

Kicking Off a PAW-some Year!

August 31st: School Community Newsletter

🐾 Welcome Back, Husky Pup Pack Leaders 🐾

We are thrilled to welcome back our incredible Husky Pup Pack Leaders! Our dedicated staff has been working hard to prepare warm, welcoming, and engaging learning spaces for every child. We cannot wait to greet our students and families at orientation, build new connections, and kick off an amazing 2026–2027 school year filled with learning, growth, and memorable moments!



✨ Here Come the 26-27 Husky Pups ✨

We are excited to welcome you to Cambridge Park's 2026–2027 Preschool Orientation! Families and students will meet staff, explore classrooms, learn about daily routines, and ask questions. We will have a few tables and organizations at orientation in the event you have questions:

- Out **CPES PTO** will be greeting families and students as you enter the building by their photo balloon backdrop!
- **YMCA** will have be there to answer any questions regarding y-time before and after school programs!
- Our district's food service, **Maschio's**, will be able to speak to you if your child has allergies!

A Friendly Reminder: Parking is limited, so please plan ahead and be prepared to park on Courtland Lane and walk to the school.

Please see below information regarding orientation:

- **Date:** Tuesday, September 1st
- **Time:** 10:00 - 12:00 PM (times will vary based on your child's class, as outlined below)
 - **10:00 - 10:45 AM** (Classrooms #3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 17, 19, 21)
 - **11:00 - 11:45 AM** (Classrooms #2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22)
 - ***Please note:** The Genesis portal is scheduled to open to the school community on August 25th at Noon. At that time, you should be able to access your learner's teacher and classroom information.
- **Location:** Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen Township, NJ 07747
- **Who:** Preschool students and their families
- **📢 Important:** Please bring all supplies (nap mat, etc.) **labeled with your child's name** and teacher to orientation.



✅ Can't Make it to Orientation? We've Got You Covered! ✅

**If you are unable to attend orientation, don't worry! We've got you covered!*

Our school's Preschool Instructional Coach (PIC), Ms. Sue Ripple, will be set up outside exterior door #32 to meet you! She will have your child's orientation folder and other important documents/information.

We will have staff available to make sure your child gets to their teacher and classroom safely!



📝 Orientation Plan Specifics 📝

Below is the detailed orientation schedule, including classroom numbers, teacher, time blocks, and the locations. Please be sure to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns regarding orientation attendance!

Session	Time	Classes	Location	
session #1	Tuesday, September 1st 10:00 - 10:45 AM	Classroom #13 - DaSilva Classroom #15 - Ms. Balleta Classroom #17 - Ms. Gibson-Clarke Classroom #19 - Ms. Walker Classroom #21 - Ms. Curry	<u>Begin</u> 10:00 - 10:20 AM In your Classroom	<u>End</u> 10:25 - 10:45 AM In the Gymnasium
		Classroom #3 - Ms. Babino Classroom #5 - Ms. Santora Classroom #7 - Ms. Wood Classroom #9 - Ms. Mazzucco Classroom #11 - Ms. Mehta	<u>Begin</u> 10:00 - 10:20 AM In the Gymnasium	<u>End</u> 10:25 - 10:45 AM In your Classroom
session #2	Tuesday, September 1st 11:00 - 11:45 AM	Classroom #14 - Ms. Hargrave Classroom #16 - Ms. Joseph Classroom #18 - Ms. Blake Classroom #20 - Ms. Schwarzmann (Holon) Classroom #22 - Ms. Marques	<u>Begin</u> 11:00 - 11:20 AM In your Classroom	<u>End</u> 11:20 - 11:45 AM In the Gymnasium
		Classroom #2 - Ms. Menconi Classroom #4 - Ms. Hoffman Classroom #6 - Ms. Brady Classroom #8 - Ms. O'Neal Classroom #10 - Ms. Fowler	<u>Begin</u> 11:00 - 11:20 AM In the Gymnasium	<u>End</u> 11:20 - 11:45 AM In your Classroom

