



# Copper Hill School Newsletter

September/October 2019

Character Trait: Respect/Courtesy

Vanessa Ahmed, Principal  
 Jesse Lockett, Vice Principal

Nurse: Mrs. Maslankowski 284-7670  
 Library: 284-7668  
 Voicemail: 284-7665 Option # 2  
 Attendance Line - 284-7665 Option #1

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! It was wonderful to see many families at our Back to School Social, hosted by Copper Hill's PTO. It is always a nice opportunity for our staff and families to connect as the school year begins. We would like to thank our PTO for their support at the beginning of this year - we truly have an incredible school community! If you are interested in joining our PTO, please email any of our PTO Board Members from our school website.

Thank you to the many parents who attended our Back to School Night parent presentation this year. As we shared with you, it is wonderful to have the opportunity to gather together as a school community with parents to connect, build relationships and share important information for the upcoming school year to help every child be successful here at Copper Hill.

We would like to welcome the following teachers and teaching assistants to Copper Hill and introduce familiar faces in new positions this year:

<p>Joining Copper Hill this year are:</p> <p>Megan Bauman, RISE Teacher (Gr K-1)          Robyn Case, Teacher Assistant          Tripti Chhibber, Teacher Assistant          Taylor Fischer, Preschool          Jill Gordley, Teacher Assistant          Anniely Gutierrez, World Language          Ilido Gyorgypal, Teacher Assistant          Sonu Khurana, Teacher Assistant          Rebecca Moeri, Guidance Counselor          Coleen Tropeano, Teacher Assistant          Alyce Valentine, Teacher Assistant</p>	<p>Familiar Faces at Copper Hill this year are:</p> <p>Cindy Carson, Stretch Teacher          Ashlie Dente, Second Grade          Jamie Ritter, Kindergarten          Marcella Yanez, Speech &amp; Language Teacher</p>
--	---

Again, we truly appreciate your support and we look forward to a fantastic 2019-2020 school year!  
 Fondly,

Vanessa Ahmed  
 Principal

Jesse Lockett  
 Vice Principal

### CONNECT WITH US

- Like us on Facebook -Copper Hill Elementary School PTO
- Twitter Handle - @CopperHillES
- Sign up for weekly eBlasts to get up to reminders about weekly events.  
 To sign up email [chptoenews@gmail.com](mailto:chptoenews@gmail.com)  
 (include your name, grade of your youngest child and your email address)
- Visit our website [www.frsd.k12.nj.us](http://www.frsd.k12.nj.us)

## CODE OF CONDUCT

The district Code-of-Conduct was recently updated and board approved. Please take a moment to review this very important document in Parent portal.

## HARASSMENT, INTIMADATION & BULLYING (H.I.B.) INFORMATION

Anti-Bullying initiatives and laws are something that the state of New Jersey and Copper Hill take very seriously. Protecting all of our students is at the heart of this matter, so it is important to have clarity around what situations fit the legal definition of H.I.B. (Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying) set forth by the state. When an incident is reported to the school by a parent, staff member or student, just the facts of what occurred should be reported. Incidents are deemed to be HIB cases once they are fully investigated by the Anti-Bullying Specialist and Administration, then reviewed by the Superintendent and the Board of Education. If an incident does not fit the legal definition of HIB, it does not mean that it isn't taken seriously here at Copper Hill. Through restorative practices, peer mediation and conflict resolution, we assist students in resolving issues that arise during the school year. As we shared at Back to School Night, our goal is to help our students succeed socially, emotionally and academically.

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

- Please do not hold any door 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 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.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please label all 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 to charity over winter break.

## 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 **284-7665 Option 1**. 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 will be marked as an early dismissal. Three 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 don't 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 PROCEDURE SO THAT CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION IS NOT INTERRUPTED WITH A PHONE CALL.**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

October 3	Kindergarten Back to School Night - 6:00 pm
October 7-11	Week of Respect - Blue Shirt Day for World Day of Bullying Prevention
October 9	Yom Kippur - <b>School Closed</b>
October 11	Walk-A-Thon (Rain date Oct. 14)
October 15	<b>Early Dismissal</b> - Staff Development Program
October 18	Book Fair Family Preview Night
October 23-25	Book Fair purchases (in school)
October 31	Halloween Parade, 10 am
October 31-Nov 1	Clothing Drive

