



CPES Busy Bees Bulletin

April 13th: School Community Newsletter

🌟 Week of the Young Child Started Today, Monday, April 13th! 🌟

We are excited to celebrate the **Week of the Young Child** here at CPES with a variety of fun and meaningful activities:

- On **Music Monday (4/13)**, we took a special walk to Lloyd Road School to enjoy a performance by the chorus and band (see pictures below).
- On **Tasty Tuesday (4/14)**, we will make a non-cook treat right in the classroom.
- On **Work Together Wednesday (4/15)**, students will partner with a buddy class for reading and a shared snack, building friendships and teamwork.
- On **Artsy Thursday (4/16)**, we will inspire creativity as children emulate their favorite artists through hands-on projects.
- Finally, we will wrap up the week with **Family Friday (4/17)**, where students will create class family portraits to proudly display in our gymnasium hallways.

We can't wait for all of the fun things we have planned for the Week of the Young Child!



🎵 *Music Monday at Lloyd Road School was a SUCCESS!* 🎵

Our husky pups had a wonderful walk to LRS today to attend a special choral and band concert! 🎵
🐾 A big thank you to Lloyd Road for hosting us and making our husky pups feel so welcomed. Be sure to check out some pictures below!



Music
Thank



Monday
You



@ LRS
All!

Looking for ways to keep the musical fun going?

You can engage in the below follow-up activities with your child:

🎵 **Music & Movement Play.** Have your child “recreate” the concert! Use pots, pans, or homemade shakers to make a band, march around the house, and talk about fast/slow or loud/quiet sounds.

🎵 **Make Your Own Instruments.** Create simple instruments like paper plate tambourines or rice-filled shakers. This builds creativity and fine motor skills.

🎵 **Retell the Walk.** Ask your child to describe the walk to LRS: what did they see, hear, or feel? Drawing a picture of the trip helps strengthen memory and storytelling.

🎵 **Storytime Connection.** Read a book about music or going to school and connect it back to their experience. Ask questions like, “Was your trip like this story?”

🎵 **Concert Art.** Have children draw or paint their favorite part of the concert (maybe the instruments, singers, or the walk itself).

🎵 **Listening Games.** Play different types of music at home and ask your child how it makes them feel or what it reminds them of.

🚦 *Final Field Trip #3: Main Street Matawan, here we come!* 🚦

Our final field trip of the year will take us on a special adventure to Main Street in Matawan, where our preschoolers will experience their community in action! As part of our community theme, this trip gives children the opportunity to see how local helpers and businesses work together to support everyday life. We will visit the laundry store to learn how clothes are cleaned and cared for,



and stop by the library to explore books and storytelling in a real-world setting. This experience also connects to our Tools of the Mind curriculum, as children engage in meaningful, hands-on learning, practice observation and self-regulation, and build language skills through shared conversations about what they see. By bringing classroom concepts to life, this trip helps deepen their understanding of community roles while fostering independence, curiosity, and a strong sense of belonging.

Please note our school trip will be **spread across two days**. Please see below important information regarding our field trip:

Date: Tuesday, April 21st

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Where: Main Street Matawan, NJ 07747

Who: Our CPES Husky Pups & Pack Leaders in classrooms

- Classroom #4: Hoffman
- Classroom #6: Novello
- Classroom #8: Fins
- Classroom #9: Mazzucco
- Classroom #10: Fowler
- Classroom #14: Hargrave
- Classroom #15: Balletta
- Classroom #16: Joseph
- Classroom #18: Taylor
- Classroom #21: Fiedler (Gargulinski)

What: A real-world learning experience through hands-on exploration and observing the community around them.

Why: A Main Street visit helps preschoolers understand how their community works, who helps them every day, and how to be safe and responsible citizens, all while learning language, math, and social skills in a fun way!

Date: Wednesday, April 22nd

Time: 9:30 - 11:30 AM

Where: Main Street Matawan, NJ 07747

Who: Our CPES Husky Pups & Pack Leaders in classrooms

- Classroom #1: Wood
- Classroom #2: Menconi
- Classroom #3: Babino
- Classroom #5: Santora
- Classroom #7: Homowitz
- Classroom #11: Mehta
- Classroom #17: Gibson-Clarke
- Classroom #19: Gerding
- Classroom #22: Marques

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Important Reminders:

- **Permission Slip.** Please make sure you complete the permission slip in its entirety and return it to your classroom teacher no later than Friday, 4/17 so your child can attend!
- **Dress the Part.** Husky pups should wear comfortable shoes and clothes; they will be venturing through Main Street in Matawan!
- **Be on Time.** To make sure we don't miss our bus, please be on time on the day of our trip!

I Am Here.

We use the slogan “**I Am Here**” to celebrate the importance of showing up each day. For our young learners, this simple phrase means:

- I come to school every day
- I am ready to learn and play
- I am part of my classroom family



When children are present, they build friendships, grow their skills, and feel a strong sense of belonging. “**I Am Here**” = **I come. I learn. I belong.**

Thank you for helping your child start each day ready to be part of our school community!

Diverse Learner's Day: Friday, April 24th

On Friday, April 24th, our district will be celebrating **Diverse Learners Day**, a special day dedicated to honoring and uplifting all children. *Diverse Learners Day is an opportunity for our entire school community to come together to show support, build awareness, and remind every child that they are valued, seen, and celebrated exactly as they are.* As preschoolers are just beginning their school journey, this is a wonderful chance to plant the seeds of empathy, inclusion, and kindness from the very start.