📌 Don't Forget 📌

As we get ready to welcome our preschoolers, let's make sure they have everything they need for a happy and successful start to the school year! Below are a few reminders about classroom supplies and **what to bring with you to orientation on Tuesday, September 1st!**

MATAWAN-ABERDEEN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2026-2027 Elementary School Supply List



PRESCHOOL

Required Supplies	
Qty	Item
1	A change of seasonal clothes to keep stored in the classroom (shirt, pants, underwear, socks & shoes).
1	Standard-size backpack, labeled with child's name- no wheels please
1	A bedroll nap mat is preferred (see below.) If unable to provide a bedroll, one small blanket and one toddler flat sheet (for nap cot). No pillows please.
Donations Appreciated <i>shared classroom items — any contribution helps the whole class</i>	
Qty	Item
1	Baby wipes or Wet Ones
1	Box of tissues
1	Box of JUMBO Ziploc bags
1	Box of gallon Ziploc bags
1	Box of thick dry erase markers
1	Box of Crayola brand markers
1-3	Paper towel rolls

BEDROLL NAP MAT EXAMPLES



Available for purchase at Amazon, Target, Walmart, and BuyBuyBaby
*If your child is potty training, please send in pull ups, wipes, etc.

Please label all personal items (backpacks, bedding, clothing, etc.) with your child's name.

Families, Let's Hear from YOU!

How are you feeling about the first day of school?

AMAZING because I know it is going to be great!

Nervous & excited at the same time!

Loading...

Confused and unsure of what to expect; help!

 Voting ends in 2 days

 Votes are anonymous but results are public

The Husky Pup Guide to Bus Safety

The start of the 26-27 school year is coming quick! If your child is a student who is riding the bus, please **continue checking bus information until the night before school starts, as routes, stops, and times may be adjusted** while Transportation finalizes schedules and accommodates late registrations.

Check out the bus safety graphic, which includes **important bus stop and riding safety reminders** that we would like families to **review with their children before the first day of school.**



BUS INFORMATION

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Bus passes/schedules will be available when Genesis opens. Please continue checking your child's bus pass up until the night before school starts for possible changes.



The bus will stop approximately **10 feet** from the students. Students should wait until the bus is fully stopped and then walk single file to the bus doors.



If crossing the street, look both ways and make sure the bus is fully stopped with its **red flashing lights** activated before crossing.



Always cross in front of the bus, **never** behind it.



If something is dropped while getting on or off the bus, **do not bend down to pick it up** while the bus is there. Alert the driver, as the driver may not be able to see you.



Please be respectful of other people's property while waiting at the bus stop.



No eating or drinking on the bus.



Cell phones should remain put away while on the bus.



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!



Arrival & Dismissal Car



Following arrival and dismissal procedures helps keep everyone safe, and as adults, we set a positive example for our children to follow. We are partners, and it takes all of us working together to keep our school community safe.

Arrival

CPES ARRIVAL PROCEDURES



KISS & GO

- Enter the school from Chilton Lane ("The Path").
- Line up on The Path and stop at the gate until arrival begins.
- At **9:15 AM**, staff will signal the first car to proceed along the left curb. Pull up to the last available staff member, who will assist your child out of the car.
- When directed by staff, exit onto Courtland Lane — **RIGHT TURN ONLY**.



Kiss & Go ends at 9:30 AM.
After 9:30 AM, please go to the office to sign in your child.



WALKERS

- Park in the neighborhood and walk your child to their arrival door.



PLEASE NOTE:

Cars may not park in the school parking lot during arrival.

- Classrooms 14–22 enter through **Door #32**.



- Classrooms 1–11 enter through **Door #3**.



