News FROM THE Nest

C.H. CAMPBELL ELEMENTARY
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Welcome!

Greetings Canfield parents and students and welcome back to a new school year! As we begin another year at C. H. Campbell Elementary School, I cannot help but get excited about all of the great plans that we have for this upcoming year. The summer has been busy but C. H. Campbell is ready to hit the ground running.

We would like to take a moment to welcome our new staff members. Brittany Strawinski, a C. H. Campbell parent, will be joining us as our new nurse. Rylee Gresley was hired as the school psychologist for our elementary schools. We will also be welcoming our AmeriCorp tutors later this year to help assist with reading and math support.

The staff of C. H. Campbell has been hard at work getting ready for the new school year. With the help of our amazing teaching staff, C. H. Campbell was awarded the Governor's Science of Reading Champion Award due to our strong implementation of Science of Reading practices in all grade levels with the Wonders and 95% Group curriculums. In mathematics, we will continue implementing the newest edition of the Bridges mathematics curriculum in all of our classrooms this year with the help of the district's math coach. Bridges is a hands-on math curriculum, which has been instrumental in helping our students utilize higher-order thinking skills to solve complex mathematics problems.

I hope the summer has been good to your family and that you have had some quality time together. I am looking forward to this school year and to working with all of you and your children. As always, if you have ideas, comments, questions or thoughts you want to share, please don't hesitate to contact me at any time via phone at (330) 533-5959 or email at tlavery@canfieldschools.net. Please read this newsletter carefully as the information contained in it will help your family prepare for this year at C. H. Campbell Elementary School.

Respectfully,

Travis Lavery, Principal



Important Dates:

AUGUST

8	Safety Day
20	Open House
24-25	Testing Days (K-4) Scheduled time
26	First Day of School

SEPTEMBER

2-4	Fair Break
7	Labor Day - No School
8	Classes Resume
11	Tailgate PTA Forms Due
15	Picture Day
18	PTA Meeting @ 9:00 a.m.
25	Interim Reports

2026-2027 STANDARDIZED TESTING

October 19-20
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STUDENT Health & Safety

We all want our students to be safe and healthy at school and you can help us by following the procedures below:

- Keep students home if they have a temperature above 100.
- Wait outside to pick up your child during the school day. Use the PickupPatrol app or call the office to report your child's absences.
- If your child is to go home in a different way than usual, please use the PickupPatrol app to report the change or send in a note in the morning.
- Please do not drive into the circle from 8:15-9:00 a.m. or 2:45-3:30 p.m.

Thank you for doing your part to help keep our school community healthy.

School Lunch

The price for a school lunch is $2.75, with extra milk costing $0.50. Money may be deposited into your child's lunch account using multiple methods. We encourage all families to utilize our computer-based prepaid system. This system allows the cafeteria to keep track of food allergies and other student needs in the cafeteria. To learn more about our prepaid system please go to www.payschoolscentral.com. We ask parents to view the website and check the menu each day. We will not be sending home monthly menus. If paying by check, please make checks out to C. H. Campbell Cafeteria and write the child's name on the check. You will receive your child's lunch number in this mailing. Please note this lunch number may be different than in the past.

Open House

Grades K-4

August 20 at 5:00-6:30 p.m.

If your teacher is scheduling small sessions, please schedule your time using My Conference Time.

www.myctime.com/chcampbell

Please check your welcome letter for details.

Attendance

All the Canfield Schools will be following the Attendance Policy written in the Parent Handbook. Please become familiar with this policy. If your child is absent, please use the Pickup Patrol app to report off your child or call the school on the day of the absence. If you take your child to the doctor, please send a doctor's note to the school office containing the date of the appointment and excused dates if it is an extended absence. To keep you informed of your child's attendance in a timely manner, we will be using School Messenger to notify you by phone whenever your child is marked unexcused from school.

Lunch Schedule

Kindergarten	10:45-11:15
1st Grade	11:15-11:45
2nd Grade	11:45-12:15
3rd Grade	12:15-12:45
4th Grade	12:45-1:15

Recess Schedule

Kindergarten	11:15-11:45
1st Grade	11:45-12:15
2nd Grade	12:15-12:45
3rd Grade	12:45-1:15
4th Grade	1:15-1:45

Testing Days

Testing days will be held on August 24-25. Parents should sign students in grades K-4 up for a 30-60 minute appointment on one of these days. Time slots are available on a first come, first served basis.

How to Schedule Your Appointment

1. Go to: www.myctime.com/chcampbell
2. Find and click on the name of your child's homeroom teacher. (Remember: all appointments are held in homerooms.)
3. Select your preferred time.
4. Enter required information. (E-mail address is not required, but if you enter one, you will receive a reminder of the conference prior to the date.)
5. Click "Sign Up for Your Conference" near the bottom of the screen.

Supply Drop Off

Students should drop off supplies when they come in for their testing day appointment. Parents will wait in their car after dropping students off until the child has completed their tasks.

