



SNOW MUCH FUN AT CPES!

December 8th: School Community Newsletter

CAMBRIDGE PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (2025–2026) RECIPIENTS!

☆☆ Teacher of the Year ☆☆

I am proud to announce Cambridge Park Elementary School's
2025–2026 **Teacher of the Year, Ms. Vinita Mehta!**

Her dedication, warmth, and commitment to our students shine
every day. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved honor!

Thank you for all you do for our husky pups and making a
difference at CPES, Ms. Mehta!



☆☆ Educational Service Professional of the Year ☆☆

I am proud to announce Cambridge Park Elementary School's
2025–2026 **Educational Service Professional of the Year, Ms.
Jeand'Arc Maqqar!**

Her kindness, warmth, and commitment to our students shows
every day. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved honor
for our outstanding Instructional Assistant! Thank you for all you
do for our husky pups and making a difference at CPES, Ms. Jean!

PLAY & LEARN: FAMILY EDITION SUCCESS!



Thank you so much for coming into CPES for Play Planning and Make-Believe Play Time! We appreciate you spending time in our classroom and helping create meaningful experiences for your child. We are always looking for ways to make your time with us as positive and engaging as possible.

We welcome appreciate your feedback on the parent event held from 12/1 – 12/5. Your thoughts help us plan fun, educational, and convenient events for all our families. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to support your child!

[*Cambridge Park Elementary School Family Feedback Survey Link](#)

FALL CONFERENCES HAVE CONCLUDED

Thank you so much for taking the time to attend parent-teacher conferences last week. It was a wonderful way to connect with your child's teacher and discuss your child's progress, strengths, and goals. These conversations are invaluable in helping us work together as partners in your child's education. I appreciate your commitment to staying involved, and I look forward to continuing our collaboration throughout the school year to support your child's growth and success!

THANK
YOU!

Save the Date for Spring Conferences!

Please save the date for spring conferences:

- **Wednesday**, March 11th, 2026 (Evening Conferences)
- **Thursday**, March 12th, 2026 (Afternoon Conferences)

***Please Note:** Specials Teachers should only be reserved for a conference if there is a concern. For feedback outside of a concern, please do not schedule a conference but rather email the specials teachers. The specials teachers email addresses are as follows:

- **Mr. Tim**, *Gross Motor* - tknuth@marsd.org
- **Ms. Scrofani**, *Enrichment* - mscrofani@marsd.org
- **Ms. Small**, *Fine Arts* - asmall@marsd.org

MEDICAL THEME KICKED OFF TODAY!

Today, our classes started the next unit in learning: **Medical Theme!** Students are pretending to be doctors, nurses, patients, and helpers as they practice caring for others, using gentle language, and working together. Through make-believe play, children build important skills like communication, problem-solving, and empathy, all while having fun and learning about how people in the community help keep us healthy. Want to learn more about what your child will be doing? Check out the Medical Theme: Tools of the Mind flyer below!

MEDICAL THEME

Tools of the Mind

Theme Books

Reading to preschool-aged children is important because it builds early language skills and strengthens their vocabulary. It also supports cognitive development by helping children understand stories, ask questions, and make connections. Additionally, reading together nurtures emotional bonding and fosters a lifelong love of learning.

- "Pete the Kitty Goes to the Doctor" - Kimberly & James Dean
- "Who Wears Glasses" - Ana Galan
- "Maisy Goes to the Hospital" - Lucy Cousins
- "Just Going to the Dentist" - Mercer Mayer
- "Doctors to the Rescue" - Meredith Rusu

Home-School Connection

Role Play with your child

Doctor/Nurse/Patient
Make an Eye Chart
Make a Height Chart
Fill out a Doctor Sign in Form
Make a Get-Well Card
Take care of a baby doll


Why Themes?

In Tools of the Mind, the medical theme is used because it supports mature make-believe play, which is a core part of the curriculum. This theme gives children familiar roles—doctor, nurse, patient—that help them practice self-regulation, language development, and collaboration. It also connects to real-world experiences, allowing children to build vocabulary, solve problems, and engage in purposeful, meaningful play that strengthens cognitive and social-emotional skills.

Vocabulary

Here are some of the vocabulary words your child will be exposed to during therapy:

- Doctor
- Nurse
- Ambulance
- Ambulance Driver
- Patient
- Clerk
- Gift Shop
- Nursery
- Stethoscope
- Otoscope
- Eye Chart
- Waiting Room
- Band-aide
- Hospital
- X-Ray



ATTENDANCE



Attendance is important for social skills because children learn how to interact with others by *being* with others consistently. When students come to school regularly, they have more time to practice sharing, taking turns, solving problems with peers, and building friendships. Routine attendance also helps them feel comfortable in the classroom community, which boosts confidence and helps them develop stronger communication skills. Missing school often can make it harder for children to join in play, follow group routines, or form connections with classmates, all of which are key parts of growing socially and emotionally!

