

COPPER HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

October/November 2018
Character Trait: Self-esteem/Pride

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Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of our parents who attended Back to School Night, which was a wonderful evening, where our teachers provided parents with information about curriculum, instruction and resources. Our kindergarten team also had an opportunity to welcome their parents to Copper Hill for their own Back to School Night, sharing important school, curriculum and classroom information. Our kindergarten parents have been very eager to visit their child's classroom since our orientation at the end of August was held at Barley Sheaf, and we thank them for their patience and flexibility this year! Thank you for making arrangements to attend Back to School Night to support your child and begin to form the home-school connection that is imperative for our students' success each year!

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 for each day that week. We also kicked off our first Food Pantry Collection of the year and have several boxes of donations ready for the Food Pantry, demonstrating the character traits we value here at Copper Hill!

Our PTO held a tremendously successful Walk-A-Thon, more than doubling our goal! Prizes for student participation, visits from Cody the Cougar, daily announcements and Mr. Lockett's surprise haircut motivated students and families to generously help our PTO 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! Students have continued to enjoy shopping for books and other goodies at the Book Fair. Our fun month will culminate with our annual Halloween parade, weather permitting, on the blacktop at 10:00 am on Wednesday, October 31. Please be mindful of costumes, since our student population is ages three and up - thank you!

Thank you to 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 to November, we have parent teacher conferences scheduled for November 14, 15, 19 and 20. We will see you soon!

Sincerely,

Vanessa Ahmed
Principal

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Vice Principal

NOVEMBER EARLY DISMISSALS/CLOSINGS

November 14 & 20 - **Afternoon** Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 15 & 19 - **Evening** Parent/Teacher Conferences

November 21 - 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.

School will be **closed** during the month of November on the following dates:

November 6 (Election Day)

November 8-9 Teacher's Convention

November 22-23 Thanksgiving Holiday

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes will be done on Friday, November 16, 2018.

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

October 31-Nov. 2	PTO Clothing Drive
November 6	School Closed - Election Day
November 8-9	School Closed - NJEA Convention
November 14	Marking Period Ends
November 14	EARLY DISMISSAL (Afternoon Conferences)
November 15	EARLY DISMISSAL - (Evening Conferences)
November 16	Picture Retakes
November 16	Favorite Color day
November 19	EARLY DISMISSAL -(Evening Conference)
November 20	EARLY DISMISSAL - (Afternoon Conferences)
November 21	EARLY DISMISSAL -Thanksgiving Recess Begins
November 21	Report cards available on Parent Portal
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Recess

