

# Cambridge Park Elementary School

November 2024 Newsletter



## Mrs. K Bera, Principal

### November Events

- November 6 Four Hour session School Dismisses at 12:45pm
- November 7 & 8 School Closed Teacher's Convention
- November 11 Wear Red, White & Blue Cambridge Park Honors our Veterans
- November 12 PTO Meeting at Cambridge Park
- November 14 End of the first marking period **Kindergarten**
- November 14 BOE meeting at RD 7:00 pm
- November 15 **Kindergarten only**. Four Hour Session School Dismisses at 12:45 pm
- November 22 Indigenous Peoples' K Celebration
- November 27 School Spirit Day & Four Hour Session School Dismisses at 12:45 pm
- November 28 & 29 No School Happy Thanksgiving

**Wednesday November 6, 2024**

**School Dismisses at 12:45 PM all students**



Wear Red, White & Blue to support our Veterans

November 11, 2024

# VETERAN'S DAY

## Information from Nurse Lexi...

### Please send in your PreK Student's proof of flu vaccination record

Dear Parent/Guardian of PreK Student

According to N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 Immunization of Pupils in School, students in preschool must provide the district with proof of vaccinations in order to attend school. Students are also required to have a physical on file.

Documentation must be received by **December 20, 2024**. **Failure to provide proof of the flu vaccination will result in your child being excluded from our program and he/she will not be permitted to return to class in January.** If excluded, your child's spot may be given up to another student who

has been waiting to register.

If you have not already handed in documentation please email your child's vaccination record(s) directly to Ms. Lexi Johnson at [ajohnson@marsd.org](mailto:ajohnson@marsd.org). Please reach out to her at 732-705-4056 with any questions.



## Mark your Calendar for Parent/Teacher Conferences

### December 3 & 4



# Parent-Teacher Conferences

The portal will not open until November 14, 2024



## Genesis

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**Please note that MARSD Parent Teacher Conferences will be scheduled through the Genesis Parent Portal.**

- Parents must login to the portal and click the "Conferences" tab along the top.
- Once you click on the "Conferences" tab, you will click on the link to the right of the calendar icon.
- After you click on the link, you will be able to select a conference slot.
- Please note that you may only select one conference slot per teacher.
- To confirm your conference date and time, click the "Reserve" button.
- To view your scheduled conferences, click back on the "Conferences" tab.

Please [click here](#) to access a short video explaining how to schedule a parent-teacher conference in the Genesis Parent Portal.

## Grocery Theme What Am I Doing in Play?



### Roles that I can be:

Cashier, customer, manager, various department jobs (deli, flower shop, produce, delivery, warehouse)

### What's happening in the centers:

Shopping for food/checking out  
Arranging flowers  
Making sandwiches/salads  
Stocking shelves  
Making Deliveries

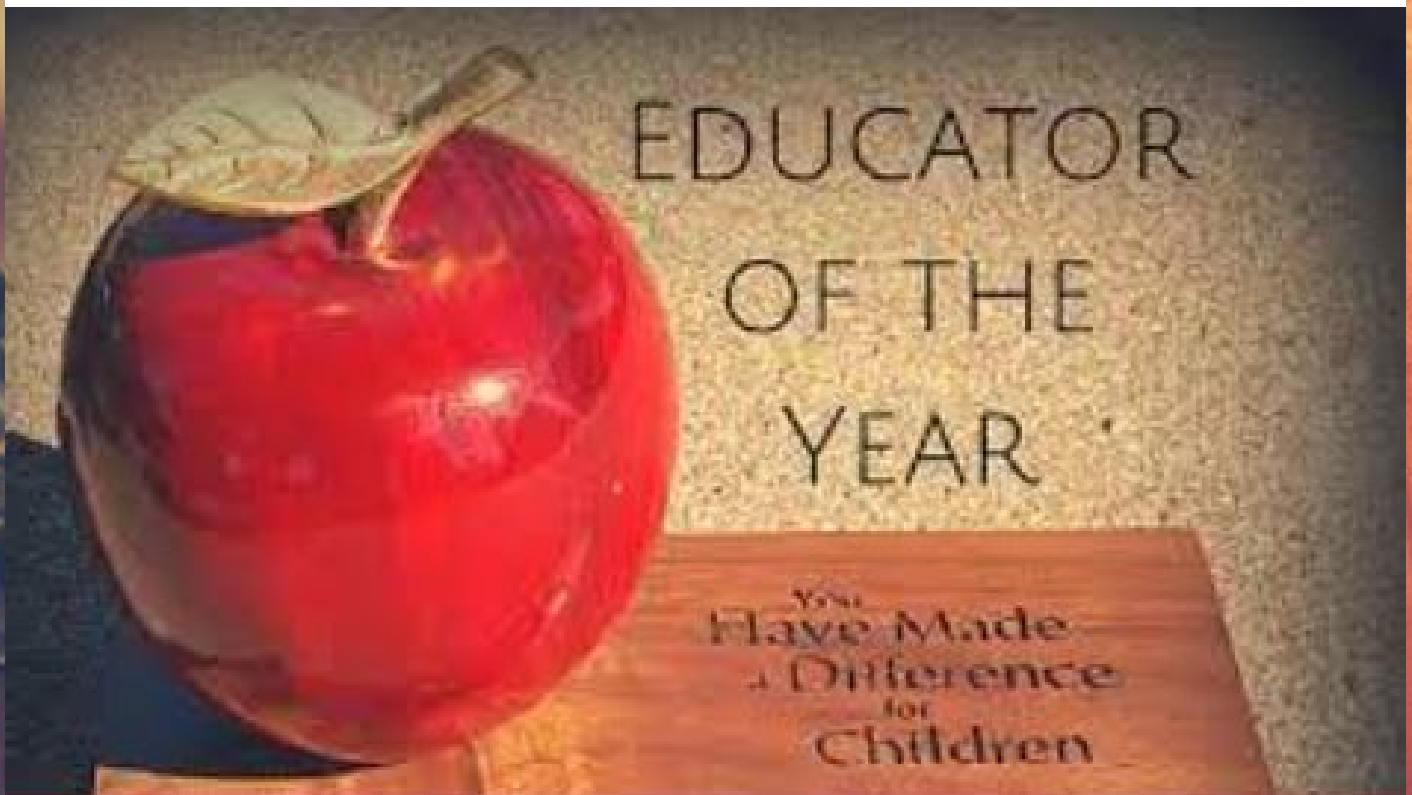
### I am practicing my reading/writing/math skills by:

