

February Family Newsletter

February 1, 2021

Dear Copper Hill Families,

We have started off 2021 in traditional Copper Hill fashion, with GREAT KINDNESS! We celebrated the GREAT KINDNESS CHALLENGE with themed days and donations for the Flemington Food Pantry. We will continue collecting items for the food pantry over the next two weeks.

As we move into the second half of the school year, we thank you very much for your continued support of your children and school community. Our school community continues to be Brave, Smart, Kind and Connected.

Please see important reminders below.

With great appreciation,

Jesse Lockett
Principal

Amy Switkes
Vice Principal

BLACK

• HISTORY MONTH •
OBSERVANCE

**COPPER HILL COUGARS WILL RECOGNIZE AND
CELEBRATE THE CONTRIBUTIONS AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF BLACK AMERICANS. IN
ADDITION, VARIOUS READ ALOUDS WILL BE SHARED
FROM MR. LOCKETT AND MRS. SWITKES!**



**THANK YOU, MRS. MOERI! WE APPRECIATE ALL THAT
YOU DO FOR OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY.**

IMPORTANT PRINCIPAL NOTES AND REMINDERS

Health and Safety

COVID-19:

- We must continue to work together to ensure the safety of our school community. Please contact our school nurse, Mrs. Maslankowski via email lmaslank1@frsd.k12.nj.us, if there has been a close contact, symptoms, a positive test, or if you have traveled out of state. In addition, please be sure to contact the main office if you anticipate any travel in the upcoming months.
- Please continue to complete the health screening in Genesis each morning your child is attending in-person learning by 7:30 AM.
- Please continue to read Dr. McGann's newsletters pertaining to the impact of COVID 19.

In-Person PE Classes:

- Continue to dress your child in layers of clothing, as we will continue to go outside for physical education and mask breaks during the winter months.

Virtual/Remote Substitutes

- If a remote learning teacher is absent, then students may receive live instruction from a substitute, a Copper Hill staff member, or asynchronous (not live) instruction/lessons.
- Notification will come from the school, and/or teacher, that there will be a modification to the facilitation of the lesson.

Attendance

Student Attendance:

- Please continue to correspond with the office if your child is going to be absent from school. If your child is virtual or on their remote week, this is also important so that we can document accordingly.
- During virtual learning, if your child is late to attend virtual classes, he/she will be marked tardy or early dismissal if they miss afternoon learning sessions.

Tips to Help Your Child at Home

In order to maximize your child's educational success during virtual instruction, we recommend the following strategies and guidelines:

- Please ensure that your child is working in an appropriate learning environment. The environment should have the fewest distractions possible and the device should be stationary on a stable surface. Students should come to class on time and with their learning materials ready.
- Communicate with your child's teacher individually outside of instructional time if you have questions or concerns. Please avoid interrupting live instruction.
- All anticipated absences, late arrivals, or early departures from the virtual classroom should be communicated by a parent/guardian to the homeroom/remote teacher.

Switch from Virtual to Hybrid/Hybrid to Virtual

Policy for requests to transition from in-person learning to fully remote or vice-versa:

❖ Transition to remote learning: According to BOE policy 1648.02 , a parent may request a student receive full-time remote learning from the school district by submitting a written request to the Principal of the school building their child would attend. The written request shall be provided to the Principal at least 15 business days before the end of the trimester. **Schedule changes for the spring semester must be received by February 22, 2021.**

❖ Transition to in-person learning: Transitions to in-person learning will occur at the beginning of the new trimester. A parent may request their student transition from full-time remote learning to in-person services, if in-person services are being provided, by submitting a written request to the Principal of the building the student will attend. The request must be submitted at least 15 business days before the end of the trimester. **Schedule changes for the spring trimester must be received by February 22, 2021.**

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Teacher Request 2021-2022 School Year

Creation of class lists is an important responsibility that classroom teachers, content specialists, guidance and administrators take very seriously. A great deal of time and effort goes into creating classes, which are well balanced academically and socially. Many factors are considered in making placement decisions, including both desirable and undesirable social combinations of students, numbers of students requiring academic support or enrichment and overall number balance.

Placement decisions are not made casually. Because it is not as simple as placing a student with a teacher without considering all of the dynamics of each class, as well as the individual and collective needs of the students, the Flemington Raritan School District does not honor parental requests for specific teachers.

Parents may write a letter to the principal stating specific needs that their child may have and which may be considered when placing the student. The letter should state facts to consider and not include a request for a specific teacher.

LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2021

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IMPORTANT DATES

2/5/21-Crazy Cougar Day-Favorite Sports Team

2/12/21- School Closed for Students: Staff Professional Development Day

2/15/21- School Closed for Staff and Students: President's Day

2/22/21-School Board Meeting to Recognize our Educators of the Year!

2/22/21 to 2/25/21- Kindergarten Registration

February Lunch Menu

Please visit our school website each month for the daily lunch menu:




Valentine's Day 2021

This school year has forced us to reevaluate how we operate during the Covid era. As February approaches, we have started to think about Valentine's Day and the best and safest way for all of our students to celebrate. In an effort to continue maintaining social distancing and minimize student contact, we are implementing a temporary change to the traditional card exchange.

This year, with the help of our computer teacher, Mrs. Cook, our students will learn new ways to virtually "exchange" Valentine sentiments. Not only will they learn a new skill, this ensures that all students can participate in a safe way. We appreciate your understanding in asking that you do not send Valentine's Day cards in with your child. We appreciate everyone's efforts to make this year's Valentine's Day celebrations safe and enjoyable for all of our students. Wishing you and your family good health and love! <3

PTO NEWS

 **Copper Hill Spiritwear** - Our ONLINE STORE is open year round. Delivered right to your door. There are 12 designs and tons of products!

Spiritwear coupon for February -> <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1MUdUGzN8uiNZltLL-XqGSvq60v0whvp7/view>

Store link -> www.copperhillspiritwear.com

Be on the look out for upcoming "Copper Hill Dine Out" days.

Yearbook plans are being finalized. Additional information to follow soon!

Your patience, flexibility, and continued support are greatly appreciated!