IMPORTANT TO KNOW

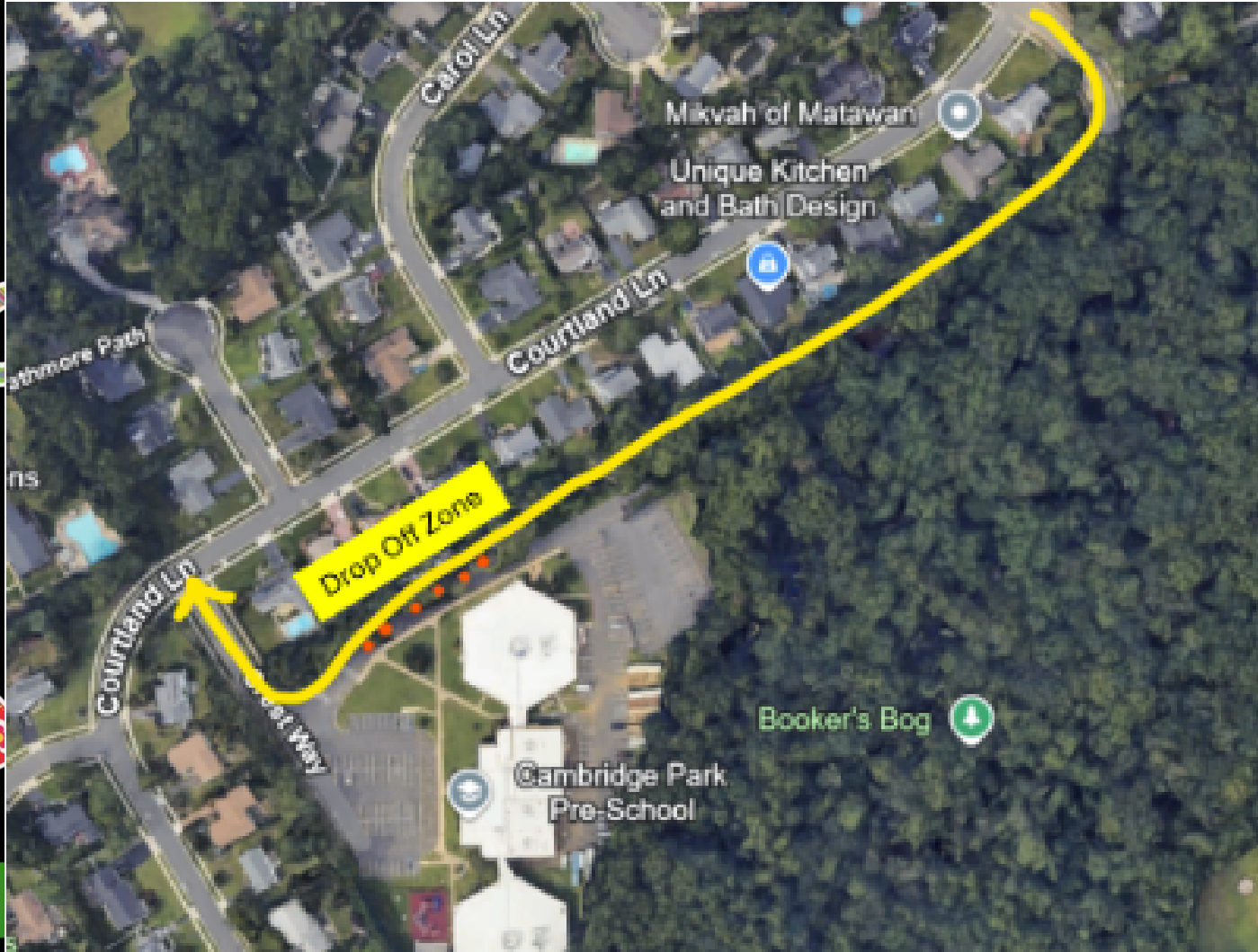
1. After **9:00 AM**, the main driveway is **ONE WAY OUT**. Cars may not enter through the main entrance once arrival begins.
2. Parents must remain in their vehicles on The Path and in the driveway.
3. Students may never exit a vehicle alone.
4. Seat your child in the rear driver's-side seat so staff can safely assist them onto the sidewalk.
5. Stay in line, do not pass other cars, and wait for the vehicle ahead to proceed.



Thank you for helping keep our Husky Pups safe!



**Please Note: The below picture graphic shows the traffic flow for you.*



Dismissal

CPES DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Please follow these procedures to ensure the safety and security of all students and staff.

