

Costello Cardinal Newsletter



Costello Elementary School
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Dr. Tammy DiPonio, Principal

Julie Eldridge & Dr. Karen Reese, Co-Head Teachers
Jennifer Martus, Principal's Secretary ~ Jillian Cavellier, Office Support

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October 2020

Important Dates:

- Oct. 5:** Hybrid Kindergarten & 1st Start
- Oct. 12:** Hybrid 2nd & 3rd Graders start
- Oct. 19:** Hybrid 4th & 5th Graders start
- Oct. 28 & 29:** Half Day: Kg-5th Graders
- Oct. 28 & 29:** PM Conferences Kg-5th

9:05	Doors open for hybrid students
9:10	Hybrid Student Tardy Bell Rings
9:20	Virtual Students Zoom Begins
2:50	Virtual Students Zoom Ends
3:00	Dismissal Bell Rings

Staff Update

Jill Flaherty - Kg
Colleen Chick -1st
Jodie Seilheimer - 1st
Michael Thomas -1st
Katelynn Atkinson - 2nd
Lindsey Maliepaard - 3rd
Devon Watts -5th
Jill Gentner - Media
Jaynie Sorenson -Band

~ Costello Noon Aides ~

Parents help @ lunch time

Meet other parents. Get to know your kids' classmates and make a little money. Costello Noon aides work from 11:35 – 1:45 one, two, or as many days a week as you choose. You will help the students be safe while they are outside on the playground during lunch recess and provide supervision while they eat in the cafeteria. Not sure? Try it out by e-mailing: jcavellier@troy.k12.mi.us Or, simply apply at: **EduStaff.org**

Questions? Email jcavellier@troy.k12.mi.us





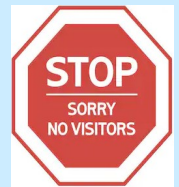
Advance Notice is Appreciated!!!!

If you know in advance, please let the office know. If your child is going to be absent, late, needs to leave early or is going home with a friend. E-mail the teacher and the office 24 hours in advance.

OFFICE: jcavellier@troy.k12.mi.us
 jmartus@troy.k12mi.us

COVID 19 Protocol

Additional safety precautions include our No Visitor COVID policy. Until further notice, visitors are not allowed at Costello. Parents that need to drop-off or pick-up items are asked to:



-e-mail your student's teacher and school office to let us know your approximate arrival time. When you arrive, park, put on a mask and only enter the first set of front doors.

-Items can be picked-up or dropped-off on the table in the vestibule—right inside the first set of front doors. Please do not try to enter the second set of doors. Need be, ring the doorbell to talk to a staff member.

-If dropping off, be sure to tag the item with your student's full (first & last) name and their teacher's name



Is Your Child is Absent or Going to be Tardy or Absent??

If you aren't able to e-mail 24 hours in advance, please leave a message on the ABSENCE LINE at **(248) 823-3701** if your child will not be in school for any reason, or if he/she will be late. The absence line is available between 3:00 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. for your convenience. When calling, please leave the child's name, (spell the last name), teacher's name, day/date, and a brief explanation for the absence.

Welcome ALL Students New to Costello ~ Please Be Sure To ...

To be in compliance with state requirements, the following documents **must be** uploaded to the TSD PS website all new students. Email jcavellier@troy.k12.mi with questions.

- ☐ Three proofs of residency
- ☐ Copy of (original) Birth Certificate
- ☐ Immunization Records
- ☐ Kindergarteners proof of vision screening

Thank you for your cooperation!



Support Costello While You Shop

ATTENTION All Kroger Shoppers. It does not cost you anything to participate, it is FREE and easy. This is not a gift card or credit card program. All we ask of you is, if you shop at Kroger and use or are willing to use a Kroger Plus card to please enroll your Kroger Plus card number (which you can choose—most use their personal phone number) on-line at KrogerCommunityRewards.com and search for Costello Elementary. Kroger does not use or sell your email address to anyone else. Every time you shop at Kroger using your Kroger Plus card, a percentage of your spending will be given to Costello. Please feel free to forward this to other family members and friends. Thank you for your support !!!

Simply enroll or re-enroll krogercommunityrewards.com *Select 'Create an Account'

Student Meds

Parents with hybrid students who wish to have meds kept at school **must** provide required medical forms which can be found on the TSD (Troy School District) website www.troy.k12.mi.us Click on "Parents", then "Medical Forms" on the left-hand side in the yellow column. Documents are also attached to this newsletter.

