

# Copper Hill Elementary School

NOVEMBER 2023 FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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## DEAR COPPER HILL FAMILIES

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 each day that week. Our PTO also held our annual book fair, with a great Family Book Fair Night this year, as well as our second annual Heritage Night. Thank you to our families who shared their heritage

with our school community. We look forward to growing this event each year. Our October townhall meeting focused on school and community safety.

Due to our PTO's generosity, we are excited to welcome the "Kindness Ninja" Brian Williams to Copper Hill in November. We had an exciting, fun, and "bootiful" Halloween Parade! Thank you to our staff, PTO, and homeroom parents for supporting our great parade and classroom celebrations.

At our recent staff meeting, our Copper Hill staff completed a "data dive." A "data dive" is an opportunity to review NJSLA data, NWEA data, and other classroom data to target instruction and identify students' needs. This data review will be the catalyst for our instruction this school year. We are working diligently as a school community to target our instruction and to accelerate student learning. We will continue to work together utilizing all resources and data at our disposal to target our students' academic growth; specially addressing the writing process and written expression. A special thank you to our teachers who worked tirelessly to go above and beyond to meet our students' academic, social, and emotional needs.

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, and reflect upon our blessings, we are very thankful to serve with amazing professionals, and to serve our spectacular school community!

#CHPROUD

Our Cougars continue to be Brave, Smart, Kind, & Powerful!

Thank you,

Jesse Lockett & Tania Kelly

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT!

Each month we will spotlight and honor our incredible Copper Hill faculty!



### MRS. GERLACH

**Name:** Maggie Gerlach

**Role/Year in FRSD and CH-**Second Grade Teacher, 19th year in FRSD and 24th year teaching.

**Family:** I have been married to my husband Rick for 21 years. I have an 11 year old daughter named HunterRaye and a 9 ½ year old daughter named LoganSkye. My dog's name is Kane and weighs 110lbs!

**Favorite places to be:** I love the beach, especially Ocean City, NJ, as well as camping, watching sports (Phillies, Eagles and Penn State Football) and being with my family.

**Fun Fact about myself:** I am ambidextrous and I can write words upside down.

**Advice to give my younger self:** Everything happens for a reason! Mistakes help you learn!

## MRS. POSLUSZNY

**Name:** Jennifer Posluszny

**Role/Years in FRSD and CH:** 27 years teaching and 17 years at Copper Hill School .

**Family:** I live in Flemington with my 11 year old son , Bo who attends RFIS.

**Favorite places to be:** My favorite place to be is in Vermont or anywhere where there are mountains .

**Fun Fact:** A fun fact about myself is that I would love to be a CSI Investigator.

**Some advice I would give my younger self:** not worry because it's a waste of time.



## HOLIDAY TRAVELING (ATTENDANCE POLICY)

As many families prepare to travel through the holiday season, I would like to remind families of our attendance policy:

### 5210 - ABSENCES AND EXCUSES

#### Family Trips/Travel and Extended Absences

- a. Family Trips/Travel and such extended absences are unexcused.
- b. All absences due to family trips or travel must be reported to the school in writing at least 10 days prior to the absence.
- c. Should a student be absent for more than 15 days due to family trip/travel, the parent or guardian must withdraw the student from school, notify the school of how the student's education will be continued during the absence, and re-enroll the student upon his/her return.
- d. Teachers are not required to provide the exact work to be covered during such absences (see Policy 5200).

## WEATHER IS CHANGING.....

As the weather begins to change, please ensure that your child is prepared to go outside for recess, breaks, and physical education.



## TEACHER AND EDUCATIONAL SERVICE PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

Dear Copper Hill Families,

It's that time of year! We are beginning the process for the Governor's Educator of the Year program. There are two awards each year. One is for the Teacher of the Year and the other is for the Educational Services Professional (ESP) of the Year. The full list for eligible ESPs is available [here](#), as well as the criteria needed for nomination. Please remember that our amazing teaching assistants can be nominated for the Education Services Professional (ESP) of the Year award.

For both awards, all nominations will be reviewed by a panel of administrators, teachers, and parents based on the state criteria. Nominations can be completed by both parents and colleagues. The review and nomination process will remain strictly confidential to the selection committee. The winners will be submitted to Dr. McGann, registered with the State of New Jersey, and presented with a certificate by the County Office of Education. The selected Teacher of the Year can compete for county Teacher of the Year. All staff members receiving nominations will be recognized.

Below you will find the link to the nomination form. All nomination forms are due back by Wednesday, November 8 at 12:00pm - either to the main office or via email. Please send the emails with the following re: GEOY Nominees. All information must be completed, including the name of the person making the nomination and a written rationale of why this staff member is worthy of the award. Any nomination forms not properly completed will not be reviewed.