To show our school spirit and celebrate what makes each of us unique, **we will all be wearing tie dye** on Friday, 4/24. Just like tie dye, every learner brings their own beautiful and one-of-a-kind pattern to our community!

☀️ Fun Day @ CP! ☀️



Fun Day will be returning at Cambridge Park Elementary School for another year of sweet memories!

Please note Fun Day is scheduled to be held outdoors on Wednesday, May 27th from 9:30 - 12:00 PM.

The tradition continues...

and we are bringing back bubbles and chalk as part of the FUN! We welcome any donations of chalk or bubbles for our upcoming husky pups' fun day. To keep things organized and balanced, we ask you to follow the below if you are interested in donating:



- If your husky pup is in **Classrooms #1 - 11**, and you would like to donate, please donate bubbles
- If your husky pup is in **Classrooms #14 - 22**, and you would like to donate, please donate *chalk*

Thank you to everyone who is a part of our school community; teamwork makes the dream work!

✨ Introducing Literacy Night! ✨

We are excited to invite our families to our Spring Literacy Night, a special evening celebrating the joy of early learning and growth! Centered around the theme of "blossoming," this event will highlight important early childhood developmental milestones and how children grow as readers, writers, and thinkers.



Interested in attending?

If you are interested in attending this event, please complete this [form](#) so we can properly prepare our activities and schedule for this event. We hope to see you there!

Spring into FUN!

Looking for simple ways to stay connected and keep your husky pup engaged? For preschool learnings, the best activities are playful, flexible, and don't require special materials. Here are some fun, no-cost ideas to consider that are both fun and assist with preschool growth and development:



Creative & Imaginative Play

- **Homemade Art.** Use scrap paper, junk mail, cardboard boxes, and crayons/markers.
- **Pretend Play Themes.** "Grocery store," "doctor," or "restaurant" using items already at home.
- **Build a Fort.** Blankets, pillows, and chairs = instant adventure space.

Literacy & Storytime Fun

- **Daily Reading Routine.** Encourage parents to read aloud or let kids "read" pictures.
- **Story Acting.** Kids act out their favorite stories with family members.
- **Make Your Own Book.** Staple paper together and let kids draw and "write" a story.

Music & Movement

- **Dance Party.** Play favorite songs and move freely.
- **DIY Instruments.** Pots and spoons, rice in containers, etc.
- **Freeze Dance.** Dance when music plays, freeze when it stops.

Simple Learning Games

- **Counting Hunt.** Count toys, steps, or snacks.
- **Color or Shape Scavenger Hunt.** "Find something red," "Find a circle."
- **Sorting Game.** Sort laundry by color or type.

Outdoor Exploration

- **Nature Walk.** Look for leaves, rocks, bugs.
- **Cloud Watching.** Ask kids what shapes they see.
- **Chalk Drawing.** Sidewalk or driveway art.

Social-Emotional Activities

- **Feelings Check-in.** Use faces (happy, sad, excited) to talk about emotions.
- **Kindness Challenge.** Do one nice thing for a family member each day.
- **Show-and-Tell at Home.** Share a favorite toy or item with family.

Family Connection Ideas


- **Cooking Together.** Let kids help stir, pour, or mix.
- **Family Game Night.** Simple games like hide-and-seek or Simon Says.
- **Photo Journal.** Take pictures of daily activities and talk about them.

Save the Date: Preschool Moving Up Classroom Celebrations

We're excited to celebrate the **amazing learning and growth** of our husky pups this school year! Please save the date for our **Preschool Moving Up Ceremonies**, which will take place:

- **Monday, June 1st**
- **Tuesday, June 2nd**

More specific details about times, etc. and will be shared out in the coming weeks. We look forward to celebrating this special milestone with our husky pup families!

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 *Have you heard?* 

Matawan Borough Recreation Commission Announces

APPROVED FOR DISTRIBUTION
Matawan-Albermarle Regional School District
Dana Bradfield
Authorized Signature

SUMMER REC CAMP 2026

For Kids K-6th Grades

NEW THIS YEAR

- Sports Activities Coordinator for mini clinics & games
- Snapology 4-6grds
- Creature Creator
- Robotics & Coding
- More Special Events



SPECIAL EVENTS

- Water Days
- Ices/Ice Cream Days
- Assemblies
- Movies
- Theme Days
- Trips

BACK AGAIN

- Obstacle Challenge
- Kickball tournament
- Snapology 1-3grds
- Pizza Party
- Arts 'n Crafts

JUNE 29 – AUG 7
RAVINE DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
M-F, 9 AM – 1 PM

Matawan Resident
Registration opens
3/18 at 9:00 am
\$650 per child

Non-Resident
Registration opens
3/23 at 9:00 am
\$750 per child

Registration Link and QR code will be posted on 3/18 at 9 am on our FB (Borough of Matawan), Instagram (@MatawanBorough), and matawanborough.com

🎨 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.

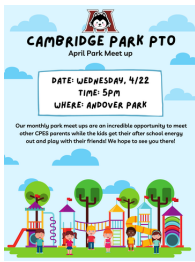


Please see below important announcements and information from the CPES PTO:

- **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.*

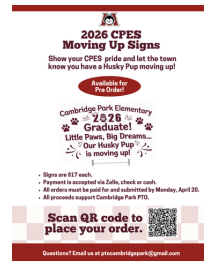
What's new with the PTO?



Husky Pup Park Meet Up



CPES Dine Out: April



PK Moving Up Signs



Dr. P

Supervisor of Cambridge Park Elementary School

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!

