



# Copper Hill School Newsletter

September/October 2018

Character Trait: Respect/Courtesy

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the 2018-2019 school year! Copper Hill is open, routines and procedures are in place, our teachers are ready to teach and our students are ready to learn! As we always say, Copper Hill is a very special community, and that once again holds true. Every staff member pulled together to do what was necessary for us to prepare to open our doors to our students. In just a few days, we had our school organized, rooms set up, and materials ready to go! We are very proud of our staff and thank you for your patience as we worked through the beginning of year timeline these past few weeks!

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

<p>Joining Copper Hill this year are:</p> <p>Stephanie Moody, Cafeteria Aide          Marianne Holcombe, Teacher Assistant          Stacey Lavoie, Teacher Assistant          Erica Buckley, Preschool Teacher          Christina Mastroianni, Preschool Teacher          Brielle Ashforth, RISE Teacher (Gr. 3 &amp; 4)          Lindsay Messina, Kindergarten Teacher          Stephanie Kubu, World Language Teacher          Alexandra Augustine, World Language Teacher          Marisa Curtis, Speech Teacher</p>	<p>Familiar Faces at Copper Hill this year are:</p> <p>Cheryl Internosica, Teacher Assistant          Keri Schwalje, Teacher Assistant          Lisa Maslankowski, School Nurse          Jen Corban, Integrated Preschool          Kristen Gonzales, RISE Teacher (Gr. K)          Jen Posluszny, Kindergarten Teacher          Michelle Kleinwaks, First Grade Teacher          Jake Schuddeboom, Second Grade Teacher          Laurie Ann Moore, Third Grade Teacher          Amy Dahms, Fourth Grade Teacher          Kim Veneziano, Fourth Grade Teacher          Lauren Scherer, Reading Recovery Teacher          Dorothy Yoos, Reading Support Teacher</p>
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It was wonderful to see so many families at our Back to School Social, hosted by Copper Hill's PTO. It is always a nice opportunity for our 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. Again, we truly appreciate your support and cooperation and we look forward to a fantastic 2018-2019 school year!

Fondly,

Vanessa Ahmed  
 Principal

Jesse Lockett  
 Vice Principal

## SAFETY AND SECURITY

- 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.

## Copper Hill School Celebrates "Week of Respect"

Beginning Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> through Friday, October 5, 2018 the students and staff of Copper Hill School will participate in Flemington-Raritan School District's celebration of "Week of Respect."

This year's theme highlights "**H E R O E S** - **H**elping **E**veryone **R**espect **O**thers." We look forward to an exciting week of **H E R O** inspired activities and encourage students and staff to celebrate each day by wearing a different theme of attire as noted below.

- MONDAY:** Blue Shirt Day - 11th Annual National Day of Bullying Prevention  
"Let's #BlueUp together"
- TUESDAY:** Superhero Day - Wear your favorite Superhero shirt to show how Flemington-Raritan schools are full of **HEROES** who are **H**elping **E**veryone **R**espect **O**thers!
- WEDNESDAY:** Mustache Day - Wear a mustache  
"We 'mustache' you to be respectful"
- THURSDAY:** Jersey Day - Wear your favorite team jersey  
"Teaming up for Tolerance"
- FRIDAY:** Comfy Clothes Day - Wear comfy clothes  
We think about how others feel & make them comfortable

### HEALTH OFFICE NEWS

Please take a moment to check out the Health Services website at <https://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/Page/5266>. Lots of information to help you from when to keep my child home to the all-important topics of lice, ticks, medication forms and policy. Let this be our healthiest year. Also, please send in your child's allergy and asthma paperwork and medication if you haven't done so already.

### 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

September 27	Kindergarten Back to School Night - 6:00 pm
October 1-5	Week of Respect - Blue Shirt Day for World Day of Bullying Prevention
October 9	Chimes Auditions
October 12	Walk-A-Thon (Rain date Oct. 15)
October 15	Anxiety in Kids and What We can Do About It- 6:00pm -8:00pm JPCase
October 16	Early Dismissal; Staff Development Program
October 19	Book Fair Family Preview Night
October 24-26	Book Fair purchases (in school)
October 31	Halloween Parade, 10 am
October 31-Nov 2	Clothing Drive