School Messenger

Canfield Local Schools utilizes the School Messenger system to better communicate with parents and teachers. School Messenger is able to deliver a wide variety of messages by phone, text, and email to our community at a high rate of speed. The purpose of this system is to enhance overall communication within our school community and improve our emergency preparedness. If you are not receiving messages please contact Mrs. Scharf in the office at (330) 533-5959. If you would like to receive text messages you must "opt-in" by sending YES to 67587.

TEXT ALERTS!

Many important messages from the district are sent via text. If you haven't signed up for text alerts yet, opt-in to receive the alerts by messaging YES to 67587. Don't miss out on important information and reminders sent out by the district.

Safer Ohio School Tip Line

Canfield utilizes the Safer Ohio School Tip Line for our district to help keep our students and staff safe. The hotline may be used to report anything that is suspicious or endangering you, your friends, or your school. The number for the Safer Ohio School Tip Line is 1 (844) SAFEROH or 1 (844) 723-3764. You may visit their website for more information: **ohioschoolsafetycenter.ohio.gov**

Counselor's Corner with Kristina Tokash



Hello! I hope everyone had a relaxing and fun summer. As the school counselor, my role is to help support the social and emotional learning of students through whole class instruction, small groups, and individual counseling. My classroom lessons follow the Ohio SEL Standards which include Self-Awareness, Self-Management, Social Awareness, Relationship Skills, and Responsible Decision-Making. I am looking forward to another year to build a positive relationship with your child. Please check out the Elementary Student Life and School Counseling Website that can be found by scanning the QR code to the right. If you would like me to check in with your son or daughter at the beginning of the school year, please fill out the Welcome Back Check-In found there. You can also email me at ktokash@canfieldschools.net at any time with any concerns.

Statewide Testing Dates

Canfield's statewide testing dates for this school year are listed to the right. All students in grades 3-4 will be administered standardized testing in English Language Arts and Mathematics through the American Institutes for Research (AIR) testing platform. In addition to the spring testing, third graders will be given a fall English Language Arts assessment administered in October.

Students in grades 2 and 4 will be administered ability and achievement testing this year. These online assessments provide information about student achievement and may be used for potential gifted identification in the areas of Superior Cognitive, Reading, Mathematics, and/or Creative Thinking.

Please try to avoid these dates when scheduling appointments and vacations for this school year.

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Pickup Patrol App

C. H. Campbell Elementary School will be utilizing the Pickup Patrol app for tracking and monitoring student dismissal this year. You will receive 2 car tags during your student's testing day or open house. Place one of these tags in your car window or dashboard when you pick up your child. Additional car tags are available upon request. Please download and add the Pickup Patrol app to your homescreen at app.pickuppatrol.net/parents. You will receive an email to activate your account soon. **ALL student default plans are set as bus riders**. You may utilize this app rather than sending notes to report off students, schedule early dismissal, inform the office about late arrivals or mid-day plans, and change dismissal plans. All changes must be entered by 9:30 on the day of the change. If the change must occur after 9:30, please contact the office directly.

Bus Riders

All students in grades K-4 will be picked up and dropped off at their driveways. Students should be ready for the morning bus pickup by 7:45 a.m. each day until bus route times are established. Our buses will leave C. H. Campbell Elementary School at approximately 3:30 p.m. each day. It is very important for parents to be home each day as their students get off of the bus.

Bus Passes: Annual Bus Passes are available to change busing pickup or dropoff locations. Temporary bus passes will only be issued for emergency situations. Children must be picked up and dropped off at a consistent address each day. Children may be bussed to an approved day care or childcare provider. Bus Change Forms are available on the C. H. Campbell Website under School Forms. Please complete this form and return it to the office as soon as possible to be ready for the start of the school year. **ALL student buses are defaulted to their original bus at the start of each school year and a new form must be completed.** Forms may also be emailed to Mrs. Scharf at jscharf@canfieldschools.net. **DO NOT change your student's bus number in Pickup Patrol.**

You should have just received a letter with your child's bus number. Please review this information and learn your child's bus number quickly.



Walker Dismissal

Students walking home without an accompanying adult must fill out a Student "Walker" Consent Form and Waiver of Liability. Guidelines for walking students are available in the Student Handbook. Students must live within 1 mile of C. H. Campbell Elementary School to walk home. Parents walking home with their students may pick children up at the front door.

DISMISSAL CHANGES!

All changes in dismissal plans must be entered by 9:30 a.m. each morning.

Any changes after 9:30 a.m. must contact the office directly.

Before and After Care

Canfield Local Schools has partnered with Zion Christian Early Learning Center to offer before-care and after-care to our students. The program will be held at Hilltop Elementary School for students from both C. H. Campbell and Hilltop. C. H. Campbell students will be transported to and from Hilltop each day utilizing our shuttle bus. The program runs from 6:30 a.m. until the start of school each day and from the end of school until 5:30 p.m. The cost of the program is $8.00/hour for the 1st child in a family and $5.75/hr for additional family members. The one-time registration fee is $20.00. If you are interested in the program, please contact Zion Christian Early Learning Center at (330) 792-4066.

