



THE SPOOKTACULAR CPES SCOOP

October 14th: School Community Newsletter

October is Fire Prevention Month!

October is Fire Prevention Month! We're excited to partner with the Aberdeen Fire Department to help our Husky Pups learn all about fire safety. On **Monday, October 20th**, firefighters will visit our school with their fire trucks to share safety tips and give students a close-up look at their equipment. It's sure to be an exciting and educational experience for our young learners!



Did You Know? Fire Safety for Families!

- **Close before you doze.** Did you know sleeping with your bedroom door closed can help keep smoke and fire out, giving your family more time to get to safety?
- **Check your smoke alarms.** Even if they still beep, most smoke alarms need to be replaced every *10 years* to make sure they're working their best.
- **Stay in the kitchen when you cook.** A small flame or hot pan can grow quickly, so keeping an eye on your cooking is one of the easiest ways to prevent fires at home.

Husky Pup Mascot Naming: It's Time to Vote!

We've officially completed the process of collecting name suggestions for our new Husky Pup mascot from students and staff! Thank you to everyone who shared their creative ideas! Please take a moment to complete this [form](#) and vote for your favorite name for our new Husky Pup mascot!



I am so excited to see what our husky pup's name will be!



Cambridge



Park



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Eastmont Orchards: Field Trip Highlights!

Last week, our preschoolers enjoyed a wonderful field trip to Eastmont Orchards! Students had the chance to **pick their own apples**, explore the **pumpkins and hay bales**, and take in the **sights and sounds** of the beautiful fall season. It was a perfect day to enjoy the fresh air, learn about nature, and make lasting memories with friends and teachers.

Check-out some pictures from this awesome field trip!



School



Field



Trip

Halloween Parade

The CPES Halloween Parade on **Friday, October 31st at 9:30 AM** is an exciting tradition where our preschoolers can dress up, celebrate with friends and families, and build community together! To ensure a safe and fun experience, please send your child in an easy-to-move, bathroom-friendly costume (no masks or props), label all pieces with their name, and make sure they wear comfortable walking shoes. Families will watch from designated areas in front of CPES; specific locations will be shared soon.

Finally, October 31st is a 4-hour day with dismissal at 12:45 PM.
Thank you for helping make this a memorable and safe celebration!



Attendance = Success



What is attendance in preschool important?

- **Building Strong Foundations:** Regular attendance helps children develop essential social skills, emotional regulation, and school readiness; every day of learning matters!
- **The Power of Routine:** Consistent attendance allows children to form strong bonds with teachers and peers while developing the cognitive and social-emotional skills they need for future success!

Flu Vaccination Requirement for Preschoolers

As part of New Jersey state health regulations (N.J.A.C. 8:57-4), all preschool students are required to have up-to-date immunizations to attend school, including proof of the annual flu vaccine.

IMPORTANT

Please be sure to submit documentation of your child's flu vaccination by **December 15th**. *Without this documentation, we will not be able to allow your child to return to school in January, and unfortunately, their spot may be offered to another student on our waiting list.*

You can send proof of vaccination to our school nurse, **Ms. Johnson**, at AJohnson@marsd.org

Thank you for helping us keep our school community healthy and safe!

Family Need & Assistance Survey



As part of the CPES family, we're here to support one another. We believe that when our community thrives, every family within it has the opportunity to succeed. If your family could benefit from additional resources or assistance, whether related to academic support, basic needs, community connections, or other areas, please complete [this](#) form so we can work together to connect you with support in whatever ways we're able to help.

***Please note:** Your responses will be kept confidential and will only be used to better understand how we can serve our families. There is no obligation, and completing this form simply helps us

identify opportunities where we might be able to provide meaningful support. We're grateful to be part of this community with you, and we're committed to doing what we can to help every CPES family thrive. Please know that reaching out is a sign of strength and community engagement. We all need support at different times, and we're honored to be a resource for our families when possible!

Cambridge Closet: Now Accepting Donations

The Cambridge Closet continues to welcome donations of gently used clothing in sizes **3T-6X**, **shoes**, and **new underwear and socks**. Whether it's **pants, shorts, shirts, or a Halloween costume**, every item makes a difference in supporting our students and families. This initiative exemplifies what makes our CPES community special: we are there each other! Thank you for helping make our CC a success!



PAWS-ITIVE Fridays!

Here at Cambridge Park Elementary School, we believe in fostering a positive environment for all husky pups! We were so excited to start PAWS-ITIVE High-Five Fridays beginning this past **Friday, October 10th!** We are excited to continue to build community and foster positive relationships amongst CPES and our school community!