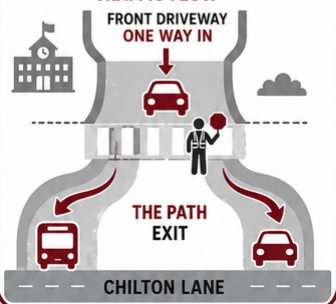
CARS

- The front driveway is **ONE WAY IN** for buses and cars.
- Buses and cars **EXIT** through "The Path" to Chilton Lane.
- A staff member will be stationed at the crosswalk so families can safely walk to vehicles parked in the neighborhood.

NEW: No one may walk down "The Path" during arrival or dismissal.



TRAFFIC FLOW



FRONT DRIVEWAY
ONE WAY IN

THE PATH
EXIT

CHILTON LANE

WALKERS

- Walker dismissal begins at **3:00 PM**.
- A parent or guardian must wait at their child's assigned exit door.
- Students will only be released to adults with approved pick-up permission in the Student Information System.

REMEMBER:
ID IS REQUIRED
FOR STUDENT PICK-UP!

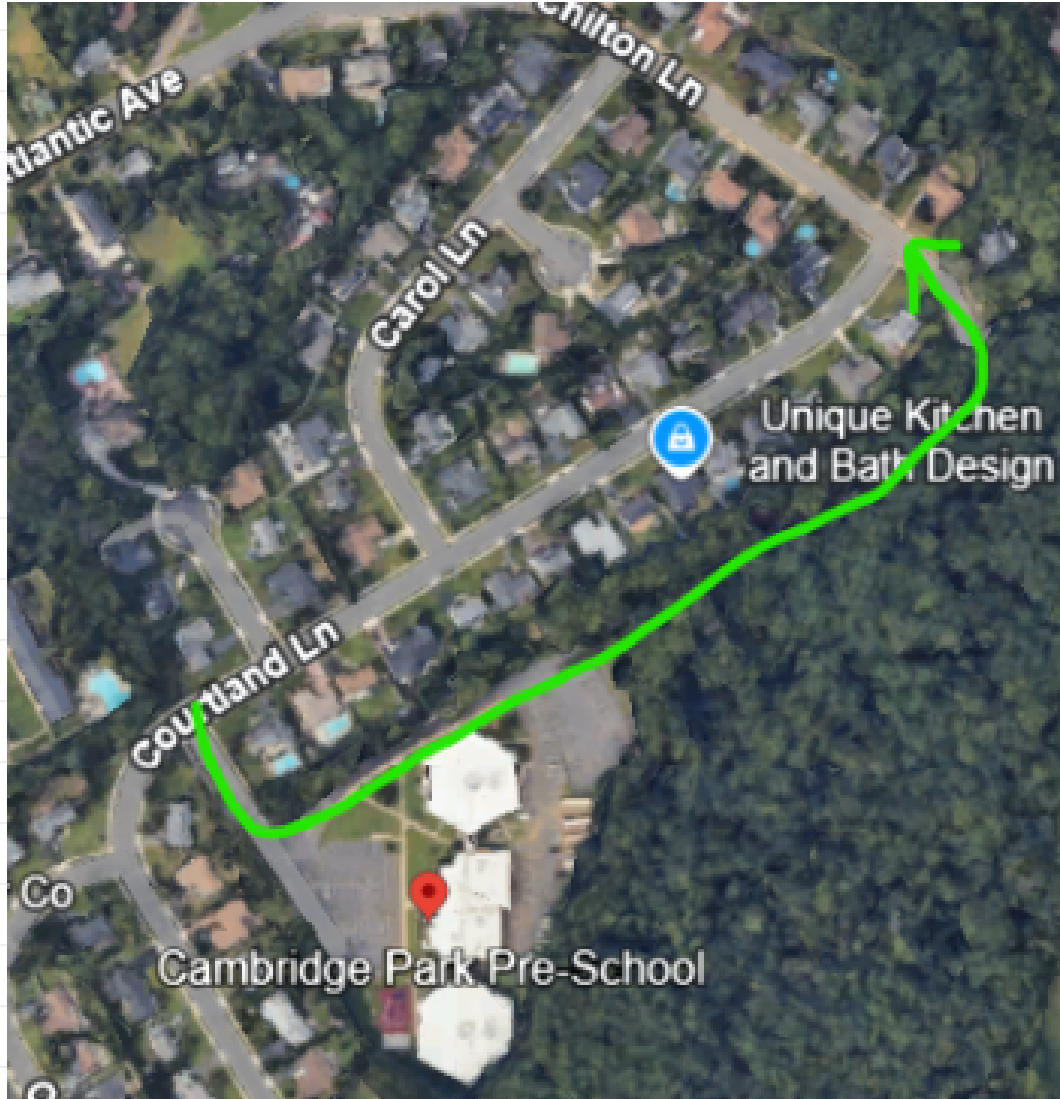


NEW: Do not stand on the sidewalk where buses load students or in the roadway where buses pull up.



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📖 'Twas the Night Before Preschool 📖

Get ready for the first day of school by reading *'Twas the Night Before Preschool* together! This sweet story can help your child feel excited and prepared as you talk about new friends, classroom routines, and all the wonderful adventures ahead.



! Important Reminders for the Week One !

The first two days of school are 4-hour days. These shorter days help ease the transition into the school year, allow students time to adjust to their new routine, and get excited for the new school year ahead! Please note the below information regarding the first few days of school:

- The **First Day** of School is Thursday, September 3rd; dismissal is at 1:15 PM.
- The **Second Day** of School is Friday, September 4th; dismissal is at 1:15 PM.
- **Monday, September 7th: School Closed**
- *Starting Tuesday, September 8th, students will begin their regular full-day schedule & dismissal begins at 3:00 PM*

CAMBRIDGE PARK ELEMENTARY

FIRST FEW DAYS back to SCHOOL!

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PLEASE NOTE THE BELOW INFORMATION REGARDING THE FIRST FEW DAYS OF SCHOOL:

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 3 RD	THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 RD ; DISMISSAL IS AT 1:15 PM.
