COPPER HILL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

April 2019

**Character Trait: Honesty/Fairness**

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Dear Parents,

Now that spring has officially arrived on the calendar, we hope the sunshine is here to stay! Regardless of what the weather does, we are ready to “Spread Some Sunshine” at Copper Hill through our spring collection for the Flemington Area Food Pantry. Please help us support our community by sending in nonperishable food items. We will continue our collection for the Food Pantry through the end of May.

We have many exciting events to share from Copper Hill! Our staff and students facilitated grade level Spirit Assemblies to honor our character traits for the months of February (tolerance/patience) and March (honesty/fairness). The Copper Hill Physical Education Department held their annual “Safety Town” unit earlier this month, followed by gymnastics and then “Survivor,” all of which our students absolutely love! Check out our Twitter feed for pictures of our students during PE!

With the help of our PTO, Mrs. Larca is facilitating an author visit with Mrs. Audrey Vernick and Mrs. Staikos is encouraging students to conquer our Freckle challenge with incentives from our PTO! We are also welcoming a kindergarten assembly, “Toad’s Escape,” later this month. Thank you to the many families that attended our PTO K-2 activity night at Giggleberry Fair - what a great turnout we had! We also have several ongoing fundraisers for our PTO: Copper Hill Spirit Hair Bows, Oliver’s Labels and Dine Outs to local restaurants.

Important updates from our PTO:

* 4th Grade Yearbook: 4th grade picture deadline extended to Friday, April 5. Pictures must be of jpeg quality only. Please email pictures to: marianneandbrian@gmail.com
* PICTO Night & Sweet Treat Walk: Friday, April 5
* FRSD 5K Color Run on Sunday, May 5: come run with Copper Hill, volunteer to throw color, or cheer us on!

Mark your calendars for upcoming PTO events and look for more information via Virtual Backpack or PTO Elbast:

* Dream Dinners: April 10
* Grades 3 & 4 Activity Night at Branchburg Sports Complex: Friday, April 12
* Bagel Club Dine Out: April 15
* BOGO Book Fair on Tuesday, April 16
* Box Tops: final collection underway!
* Clothing Drive: Thursday, May 2 from 9:00-7:00 & Friday, May 3 from 9:00-12:00 - drop off under the awning by gym entrance.
* Field Day: May 23
* Trenton Thunder Baseball Game: Saturday, June 1

Happy Spring,

Vanessa Ahmed Jesse Lockett

Principal Vice Principal

**CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS 2019-2020**

Creation of class lists is an important responsibility that classroom teachers, content specialists, guidance and administrators take very seriously. A great deal of time and effort goes into creating classes, which are well balanced academically and socially. Many factors are considered in making placement decisions, including both desirable and undesirable social combinations of students, numbers of students requiring academic support or enrichment and overall number balance.

Placement decisions are not made casually. Because it is not as simple as placing a student with a teacher without considering all of the dynamics of each class, as well as the individual and collective needs of the students, the Flemington Raritan School District does not honor parental requests for specific teachers.

Parents may write a letter to the principal stating specific needs that their child may have and which may be considered when placing the student. The letter should state facts to consider and not include a request for a specific teacher. **LETTERS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY MAY 1, 2019**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY AND SECURITY REMINDER**

For safety and security reasons, no one is permitted to park in the front of the school in the fire zone. If your child is tardy or is being picked up early, kindly park your vehicle in our parking lot. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

**NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

As we welcome the warmer weather please keep in mind proper clothing and footwear for your children while at school.  Flip flops should not be worn to school for safety reasons.  They are not safe for daily playground activities.  I treat many children on a daily basis for injuries as a direct result of wearing flip flops.

If your child suffers from spring allergies make sure they are following the guidelines of your pediatrician and start their medication before they begin to suffer.  Please keep in mind the students are not allowed to carry any medication or eye drops to school.  For eye allergies which seem to be the most common, we urge them to come in from outside and wash face and hands to remove the pollen.  If your child is taking any type of allergy medication they should be increasing their water intake.  Please send them with a refillable water bottle and encourage them to drink and refill every day.  This will help them stay hydrated and help prevent headaches.

**LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**

The last day of school will be **Friday** **June 21st.**  **June 20th and June 21st** will be early dismissal days for the students.

**LOST AND FOUND**

We have an abundance of lost and found items. Please have your child check the lost and found located outside the office.

**MOVING**

Please inform the office if you are moving out of the Copper Hill attendance area at the end of the current school year.

###### IMPORTANT ATTENDANCE REMINDER

If your child will be **absent or tardy** for any reason, please call our Attendance Line at 284-7665 Option #1. Please leave your child’s name, teacher, and reason for any absence. Please forward a note to your child’s teacher when your child returns to school. This line is available, for your convenience, on a 24-hour basis.

##### UPCOMING COPPER HILL EVENTS

April 5 Picto Night & Sweet Treat Walk

April 8 Marking Period Ends

April 9 Mrs. Berman's "meet and greet" 5pm-6pm

April 10 PTO Dream Dinners

April 12 Activity Night grades 3-4 Bridgewater Sports Arena

April 15 Bagel Club Dine-Out

April 15 Elementary Report cards go home (grades 2-4)

April 16 BOGO Book Fair

April 17 Author Visit with Mrs. Audrey Vernick

April 18 K-Assembly Family Stages

April 19-24th Spring Recess (School in session April 25th and April 26th)

April 25 Take your Child to Work Day-**EARLY DISMISSAL**

April 26 **EARLY DISMISSAL**

May 2-3 PTO Clothing Drive

May 5 FRSD PTO 5K Color Run

May 23 Field Day

June 1 Trenton Thunder Game

