

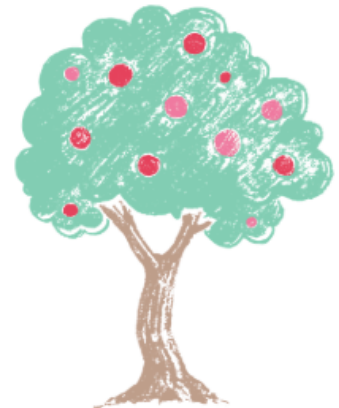


# The Latest CPES Buzz!

September 15th: School Community Newsletter

## Upcoming Field Trip #1: Apple Picking!

Get ready for a basket of fun! We're excited to announce our upcoming field trip to the apple orchard, where students will get to pick three apples each. It's the perfect opportunity to enjoy a beautiful day outdoors, breathe in some fresh air, and get into the spirit of fall. Please see below for important details about this exciting trip:



**Date:** Tuesday, 9/30

**Time:** 9:30 - 11:30 AM

**Where:** Eastmont Orchards, 321 County Rd 537, Colts Neck, NJ 07722

**Who:** Our CPES Husky Pups & Pack Leaders

**What:** CPES will enjoy a trip to the apple orchard teaches our young students about where their food comes from, the wonder of nature, and the joy of a hands-on harvesting experience. Each learner will be able to pick up to 3 apples!

### Important Reminders:

- **Permission Slip.** A permission slip is coming home with your child tomorrow, Tuesday, 9/16, for this field trip. Please make sure you ***complete the permission slip in its entirety and return it to your classroom teacher no later than Monday, 9/22*** so your child can attend apple picking!
- **Dress the Part.** Have your little one wear closed-toe shoes and clothes that can get a little dirty. Layers are a great idea, too, as the morning can be chilly and the afternoon warm.

- **Be on Time.** To make sure we don't miss our bus, please be on time on the day of our trip.

## Cambridge Closet Donations: 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 our 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!

## Halloween Costume Collection!

Our little pumpkins are ready for a spooktacular Halloween! In hopes of preparing our little learners and helping everyone get into the Halloween spirit, CPES will be hosting a Cambridge Closet: Halloween Costume Collection for our school community. The purpose of the Cambridge Closet: Halloween Costume Collection is to provide Halloween costumes to our school community and learners of all ages. This special collection ensures that every child can join in the fun of the holiday, while also supporting families by offering an affordable and accessible option. It creates a sense of community, encourages sharing, and helps make Halloween a joyful experience for everyone!



### How to Get Involved:

- **Donate.** Send in gently used or new Halloween costumes to school with your child to CPES. Costumes will be collected daily from each classroom.
- **Sort.** Costumes will be sorted according to size prior to Harvest Fest.
- **Browse.** Families are welcome to look through the collection at Harvest Fest at CPES on Saturday, 10/18.
- **Choose.** Learners of all ages may pick a costume to take home.
- **Enjoy.** Wear your costume and join in the Halloween fun on Halloween on Friday, 10/31!

### Important Details:

- **Who:** We are collecting sizes infant to school-aged
- **What:** Gently used or new Halloween costumes
- **When:** Collection will run from Wednesday, 10/1 through Monday, 10/13
- **Where:** CPES Classrooms
- **Why:** To provide everyone an opportunity to get into the Halloween spirit!

*\*Please note costume selection will take place at Harvest Fest:*

- **Where:** CPES front of the school
- **When:** 1:00 - 4:00 PM

*Please read future communications with more details to come!*

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## 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?

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## Reminder: Back-to-School Night is Thursday!

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*

Please be sure to follow the schedule below:



**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	<b>Session #1:</b> Classrooms #14 - 22
	Teacher Presentations	Classrooms #1 - 11
6:50 - 7:00 PM	Hallways	Passing Time
7:00 - 7:20 PM	CPES Gymnasium	<b>Session #2:</b> Classrooms #1 - 11
	Teacher Presentations	Classrooms #14 - 22
7:20 - 7:30 PM	Hallways	Passing Time

*\*Please feel free to stop by the CPES PTO table during passing time*

## 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.*



## Events Sept. - Dec.

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



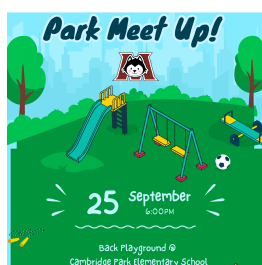
## CPES PTO Membership

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



## Sundae's Dine Out

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



## Park Meet Up

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



## CPES Spirit Wear

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



## Harvest Fest

Looking for some fall activities to do with your family? Come join us at Harvest Fest!



## Harvest Fest Raffle

Looking for a way to boost your business and give back to our community? Check out the Harvest Fest Raffle!



## Mum Sale

Planning to decorate with mums for the fall season? Please consider our CPES PTO Mum Sale!



## Food Drive

Let's join together for the CPES PTO food collection for the Matawan Community Food Pantry!

# Important Dates to Remember - September:

- **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



**Dr. P**

**Contact**



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!