

# LEARNING MODE: ON!

September 8th: School Community Newsletter



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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# Why Attendance Matters for Your Preschooler 🖈

**Building Routines and Habits.** Consistent attendance helps your child develop healthy habits that will serve them well throughout their school years. When they come to school regularly, they learn

to expect and embrace the rhythm of learning.

**Learning Builds on Learning.** Preschool curriculum is carefully designed so that each day's activities build upon previous lessons. When children miss days, they miss important stepping stones that help them reach new milestones.



Confidence and Belonging. Regular attendance helps your child feel like an important part of our classroom community. They develop confidence knowing where they belong and that their presence matters to their friends and teachers.



# 👕 Cambridge Closet Nonations: NOW OPEN 🔦





Please help us stock our Cambridge Closet with love and generosity from our school families! We welcome any new or gently used clothing donations for our husky pups in sizes 4 through 6. We welcome everything from shorts and shirts to pants, socks, shoes, and sweatshirts. Thank you for helping us keep out closet stocked and ready to make a difference in a child's day!

How exactly does the Cambridge Closet help our husky pups? Sometimes little ones have unexpected spills, playground

accidents, or simply outgrow their clothes faster than we can keep up! Our closet ensures that every child has clean, comfortable clothing when they need it most. Whether it's a muddy glide down the slide or a paint project gone wonderfully messy, we've got our husky pups covered!

### Pre-K Curriculum Connection \$

The Tools of the Mind curriculum is an innovative early childhood education approach that focuses on building executive function skills and self-regulation in preschool children. Based on the work of psychologist Lev Vygotsky, this curriculum helps children develop cognitive tools to manage their attention, memory, and



behavior through structured play and learning activities. The curriculum integrates academic learning with social-emotional development, fostering creativity, problem-solving, and the foundational skills children need for future success.

Our first theme this school year, which will be starting in a few weeks, is Family and Me! Please bring in a family picture to give to your learner's teacher during the first few weeks of school (or email a digital version) so we can proudly display them on our community pod bulletin boards! Who doesn't love to see their family showcased on the bulletin board at school?

# Save the Nate: 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
- <u>Time:</u> 6:30 7:30 PM (please see below the schedule breakdown)
- Location: Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen Township, NJ 07747
- <u>Who:</u> 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.



#### CAMBRIDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2025 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Time	Location	Notes
6:25 PM	Front Entrance	Doors Open
6:30 - 6:50 PM	CPES Gymnasium	Session #1: Classrooms #13 - 22
	Teacher Presentations	Classrooms #1 - 11
6:50 - 7:00 PM	Hallways	Passing Time
7:00 - 7:20 PM	CPES Gymnasium	Session #2: Classrooms #1 - 11
	Teacher Presentations	Classrooms #13 - 22
7:20 - 7:30 PM	Hallways	Passing Time

# Arrival & Dismissal Procedures: Reminders!

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!

<u>Click here</u> 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

# Husky Pups Planet Protectors 🌑



Can our husky pups master the art of recycling and become Earth's champions?

We're excited to announce a new recycling program starting October 2nd! We're shifting from the Trex program to community recycling to make the concept more tangible for our students. This change encourages community involvement as children will be excited to continue recycling at home. Students will develop academic skills by identifying recyclable items, recognizing

numbers on plastics, and sorting objects by material. We're also creating a "**Prop Drop**" area where **bottle caps, cardboard tubes, and small boxes** will be collected for students to use in designing classroom props.

<u>How you can help:</u> Partner with us by encouraging your children to recycle at home using the <u>Monmouth County Recycling Guide</u>.

We're excited to see our Husky Pups become true environmental advocates both at school and home!

### 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.





- 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! <u>Orders are due September 30th</u> (no exceptions).

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



#### **Events Sept. - Dec.**

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



#### Sundae's Dine Out

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



#### **CPES PTO Membership**

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



#### Park Meet Up

Interested in more playground time? Join us for our



#### **Pizza Party Meeting**

Interested in learning more about the CPES PTO? Join us



#### **CPES Spirit Wear**

Interested in purchasing CPES Spirit Wear? Check out the PTO

### Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation: Fall Donor Drive

Please see below Matawan Aberdeen Educational Foundation's Fall Donor drive.

Thank you for your continued support!

# Important Nates to Remember - September:

- 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



#### Krysten Paone-Hurd, Ed.D





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!