DISTRICT-WIDE SPIRIT WEEK
OCTOBER 3-7, 2022

MONDAY: SHOW THE COLOR OF LOVE
WEAR RED OR PINK

TUESDAY: SHOW LOVE FOR YOU
WEAR YOUR FAVORITE OUTFIT*
*SCHOOL & WEATHER APPROPRIATE

WEDNESDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED

THURSDAY: SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR COMFORT
WEAR COMFY CLOTHES

FRIDAY: SHOW YOUR LOVE FOR YOUR SCHOOL
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS



COPPER HILL HELPS!

A FALL FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT FAMILIES IN NEED
SEPT 29 - OCTOBER 7

2 great ways to help our community:

- Donate your spare change! Fill up the Copper Hill Helps change collection jug in the CH foyer to provide personal care items to families experiencing homelessness
- Contribute personal care items (soap, deodorant, dental hygiene supplies, etc.) to be collected for families experiencing homelessness



Become a member of the PTO today!

Visit copperhillpto.ptboard.com to find our 2022-2023 Membership form. Your \$20 membership fee per family will help to fund the multiple PTO-sponsored activities and materials that are provided throughout the school year for the benefit of our children. Plus, you gain access to the online directory!



Copper Hill Parent Teacher Organization



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

Breakfast and lunch options are available for all students. Please visit [Maschio's website](#) for updated menus and other important information. Breakfast is a grab and go in the cafeteria from 0850-0855 as students enter the building. If your child will be getting breakfast, please let their teacher know.



Effective October 1, students in grades K-4 will have the opportunity to purchase additional café snacks; ice cream, chips, etc.

If your child is a frequent buyer, or free/reduced, or will purchase a snack, please help your child remember their 4 digit pin.

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.

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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.