Each Friday, you will see our CPES Pack Leaders with foam paw prints giving out huge smiles and high-fives as we spread kindness and school spirit! This will be a fun way to start the day on a positive note and celebrate the great choices our students make all week! Let's end the week strong one high five at a time!



Governor's Educator of the Year: Nominations

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to once again participate in the New Jersey Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program, which honors outstanding teachers and educational services professionals. **Do you know an educator who is dedicated, inspiring, and making a difference?** We invite administrators, staff, students, parents, and community members to submit nominations using the GEOY form by Saturday, November 15, 2025, to the building principal.



Each school will recognize one teacher and one educational services professional, with honorees moving on for county, state, and even national recognition. Please see below important information regarding the Governor's Educator of the Year (GEOY) Program:

- [Nomination Form](#)
- [Eligible Criteria](#)

**Please visit on our district website at: www.marsd.org for addition information.*

Please nominate the educators who have made a positive impact on your child's learning journey. Thank you for your support and continued collaboration!

Battle of the Faculties

The **Battle of the Faculties** is back, and it's time to settle the score! **Who among the MARSD staff will rise to the top and claim the title of the district's most dominant team? Will it be the reigning champs from Strathmore Elementary School, or will it be our own team representing Cambridge Park Elementary School, the Alpha Pups?**

Please see below important information regarding Battle of the Faculties:

- **Date:** Thursday, October 16th
- **Time:** 6:00 - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** MRHS Gymnasium, 450 Atlantic Avenue, Aberdeen, NJ 07747
- **Tickets:** Tickets must be purchased online so we can safely control attendance numbers at <https://www.maefgrants.org/bof25>

We hope to see you there cheering on our staff!

Health Screenings with Nurse Lexi

Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(l), each school district must ensure that all students are given the opportunity to receive health screenings. These screenings may be conducted by a school physician, school nurse, or other properly trained school personnel. At CPES, our nurse, Nurse Lexi, will be conducting your child's health screening.

The picture chart to the left identifies the required screenings. Please reach out to Nurse Lexi at ajohnson@marsd.org with any questions.



Welcome Back!

I am Mrs. Johnson, RN the Cambridge Park School Nurse.
I am available at ajohnson@marsd.org or 732-705-4056.

It's a good time to share the required annual health screenings that will be completed throughout the year.

Each school district shall ensure that all students are provided with the opportunity to receive health screenings conducted by a school physician, school nurse, or other school personnel properly trained pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:16-2.2(l). The required screenings are outlined in the chart below.

Height, Weight, Vision, Hearing, Dental	Pre-K students
Height, Weight, Blood Pressure	All students K-12
Vision	Grades K,2,4,6,8,10
Hearing	Grades K-3, Grades 7 and 11
Scoliosis	Ages 10-18, Biennially

If at any time, the parent chooses to decline these screenings, a written request must be sent to the attention of the school nurse.

Parents will be notified, in writing, of any screening results that are outside of the normal parameters.

Looking forward to a Healthy, Happy School Year!

CPES Visits

At CPES, maintaining the safety and security of our students and staff is our top priority. We kindly remind all visitors not to hold the door for anyone who has not checked in with the main office. Every visitor must speak with our school secretary to state their name and the reason for their visit before entering the building.



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!

**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.!



Dine Out for CPES!

Missing summer? Join us for a sweet treat before the cold weather kicks in!



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!



Food Drive

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



Park Meet-Up

Want to come back to school for some playground fun? Join us for our next Park Meet Up!

Important Dates to Remember - October:

- **Monday, October 6th through Saturday, October 18th:** PTO Food Pantry Collection
- **Wednesday, October 15th:** Global Handwashing Day (Wear *blue*)
- **Wednesday, October 15th:** CPES PTO Park Meetup @ Andover Park (6:00 PM)
- **Thursday, October 16th:** Cambridge Park Pumpkin Patch (during the school day)
- **Saturday, October 18th:** Harvest Fest (1:00 - 4:00 PM)
- **Saturday, October 18th:** Trunk or Treat @ Harvest Fest (1:00 - 4:00 PM)
- **Thursday, October 23rd:** Ralph's Italian Ices & Frozen Yo Cafe Dine Out (6:00 - 9:30 PM)
- **Friday, October 24th:** CPES Spirit Day (Wear your CPES gear *OR* school colors)
- **Friday, October 31st:** Halloween Parade @ CPES (9:30 - 9:40 AM)
- **Friday, October 31st:** 4-Hour School Day (12:45 PM dismissal)



Dr. P

Supervisor of Cambridge Park Elementary School



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!

