

# COPPER HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Our PTO's Winter Jam was a huge success! Students, parents, Mr. Lockett and I danced and sang the night away! The photo booth and glow necklaces were a hit and we had a great turnout! Thank you for supporting our PTO and coming out for an evening of Copper Hill fun!

Copper Hill has opened the doors of our newly established Cougar Zen Den, also known as our Mindfulness Room. Thanks to Mrs. Moeri's vision and our supportive PTO, our Zen Den has been very popular with Copper Hill Cougars. The Zen Den is intended to be a peaceful and calming place for students to visit, as mindfulness and a calm environment can help students to regulate strong emotions, and increase focus. The Zen Den includes stations for mindful play, yoga mats, soothing music and tents for relaxation and reading. Classes can sign up to use the Zen Den together and students engage with mindful play during Second Step lessons with Mrs. Moeri.

Mrs. Larca and Mrs. Yoos facilitated our week-long Read Across America celebration, with fun events planned for each day. On Monday, staff and students enjoyed D.E.A.R. time together, Tuesday we wore blue to be united in reading and on Wednesday our students participated in a book swap. On Thursday we wore shirts with words on them and on Friday we read around the clock in the Cougar Zen Den. Our RAA leaders also created a bulletin board of the United States for classes to participate in "Copper Hill's Road Trip" by marking the states we visit (read) from now until the end of the school year! Check our Twitter feed for Road Trip updates!

We would like to celebrate and thank Ms. Jane Roosa for all her contributions to Copper Hill School, as she will be retiring next month. Ms. Roosa has been a special education teacher at our school for over 20 years and has been a leader in many ways throughout her career. Ms. Roosa facilitated a special Veteran's Day Assembly each November to honor local veterans. She would connect her students with a veteran and teach her students how to interview them and turn their interview into a composition, which then led to the presentation of the veteran at a special assembly. Many local veterans have been honored by Ms. Roosa's dedication and annual commitment over the years and truly appreciate the special recognition given by Copper Hill School. Many Copper Hill students know Ms. Roosa, as she is always visible during arrival and dismissal, greeting students and building relationships with them. Ms. Roosa is often seen assisting students with their belongings as they arrive to school or helping them zip up their jackets and get their hats on to prepare for dismissal. Ms. Roosa has served as the chairperson of Copper Hill's Sunshine Committee for many years, planning our special holiday events and organizing meals and collections for fellow staff members during challenging times. Ms. Roosa is beloved by our Copper Hill community and will be missed by all as she begins her next chapter. Please join us in thanking Ms. Roosa for all that she has done for the students and staff of Copper Hill School!

Please mark your calendars for our next night of family fun - PICTO and Basket Raffle Night on March 27. More information will be shared by our PTO soon; hope you can join us!

Sincerely,

Vanessa Ahmed  
Principal  
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Jesse Lockett  
Vice Principal

### **IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDER**

Please use the **CROSSWALK** when approaching the building to ensure student safety, as well as your own. Thank you for your cooperation!

### **A NOTE FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

Any child that cannot take gym due to an injury or illness must have a note from the parent or doctor. The child will be unable to participate in recess activities during that time. Contact the nurse with any questions.

### **PARENT CLASS REQUEST 2020-2021**

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 desirable social combinations of students, 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 and 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 has which may be considered when placing the student. The letter should state facts to consider and not request a teacher.

***LETTERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2020***

### **A MESSAGE FROM THE PE DEPARTMENT**

All children must have socks to participate in gymnastics during gym class. This is a health safety concern. Please help your child to remember to wear socks or stick an extra pair in their backpack!

### **LOST AND FOUND**

We have an abundance of lost and found items. Please have your child check the lost and found located outside the front office. Any leftover items will be donated to the clothing drive after Spring Break.

### **MOVING**

Please inform the office if you are moving out of the Copper Hill attendance area at the end of the current school year.

### **UPCOMING COPPER HILL EVENTS**

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| March 2-6 | Safety Town   |
| March 8   | Daylight Savings Time Begins (Sets clocks ahead 1 hour) |
| March 9   | School Closed - Staff Development                       |
| March 18  | Gymnastics begin  |
| March 27  | Crazy Hair Day  |
| March 27  | Picto Night   |