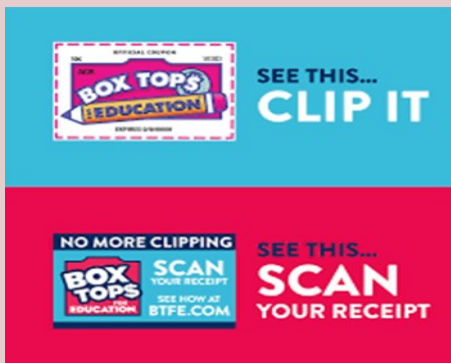
Parents (**not the student**) need to bring medicine to the school office along with the two required forms. All medicine must be contained in the original packaging and have the student's name visible on the packaging.



NEW: Be sure to download the Box Top app – it's super easy and you can start scanning your receipts immediately. Costello earns double credit (more money!) when you scan your grocery receipt. More information:

<https://www.boxtops4education.com>

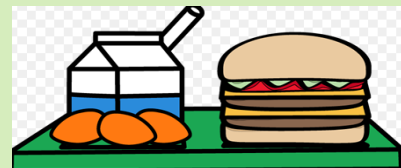
**It ALL adds up ~ BoxTop collections provide Costello on average over \$800 every school year!
Happy clipping & scanning!!**



Everyone Should Complete a Free & Reduced Lunch Application

Earlier, during COVID, an application to receive a free lunch was not required. However, that will likely eventually end.

Parents that would like their students to get Free & Reduced school lunch need to complete the application (included in this newsletter). After you fill it out, be sure to sign it, you can drop it off at Costello, just inside the front doors and leave it on the table in the large “Lunch Application” envelope. Or, you are welcome to scan and e-mail it to Jillian at jcavellielr@troy.k12.mi.us



Return~to~Learn

Starting Oct. 5th, some parents choose to have their students switch from virtual to hybrid (in classroom) learning. For safety reasons, beginning Oct. 5, all TSD Playgrounds, during school hours, are now only open to hybrid (classroom) students (under the supervision of their teachers). Students learning virtually are welcome to enjoy the playgrounds anytime outside of school hours. We apologize for this inconvenience, it's just another safety measure. We appreciate everyone's understanding and support.

School Playgrounds are not accessible during school hours.



Welcome !

As a parent or guardian of a Costello student, you are automatically a PTO member! As a member, you are welcome to participate in any (or all!) of the many wonderful PTO events that (usually) take place throughout a (normal) school year. Children love it when their parents are involved at their school. While volunteering, parents enjoy the opportunity to meet other parents and share similar trials and tribulations of raising kids. Please feel free to contact any of this year's PTO officers to inquire about how you can get involved.

2020/2021 PTO Officers

Position	Name	Email Address	Phone
President	Debbie Ballios	president@costellopto.org	(248) 379-4802
Vice President	Jen Ford	vicepresident@costellopto.org	(248) 670-9008
Secretary	Laura Saleski	secretary@costellopto.org	(248) 496-3884
Treasurer	Chris Tallman	treasurer@costellopto.org	(586) 482-9188
Principal	Tammy DiPonio	tdiponio@troy.k12.mi.us	(248) 823-3700
Teacher Representatives	Julie Eldridge	jeldridge@troy.k12.mi.us	(248) 823-3700
Room Parent Chair	Jamie Kaniarz	room-chair@costellopto.org	
Ways & Means Chair	Erin Roenicke	waysandmeanschair@costellopto.org	(269)599-7068
Fair Chair	OPEN	fairchair@costellopto.org	*contact Debbie Ballios if you're interested
Auction Chair	Katie Monhaut	auction-chair@costellopto.org	(248) 760-5820
Fun Run Chair	Paul Tennes	fun-runchair@costellopto.org	Email Only
Publicity Chair	Kristin Cermak	publicitychair@costellopto.org	(586) 530-4957
Spirit Wear	Allison Allen	spiritwear@costellopto.org	(248) 670-4849
Community Service Chair	Keri Elliott	communityservice-chair@costellopto.org	
Michigan Green Schools Chair	Amy Miller	michigan-greenschools@costellopto.org	(586) 945-4255
Website Coordinator	Kristin Cermak	websitecoordinator@costellopto.org	(586) 530-4957
Yearbook	Melanie Harper	mharper@troy.k12.mi.us	



E-Address for TSD Staff E-Addresses: Initial of first name, followed by complete last name, followed by “@Troy.k12.mi.us” When e-mailing teachers, include office staff (jcavellier & jmartus).