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 4 TH	THE SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL IS FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 TH ; DISMISSAL IS AT 1:15 PM.
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 8 TH	SCHOOL IS CLOSED MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 TH . TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 TH , STUDENTS WILL BEGIN THEIR REGULAR FULL-DAY SCHEDULE.

WE CAN'T WAIT!
Here's to a great start to an amazing year!

We've Got Spirit, Yes We Do! We've Got Spirit, How About YOU?

Please join us for the 26-27 school year's very first CPES Spirit Day on Friday, September 4th!



[Click HERE to Purchase CPES Spirit Wear](#)

* Special shout out to our CPES PTO for the awesome gear *

Back-to-School Night is Almost Here

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:** Wednesday, September 9th
- **Time:** 6:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Location:** Cambridge Park Elementary School, 1 Crest Way, Aberdeen Township, NJ 07747
- **Who:** Preschool student families

**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 questions/concerns.*



Looking Ahead From the Nurse's Office



The state is requiring preschool students to receive their flu vaccination by the earlier *deadline of November 30*.

Please keep this in mind when scheduling your child's appointment.

If you have any questions, please contact our school nurse, Nurse Lexi Johnson, at ajohnson@marsd.org.

Stay Connected with Cambridge Park

Staying connected with our school on social media is a great way to stay informed and engaged. Be sure to check regularly for updates, important reminders, and helpful information. You'll also get to see pictures and highlights of the wonderful things happening in our classrooms each day!

Thank you for your continued support and I hope you will join us on our journey at Cambridge Park to stay connected!



Follow Us On Facebook!

Search **Cambridge Park
Preschool** and click **Follow**



Meet Buddy!

Our **Husky Pup** school mascot



Follow Us On Instagram!