Making shopping lists  
Taking orders  
Writing receipts  
Collecting money  
Counting change  
Arranging/sorting by size, color, shape, department



Our next theme is restaurant. It will begin in early December. If you know anyone who owns/works at a restaurant, we can use clean pizza boxes, bakery boxes, and food cartons (branded cups from McDonald's, Wawa, Starbucks, Dunkin, etc)

Any questions? Contact me:  
Susan Ripple Preschool Instructional Coach  
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The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce that we will once again participate in the New Jersey Department of Education Governor's Educator of the Year Program (GEOY). This celebratory program integrates the Teacher of the Year Program with the Governor's Teacher/Educational Services Professional Recognition Program to continue to recognize our state's best teachers and educational services professionals.

There is an announcement on the district's website regarding this program and directing people to the nomination form. Additionally, an e-alert message will go out to all staff and families in the upcoming days. Each building principal must spearhead the nomination process for their school. Principal resources and information are included below. Please note the **deadline for nominations is November 29, 2024.**

## Nomination Form

## Eligibility Criteria



## Let's Talk About Our Day!

- 1. Ask open-ended questions-** Surely, "How was school today?" does not bring about the most conversation. For many young children, it is too vague and they need a more specific question to help them remember their day. Avoid questions that can be answered with one word, especially "yes" or "no." Try some open-ended questions like, "Tell me about what center you played in" or "That's a beautiful picture of the farm. Tell me about it." or "I wonder what you had for snack today."
- 2. Know the themes they are learning-** Review teacher notes to find out if the theme is apples and farms, communities, the seashore, or maybe the rain forest. Have fun exploring the topics by going on a scavenger hunt, searching the internet, or making projects incorporating the theme.
- 3. Model sharing about your day.** "I had a great day today. I met a new friend and we had lunch together!" It is important to share your interests, friends, challenges and joys with your kids so they can hear good communication skills modeled for them.
- 4. Use their artwork or take-home papers to start conversations.** Research shows that when preschool-aged children bring home resources from school (including their art projects), the children referred to recent school activities significantly more than when they did not. Take advantage of these masterpieces: ask open ended questions and don't forget to listen. Showing interest in their work can increase their self-esteem as well as link school and home. It also can help children generalize skills learned at school to their home or community.
- 5. Take time at the dinner table to talk about important things that happened that day.** Gathering at the dinner table is comforting, and part of a routine: it is a safe place to share joys and feelings. If parents start modeling communication with their young kids on a daily basis, they are more likely to have a teenager who knows how to share his/her feelings and talk about the day. Make it a game of thinking of a good, happy, sad, fun or challenging event that day. By encouraging your young child to talk about a hard thing that happened that day, you can provide emotion words to help them express themselves, for example; "I bet you were happy when you went on the playground."

6. **Listen, listen, and listen.** Once your child gets started talking about his/her day, hold off on asking more questions and just let them go. As parents, we tend to jump in with more questions, but pausing is important. A child gains confidence as they relate information and you affirm that you are listening and understanding.



**From the Nurse's Desk**

**Based upon our Standing Doctor's Orders:**  
Here are a few guidelines we follow to keep our students safe while at school

- ▼ **Your child should stay home if he/she has an elevation in temperature (100 degrees or more).**  
Your child should remain home until fever-free for 24 hours without acetaminophen or ibuprofen.
- ▼ **Any vomiting or diarrhea-** Your child should remain home until vomiting and/or diarrhea has stopped for 24 hours and food is tolerated.
- ▼ **Any contagious illness:** (strep throat, persistent cough, unidentified rash, etc.) That could infect others, distract your child or disrupt the class.  
\*Physician's note will be needed to return.

**KNOWING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE FLU AND THE COMMON COLD**

- ✓ **Symptoms of Flu-** sudden onset of symptoms including fever, chills, fatigue, aches/pains, cough, sore throat, stuffy nose/sneezing and headaches.
- ✓ **Symptoms of the Common Cold-** symptoms appear more gradually, and are milder. Rare to have a fever, and headaches. Sneezing, stuffy nose, and sore throat are common.
- ✓ Flu and the common cold are both respiratory illnesses. Telling the difference between the two can be difficult; being tested at the doctor's office is the most efficient way to know for sure.

\*For more information visit the website: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/index.htm> \*



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# Thanksgiving Scavenger Hunt

Find One Item That You're Thankful For

- Something that makes you happy
- Something that smells great
- Something that you love to hold
- Something from the outdoors



**Kelly Bera**

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