



CAMBRIDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

August 25th: School Community Newsletter

Stay Connected!

Staying connected with our school on social media is a great way to stay informed and engaged. Be sure to check regularly for updates, important reminders, and helpful information. You'll also get to see pictures and highlights of the wonderful things happening in our classrooms each day!

We hope you will join us on our journey at CPES!
Thank you for your continued support and staying connected with CPES!



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Every Day Counts

Your learner's presence in our preschool classroom makes a difference every single day. When your little one is here, they're not just learning letters and numbers, they're building the foundation for their entire educational journey! Your learner brings something special to our classroom every

day, including their unique perspective, curiosity, laughter, and growing mind! When they're absent, we all feel their absence. **Every child matters. Every day counts. Every moment is a chance to grow.** Thank you for making your child's education a priority. Together, we're building bright futures, one day at a time!

Attendance Matters.



I am here.

BUILDING STRONG CONNECTIONS

Orientation Information: See You Soon!

We are proud to invite you to the 2025–2026 Preschool Orientation at Cambridge Park Elementary School! This special event is an important first step in helping both students and families feel comfortable, confident, and excited about the upcoming school year. Orientation provides an opportunity to meet our staff, explore the classroom environment, learn about daily routines, and ask questions laying the foundation for a strong home-school partnership. We look forward to welcoming you the Cambridge Park husky pup family and beginning this journey together!



Please see below information regarding orientation:

- **Date:** Wednesday, September 3rd
 - **Time:** 9:00 - 11:00 AM (times will vary based on your child's class, as outlined below)
- Please note:** The Genesis portal is scheduled to open to the school community on the

morning of today, August 25th. At this time, you should be able to access your learner's teacher and classroom information.

- **Location:** Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen Township, NJ 07747
- **Who:** Preschool students and their families

**If you are unable to make orientation, we'll send all the important information home with your child on the first day of school, Thursday. We will make sure they get safely to their teacher and classroom!*

Pre-K Orientation: Sessions and Times

| Session | Time | Classes | Location | |
|-------------------|---|--|--|--|
| session #1 | Wednesday, September 3rd 9:00 - 9:45 AM | Classroom #15 - Ms. Balleta/Ms. Scala Classroom #17 - Ms. Gibson-Clarke Classroom #19 - Ms. Gerding Classroom #21 - Ms. Youssef | <u>Begin</u> 9:00 - 9:20 AM In your Classroom | <u>End</u> 9:25 - 9:45 AM In the Gymnasium |
| | | Classroom #1 - Ms. Gargulinski Classroom #3 - Ms. Babino Classroom #5 - Ms. Santora Classroom #7 - Ms. Homowitz Classroom #9 - Ms. Mazzucco Classroom #11 - Ms. Mehta | <u>Begin</u> 9:00 - 9:20 AM In the Gymnasium | <u>End</u> 9:25 - 9:45 AM In your Classroom |
| session #2 | Wednesday, September 3rd 10:15 - 11:00 AM | Classroom #14 - Ms. Hargrave Classroom #16 - Ms. Joseph Classroom #18 - Ms. Taylor Classroom #22 - Ms. Marques | <u>Begin</u> 10:15 - 10:35 AM In your Classroom | <u>End</u> 10:40 - 11:00 AM In the Gymnasium |
| | | Classroom #2 - Ms. Menconi Classroom #4 - Ms. Hoffman Classroom #6 - Ms. Novello Classroom #8 - Ms. Fins Classroom #10 - Ms. Fowler | <u>Begin</u> 10:15 - 10:35 AM In the Gymnasium | <u>End</u> 10:40 - 11:00 AM In your Classroom |

**Please be sure to follow the schedule for your child's teacher. Classes are clustered together to assist with the smaller groups of for the administrative presentation as well as more personalized teacher introductions in their classrooms!*

Immunizations Reminder

As a reminder, all students must have up-to-date immunization records on file before starting school. Immunization documents must be submitted and approved by the school nurse prior to the first day.