Teacher Name	Grade	Room	Ext	e-mail
Jill Flaherty	Kg	8	3724	jflaherty@troy.k12.mi.us
Seth Wyatt (Kristin Marcaccio's sub)	Kg	K-B	3719	swyatt
Stefanie Wonsowicz	Kg	K-A	3703	swonsowicz
Michael Thomas	1 st	1	3726	mathomas
Colleen Chick	1 st	2	3707	cchick
Jodie Seilheimer	1 st	3	3727	jseilheimer
Katelynn Atkinson	2 nd	7	3717	katkinson
Emily Homrich	2 nd	5	3718	ehomrich
Kelsey Kavulich	2 nd	6	3706	kkavulich
Ewa Dabrowski	3 rd	9	3723	edabrowski
Lindsey Maliepaard	3 rd	11	3729	lmaliepaard
Michelle Tesso	3 rd	10	3739	mtesso
Laura Ferriss	4 th	14	3722	lferriss
Amanda Oliver	4 th	12	3702	aoliver
Zachary Rondot	4 th	13	3716	zrondot
Julie Eldridge	5 th	15	3704	jeldridge
Grayson McKinney	5 th	16	3714	gmckinney
Devon Watts	5 th	17	3736	dwatts
Jen Erff	ASD	CE4	3746	jerff
Cathy Rozmanik	Resource Room	33	3715	crozmanik
Karen Reese	Reading Specialist	20	3708	kreese
Tammy DiPonio	Principal	Office	3705	tdiponio

ATTN: Parents of in-seat Students ~ friendly reminders about dismissal at Costello ...

To safely and efficiently dismiss students is our goal! Please share this important communication to anyone who picks up your child. As we all know, traffic flow during school admission can get a little hectic. To keep things flowing we ask that ALL parents follow these procedures. Dismissal time is a great opportunity to model patience for your children!

Students who do not ride the bus, go to Boys & Girls Club or attend CARE dismiss in two different ways:

WALKERS & TALKERS...

Parking spaces are reserved for parents who are getting out of their vehicles and waiting (outside the school's north doors) for their children in the north parking lot. ALL vehicles need to be parked in a lined/painted spot. Double parking, waiting in your car for your child, parking by the dumpster and fence unless it is a painted spot only creates more chaos, resulting in a slower dismissal. Please monitor children as you cross through the lot, students walking through a crowded lot with moving vehicles puts the student in harm's way.

If you are waiting in your vehicle for your child and you are not in the Express Loop please change your child's dismissal procedure to the Express Loop.

EXPRESS LOOP...

There is only one Express Loop, located directly in front of the school. The side parking lot does not function like the Express Loop. Express Loop users actually get the right-of-way since the child is not yet in the car. Using the Express Loop is much more efficient. If you decide to try this don't forget to communicate with your child's teacher via an e-mail (the night before) or note (the day of).

For your safety, if you are using the Express Loop, please be sure to stay in your car. Students will enter the vehicle from the back seat on the passenger side. Please consider this when securing car seats for younger children.

REMINDERS...

Walkers, for everyone's safety, PLEASE always use the crosswalk.

Teachers are busy teaching and do not always check their e-mail until the end of the day. Sending a note into the teacher in the morning is the best way to ensure the teacher receives the message.

Dismissal changes should be made prior to 2:45.

The Troy Police Department partners with our schools to enforce our safety rules. Thank you for cooperation in keeping Costello safe.



ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SCIENCE AND MEDICINE?



- Have you ever wondered how big the universe actually is? What about planets outside of our galaxy?
- How does the human brain function? What happens when one cell doesn't replicate exactly?
- How do things move? What is life?
- What is the anatomy of the ear? Wait... what even is anatomy?
- What jobs are in the medical field? How can I find a cure for a disease and help humanity?
- How is technology changing our lives?
- What is sound and how can I hear what is going on around me?
- What can I discover and how can I help?

**IF YOU HAVE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT
ANY OR ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS,
YOU ARE IN THE RIGHT PLACE!**

MAKE SURE TO JOIN OUR SCIENCE MEDICINE SCHOLARS (SMS) PROGRAM!

SMS is a Educational Science and Medicine Program for curious young minds who are in the 4-8th grade. They get the chance to learn more about Science and Medicine outside of the classroom. Certificates and awards will be presented. Sign up soon, spots are running out! Go to our website : <https://anotherhope.wixsite.com/sms1>

My name is Diya Gehlaut. I am a former Larson student, and a current sophomore at International Academy East. My younger brother, Vihaan, went to Costello. I have started an organization called *Another Hope*. It is a free, non-profit organization that virtually educates 4th through 8th grade students about various STEM and Medicine topics. Lessons are taught by high-school and college students who have already mastered the subject matter. Classes are held on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:00pm EST. While having fun, making friends and learning, participants gain a better understanding of the world. For more information, visit our website: <https://anotherhope.wixsite.com/sms1>) Students must fill out the form under the SMS