

COPPER HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October/November 2019
Character Trait: Self-esteem/Pride

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Dear Parents,

October has been a busy and fun month for everyone at Copper Hill! We began with a District-wide spirit week to celebrate the "Week of Respect," with a different theme and inspirational quote for each day that week. Copper Hill students also played "Kindness Bingo" with Mrs. Moeri, our school guidance counselor, as well as put the "I" in KIND with our interactive bulletin board in the front foyer.

Our PTO Walk-A-Thon was a tremendous success, raising the highest amount for Copper Hill ever - \$17,253 - WOW! Prizes for student participation, visits from Cody the Cougar, daily announcements and Mr. Lockett's surprise assembly motivated students and families to generously help our PTO again this year. Your incredible contributions in support of our students are truly appreciated!

Our PTO also held our annual book fair, with a great Family Book Fair Night this year, as well as our annual fall clothing drive. We kicked off our first Food Pantry Collection of the year and thank you for the donations that are ready for the Food Pantry. Our students and their families help us demonstrate the character traits of caring and compassion that we value here at Copper Hill!

We thank our families for their understanding as we made the decision to move our Halloween Parade inside due to the inclement weather last week. We appreciated your cooperation and we will cross our fingers that we have a beautiful Halloween day next year. We also thank all of our parent volunteers who helped facilitate all of our October events! Be sure to check out our Twitter feed (@CopperHillES) to see pictures of all of our school happenings!

Looking ahead, we have parent teacher conferences scheduled for November 20, 21, 25, and 26 to continue to build our home-school connections. We will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Vanessa Ahmed
Principal

Jesse Lockett
Vice Principal

NOVEMBER EARLY DISMISSALS/CLOSINGS

November 20 & 25 - **Evening** Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 21 & 26 - **Afternoon** Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday Begins

Students will follow an early dismissal schedule on the above dates. Students will be dismissed at the following times:

Grades K-4 8:55 a.m.-1:20 p.m.

Integrated Preschool - Age 3, Half Day 8:55-10:25 a.m.

Integrated Preschool - Age 4, Full Day 8:55 a.m.-12 p.m.

Project Happy - Age 3, A.M. Session 8:55-10:25 a.m.

Project Happy - Age 3, P.M. Session 10:25 a.m.-12 p.m.

Project Happy - Age 4, Full Day 8:55 a.m.-12 p.m.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be done on Friday, November 15, 2019.

LOST and FOUND

We have moved our lost and found to the front entrance area. Please label all your child's belongings (lunchboxes, jackets, glasses). Any items that are found with a name on them will be returned. Valuables such as money, jewelry, eyeglasses etc.) will be kept in the office. Items that have not been claimed will be donated to charity over winter break.

IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE-EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR EVERY CHILD

The school will utilize the school communication system, School Messenger, to contact you in the event of an unscheduled early dismissal and other closings or delayed openings. For this reason, it is absolutely critical that we have current phone information for every child. Cell phone numbers and work phone numbers tend to change. As neighbors move, designated emergency contact persons may change as well. Please be sure to provide the office with prompt written notice of any work, home or cell phone number changes for you or the individuals you designated as emergency contact persons for your children. This is an essential step in our emergency contact procedures, and we appreciate your cooperation. Also, with temperatures dropping, the likelihood of a school closing, delayed opening or early dismissal increases. **Please be sure that you have discussed and practiced your plan should school need to close early and there is no aftercare.** Also, please take this time to plan with your children what action they will take in the event that you are not home to meet them.



SICK DAY GUIDELINES

Making the Right Call When Your Child Is Sick:

Should I keep my child home or send him or her to school?

School policy requires a child **stay home** if he or she:

- Has a fever of 100.0 degrees or higher
- Has been vomiting or has had diarrhea within the past 24 hours
- Has symptoms that keep him or her from participating in school, such as:

Very tired or lack of appetite

Cough that he or she cannot control, sneezing often

Headache, body aches, or earache

Sore Throat—a minor sore throat is ok for school, but a severe sore throat could be **strep throat**, even if there is no fever. Other symptoms of strep throat in children are headache and stomach upset, or rash. Call your doctor if your child has these symptoms. A special test is needed to know if it is strep throat

Keep your child home until his or her fever has been gone for 24 hours without medicine. Returning to school too soon may slow recovery and expose other people unnecessarily to illness.

Keep your child home until 24 hours after last vomiting or diarrhea episode.

Keep your child home if he is coughing or sneezing frequently as he or she is spreading his cold to others.

Please help others from becoming sick by keeping your child home during the worst of his or her illness.

IMPORTANT RECESS REMINDERS

As temperatures begin to drop, please be mindful to dress your children accordingly. Be prepared for students to go outside for recess each and every day. To keep our students warm, please remember to send your children to school with their coats, gloves, scarves and hats!

UPCOMING COPPER HILL EVENTS

November 13	Marking Period Ends
November 15	Picture Retakes
November 20	EARLY DISMISSAL (Evening Conferences)
November 21	EARLY DISMISSAL - (Afternoon Conferences)
November 22	Favorite Color day
November 25	EARLY DISMISSAL -(Evening Conference)
November 26	EARLY DISMISSAL - (Afternoon Conferences)
November 27	EARLY DISMISSAL -Thanksgiving Recess Begins
November 28-29	Thanksgiving Recess