**If you have any questions regarding immunizations, please reach out to our school nurse Ms. Johnson at ajohnson@marsd.org.*



First Days of School

The **first day of school** is **Thursday, September 4th**, and it will be a **four-hour day** for all preschool students. **Friday, September 5th** will also follow a four-hour schedule. On both days, dismissal will be at **12:45 PM**. *Starting Monday, September 8th*, students will begin their regular full-day schedule, with dismissal at **3:00 PM**. These shorter days help ease the transition into the school year, allow students time to adjust to their new routine, and get excited for the new school year ahead!



Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

The arrival and dismissal plan was created to provide a clear, organized process that ensures the safety and security of all students, staff, and families during high-traffic transition times. It is important that all staff, families, and community members follow the outlined procedures consistently to maintain a safe, calm, and efficient environment. ***These procedures will be in full effect starting on the first day of school, Thursday, September 4th, 2025.*** Thank you for your cooperation, understanding and support with our arrival and dismissal procedures!

[Click here](#) to view Cambridge Park Elementary School's Arrival & Dismissal Procedures.

A few highlights include:

- Students in classrooms #14-22 enter the building through door #32
- Students in classrooms #1-11 enter the building through door #3
- The main driveway is **ONE WAY OUT** after 8:35 AM; no cars will be allowed in through the main entrance once arrival begins (cars may **NOT** park in the school partick lot during arrival)
- For safety reasons, staff will only release students to parents/guardians/adults who have the appropriate pick-up permission as indicated in our Student Information System; ***photo ID is required***

Maschio's Ordering Instructions

Please order online via the Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District website following the below instructions:

- Go to the district website: MARSD.org
 - Select "Departments"
 - Select "Food & Nutrition"
 - Scroll down and select "Elementary School Menu" & follow ordering instructions



OR, use the [attached flyer](#).

A Sneak Peak at What's Ahead



Fall School Pictures Say cheese!

Its that time of year again! Fall school pictures will be taken on **November 10th**.

More information to follow.

**EARLY
DISMISSAL
DAYS!**

Additional Early Dismissal Days

Pre-K students will have additional early dismissal days:

Friday, November 14th, 2025
and **Monday, February 2nd, 2026.**

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TRIMESTERS

Preschool Trimester Dates

1st Trimester: September 4th,
2025 - December 5th, 2025

2nd Trimester: December 6th,
2025 - March 17th, 2026

3rd Trimester: March 18th,
2026 - June 23rd, 2026

Save the Date: CPES Back-to-School Night!

Back-to-School Night is a great chance to get a closer look at your child's preschool experience. You'll meet their teacher, see the classroom, and learn more about what a typical day looks like. It's a relaxed and helpful way to stay connected, ask questions, and show your child that school is an important and exciting place to be.



Please see below important information regarding Back-to-School Night:

- **Date:** Thursday, September 18th
- **Time:** 6:30 - 7:30 PM (please see below the schedule breakdown)
- **Location:** Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen Township, NJ 07747
- **Who:** Preschool student families (*This is meant to be an informational session for the adults of our preschool learners*)

**If you are unable to attend Back-to-School Night, we'll send all the important information home with your child the following day. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions/concerns.*

CPES PTO Corner

The Cambridge Park Elementary School PTO plays a key role in supporting students and staff. By joining, parents can directly contribute to events, fundraisers, and programs that enhance the school experience. The PTO raises funds for classroom supplies, extracurricular activities, and school improvements, helping create a better learning environment for all students.



Please see below important announcements and information from the CPES PTO:

- **Stay Connected:** Follow along on social media!
 - **Instagram:** @ptocambridgepark
 - **Facebook:** Search "Cambridge Park PTO" & request to join the group!
- **Save the Dates:** Thanks to our PTO, there's lots of excitement happening at CPES! Don't forget to check out the flyers below and join us for upcoming events!
- **Husky Pup Gear:** Show your school spirit by ordering CPES Husky Pup gear! Orders are due September 30th (no exceptions).