FIRST EVER CPES HOLIDAY GIFT SHOP

The CPES PTO-sponsored Holiday Shop is coming to Cambridge Park on Monday, 12/15, and Tuesday, 12/16! Students will visit the shop according to the schedule below and will have the chance to purchase small gifts for family members this holiday season. Items range in price starting at just 25 cents. Please mark your calendars and feel free to coordinate with the PTO if you'd like to help make this festive event a success!

DAY 1
Date: Monday, December 15th
Location: CPES Gymnasium

DAY	TIME	CLASSES	
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15TH	9:30 AM	Marques	Menconi
	10:00 AM	Fowler	Mehta
	10:30 AM	Gerding	Balletta (Scala)
	11:00 AM	Hargrave	Gibson-Clarke

DAY 2
Date: Tuesday, December 16th
Location: CPES Gymnasium

DAY	TIME	CLASSES	
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16TH	9:30 AM	Taylor	Babino
	10:00 AM	Sattora	Joseph
	10:30 AM	Gargulinski	Huffman
	11:00 AM	Wood (Yousaf)	Hornowatz
	11:30 AM	Novello	Mazurcik
	12:00 PM	Finis	



Monday, December 15th
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, December 16th
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Gift options for every family member!

PRESCHOOL PARENT WORKSHOP: TOILETING

The MARSD preschool program will host a parent workshop on toilet training on **December 10th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM** for families of all district preschool students. Free childcare will be available and provided by our **MRHS High School National Honor Society** students; please indicate whether you will need childcare when completing your registration. We hope to see you there!



Come



Join



Us!

CPES WINTER SPIRIT WEEK BEGINS NEXT WEEK!

We are so excited for our upcoming winter break! As we get ready for some well-deserved rest and time off, we'll be celebrating with **CPES Winter Spirit Week!** Please join us in the fun by following along with these festive themed days:

- **Monday, December 15th:** Cozy Sweater Day. Wear your coziest sweater.

- **Tuesday, December 16th:** Winter Wonderland Day. Wear white and/or silver.
- **Wednesday, December 17th:** Pajama Day. Wear your warmest pjs (*no robes or slippers*).
- **Thursday, December 18th:** Festive Headband/Hat Day. Wear a festive holiday headband or hat.
- **Friday, December 19th:** CPES Spirit Day. Wear your CPES gear or school colors!

LAST WEEK OF CPES 2025 VIBES!

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:

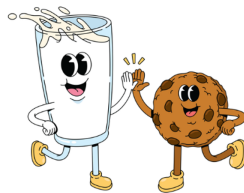
- **Stay Connected:** Follow along on social media!
 - **Instagram:** @ptocambridgepark
 - **Facebook:** Search "Cambridge Park PTO" & request to join the group!
- **Save the Dates:** Thanks to our PTO, there's lots of excitement happening at CPES! Don't forget to check out the flyers below and join us for upcoming events!

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



CPES PTO Game Night Meet Up

Looking for a fun way to meet up with other husky pups? Join us for at Bell Works on the turf!



PJ Day, Cookies & Milk

Name a better duo! Thank you to our PTO for making PJ day a little bit sweeter!



Upcoming Assembly Sponsored by the PTO

Little Rockers Music is coming to CPES this month for a fun and interactive assembly!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER – DECEMBER:

- **Monday, December 8th:** 2nd Trimester Begins

- **Monday, December 15th:** BOE Ram Meeting @ Lloyd Road (7:00 PM)
- **Monday, December 15th:** Cozy Sweater Day (Wear Your Favorite Sweater)
- **Tuesday, December 16th:** Winter Wonderland (Wear White or Silver)
- **Wednesday, December 17th:** Pajama Day (Wear a Cozy Pair of PJs)
- **Thursday, December 18th:** Festive Hat/Headband Day (Wear a Festive Headpiece)
- **Friday, December 19th:** CPES School Spirit Day (Wear your CPES gear OR school colors)
- **Monday, December 22nd:** First Day of Winter (Wear Blue)
- **Tuesday, December 23rd:** Candy Cane Day (Wear Red and White)
- **Tuesday, December 23rd:** 4-Hour Day (12:45 Dismissal)
- **Wednesday, December 24th, 2025 - Sunday, January 4th:** Winter Break



Smore

Beautiful class updates in a snap