[Nomination Form Link](#) (paper form to print out and complete)

[Nomination Google Form Link for Copper Hill](#)





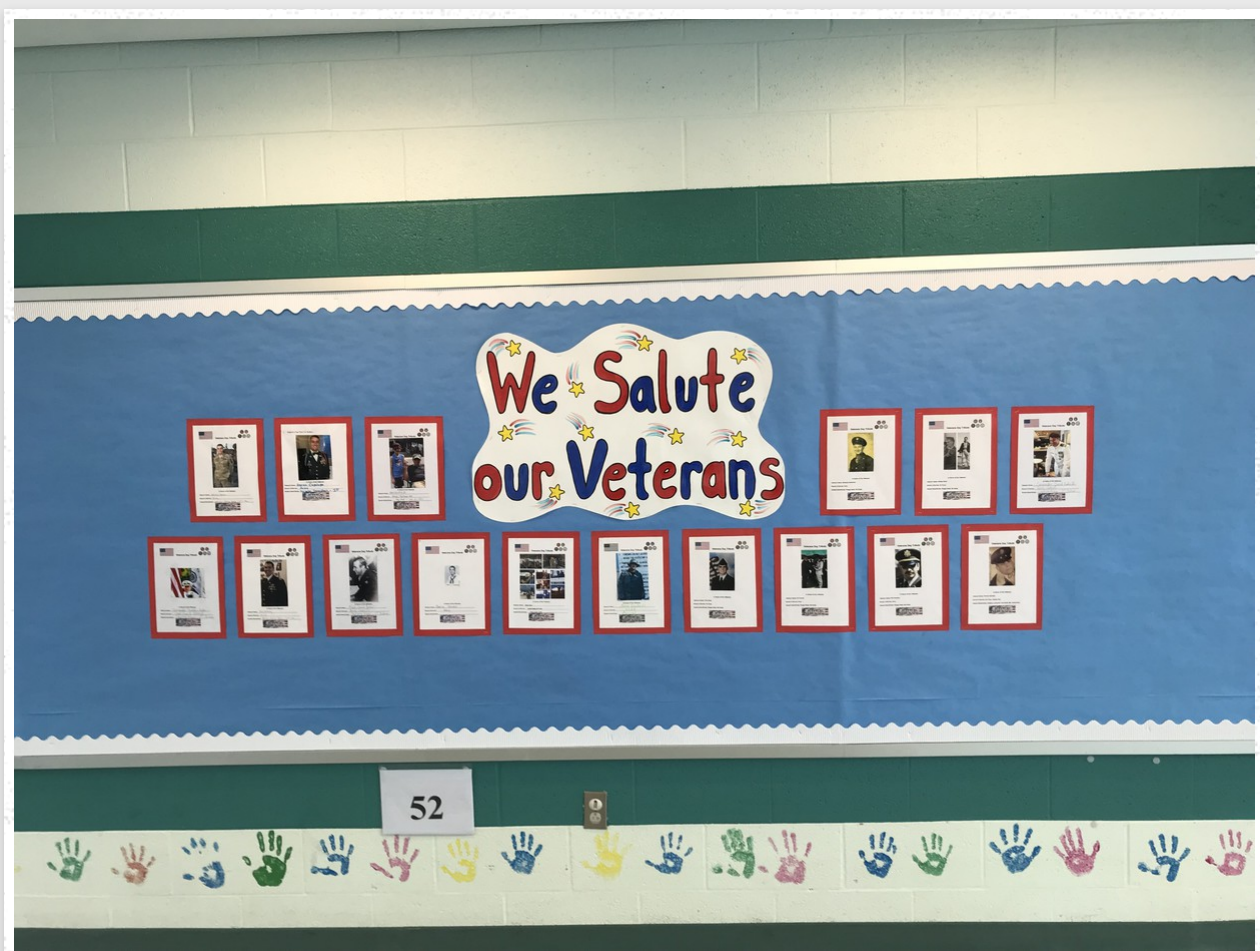
## VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION

November 17, 2023

We will hold a light breakfast for our visiting Veterans at 09:15 am ; followed by a schoolwide assembly to celebrate and honor the service of our Veterans at 0945. [Please RSVP here.](#)

Even if your favorite Veteran(s) cannot make our event; please send a picture or two of your Veteran to the following email address in order for it to be included in our slideshow at our assembly; [nailchickone@yahoo.com](mailto:nailchickone@yahoo.com). Thank you, Mrs. Reed for all your help!

If you have a veteran in your family, please complete the [attached flyer](#) with a picture/information and it will be posted on our bulletin board in the main office as seen below.



# THANK YOU VETERANS! COPPER HILL HONORS ALL WHO HAVE SERVED!



## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES-DECEMBER 2023-TEACHERS WILL BE SENDING OUT SIGNUPS.

Below are our dates for Parent Teacher Conferences.

- 12/5- Evening
- 12/6- Afternoon
- 12/7- Evening
- 12/8- Afternoon

Please note:

- Conferences will be 20 minutes each.
- Conferences will be in person, but a virtual meeting can be accommodated based on the teacher.



## 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.

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE SEND A NOTE WITH YOUR CHILD IN THE MORNING FOR ANY CHANGE IN YOUR CHILD'S ROUTINE.**

## LOST AND FOUND CONTINUES TO GROW!!!!!!!!!!

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.



## 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.



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.

## PTO UPDATES

Please visit our [PTO's website](#) to stay up to date on all the great events and activities!

# A MESSAGE FROM NURSE LISA! SICK DAY GUIDELINES!



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## IMPORTANT DATES

**10/28-11/2-** Fall Clothing Drive

**11/3/23 - PTO Sponsored** Fall Festival 5:30-7:30pm

**11/7/23-** Staff PD Day-School Closed for Students

**11/8/23-** Nominations Due for Teacher and Educational Professional of the Year

**11/9/23 and 11/10/23-** School Closed, Teacher Convention

**11/14/23-** Lifetouch Picture Day Makeups

**11/16/23-** Kindergarten Feast @ 10am in cafeteria

**11/17/23-** Veterans Day Celebration at 0945 in the gym

**11/17/23:** Crazy Cougar Day: Superhero and/or Red White and Blue

**11/23/23 and 11/24/23-** School Closed, Thanksgiving Break