**If you are interested in joining the PTO, please reach out to PTO President Ms. Dana Bradfield.*



CPES Spirit Wear



Pizza Party Meeting



Sundae's Dine Out

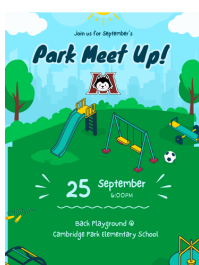
Interested in purchasing CPES Spirit Wear? Check out the PTO Spirit Wear flyer!



CPES PTO Membership

Thinking about joining the CPES PTO? Check out for more information!

Interested in learning more about the CPES PTO? Join us for a pizza party!



Park Meet Up

Interested in more playground time? Join us for our September CPES Park Meet up!

Missing summer? Join us for a sweet, cool ice cream treat as we welcome fall!



Events Sept. - Dec.

Like to plan ahead? Check out the exciting things we have planned from Sept. - Dec.!

Our Husky Pup is Getting a Name!



CPES is excited to announce that we'll be involving our students and valued school community in naming our husky pup mascot! We can't wait to welcome officially name this important part of our CPES family and look forward to hearing all the creative name suggestions from our community! A BIG thank you goes out to our PTO for generously funding our husky pup mascot costume; your support makes these memorable experiences possible for our students and families!

When the year begins, our Pre-K students will begin with Tools of the Mind curriculum, Theme 1: Family and Me. This theme focuses on understanding family and community connections. The husky pup naming initiative aligns perfectly with this theme, as it helps students recognize how our new mascot becomes part of our CPES family and reinforces the sense of belonging within our school community.

Be sure to lookout in future communications regarding our husky pup naming initiative!

Important Dates to Remember - September:

- **Wednesday, September 3rd:** CPES PreK Orientation (9:00 - 11:00 AM)
- **Thursday, September 4th:** 1st Day of School (4-hour day; 8:45 - 12:45 PM)
- **Friday, September 5th:** 2nd Day of School (4-hour day; 8:45 - 12:45 PM)
- **Monday, September 8th:** 3rd Day of School (Full-day; 8:45 - 3:00 PM)
- **Monday, September 8th:** COW BOE Meeting @ CPES (6:30 PM)

- **Tuesday, September 9th:** National Teddy Bear Day (Bring a *small* buddy to school)
- **Tuesday, September 9th:** First PTO Meeting Pizza Party (7:00 PM @ CPES Gymnasium)
- **Thursday, September 11th:** Patriot's Day (Wear *red, white, and blue*)
- **Wednesday, September 17th:** Sundae's Dine Out (6:00 - 9:30 PM)
- **Thursday, September 18th:** Back-to-School Night (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- **Friday, September 19th:** Football Friday (Wear a *team jersey*)
- **Monday, September 22nd:** First Day of Fall (Wear a *flannel*)
- **Tuesday, September 23rd & Thursday, September 24th:** Rosh Hashanah (School is **CLOSED**)
- **Thursday, September 25th:** Park Meet Up @ CPES Back Playground (6:00 PM)
- **Friday, September 26th:** CPES School Spirit Day (Wear your CPES gear *OR* school colors)
- **Monday, September 29th:** RAM BOE Meeting @ MRHS (6:30 PM)
- **Friday, September 30th:** Field Trip (Apple Picking @ Eastmont Orchards)
- **Friday, September 30th:** Last Day to Order CPES Spirit Wear

Little Paws, Big Dreams!

[Click here to visit our CPES website!](#)



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Supervisor of Early Childhood

Dr. Paone-Hurd brings a decade of experience in education to the Cambridge Park Elementary School community. Now, as a proud member of the Cambridge Park team, Dr. Paone-Hurd is excited to bring her knowledge and passion to help every student thrive in our preschool building!