Parent Drop Off Procedures

Students may be dropped off starting at 8:30 a.m. each morning. Students are not considered tardy until 8:45 a.m. NO STUDENTS will be allowed into the school until 8:30 a.m. each morning. Before-care and After-care are available through a partnership with Zion Christian Early Learning Center.

The loop in front of the school must be kept clear of traffic so that buses can safely drop off children. Cars should not park or drop off their children using the loop in front of the school between 8:00-9:00.

A parent drop-off loop is located in the parking lot on Deer Trail Ave. where parents may drive in, drop off their children and quickly exit. If you would like to walk your student to the front door, please park in the main parking lot. Parents are not permitted to walk their child to the classroom.

Please review the map below. If your child struggles with separation, please notify the staff on duty so accommodations may be made.

Parent Pickup Procedures

Car riders will be dismissed starting at 3:15 p.m. each day. Parents planning on picking up their children from school should use the Pickup Patrol app, send a note in with their child, or contact the office before 2:00 p.m.

The loop in front of the school must be kept clear of traffic so that buses can safely load children. Cars should not park or drive into the loop in front of the school between 2:45-3:45 p.m.

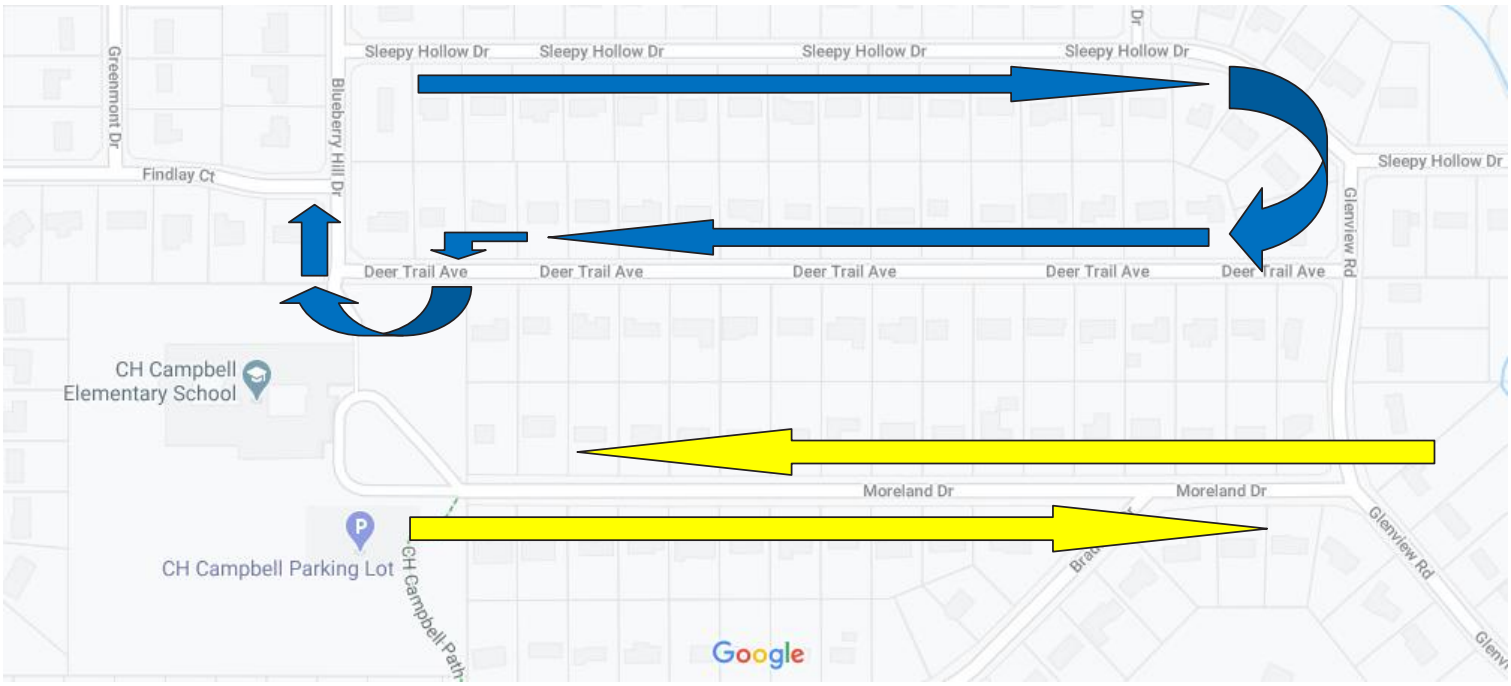
The parent pickup loop is located in the parking lot on Deer Trail Ave. Parents will drive in, present their Car Tag, pick up their children, and quickly exit. Please review the map below.

All parents will receive 2 car tags for picking up a child. Please post this pass on the driver's side dashboard. Additional passes are available upon request.

Please be courteous of the houses and driveways along Deer Trail Ave. and do not block any driveways. Please allow residents to enter/exit their driveways as needed. Thank you!

C. H. Campbell Elementary School

Arrival and Dismissal Map



LEGEND
Bus Traffic Pattern
Parent Traffic Pattern