@cpeshuskypups and click
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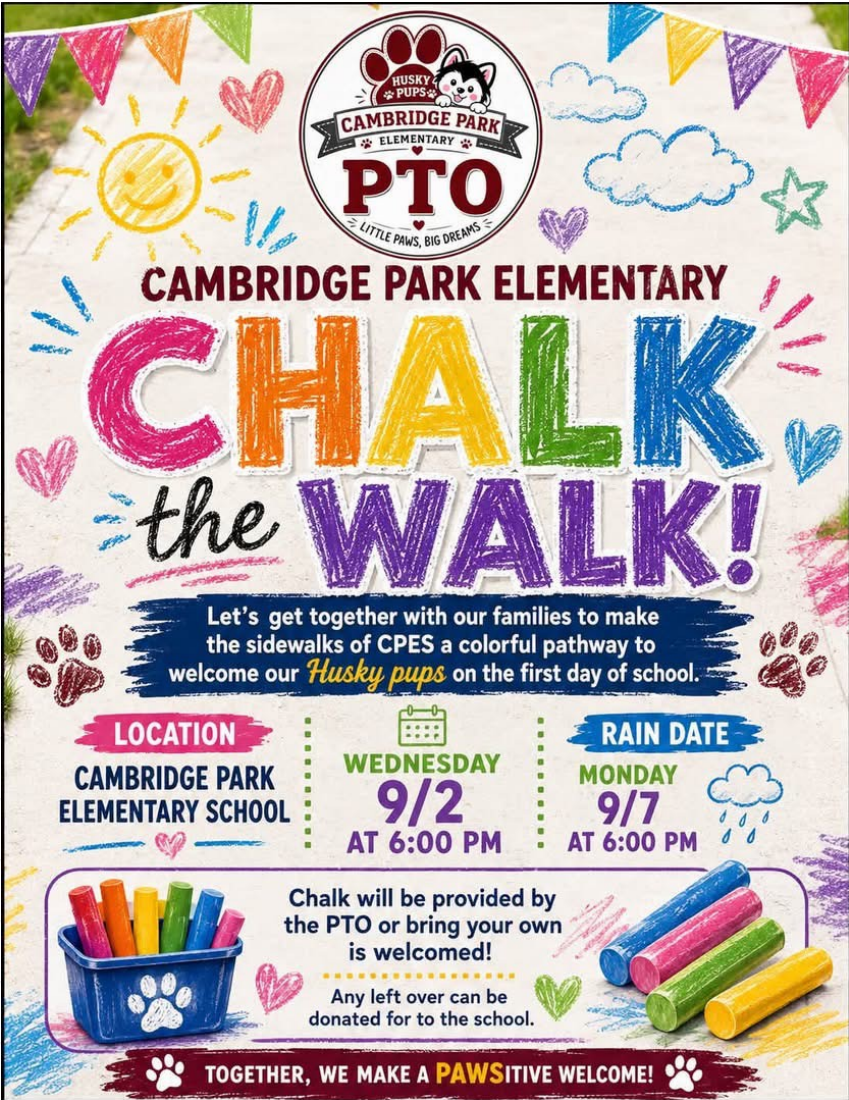
Save the Dates: Upcoming PTO Events

Our PTO is in full planning mode for an exciting year ahead!

We are getting ready for Day One by..

Chalking the Walk!

Our PTO is organizing a "Chalk the Walk" event to fill our sidewalks with colorful, encouraging messages for students on the first day of school!



HUSKY PUPS
CAMBRIDGE PARK
ELEMENTARY
PTO
LITTLE PAWS, BIG DREAMS

CAMBRIDGE PARK ELEMENTARY
CHALK
the **WALK!**

Let's get together with our families to make the sidewalks of CPES a colorful pathway to welcome our *Husky pups* on the first day of school.

LOCATION
CAMBRIDGE PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY
9/2
AT 6:00 PM

RAIN DATE
MONDAY
9/7
AT 6:00 PM

Chalk will be provided by the PTO or bring your own is welcomed!

Any left over can be donated for to the school.

TOGETHER, WE MAKE A PAWSITIVE WELCOME!

September is in Full Swing!

Check out the upcoming events and save the dates for fun opportunities to connect with our school community while supporting and giving back to Cambridge Park.



September Dine Out

Keep the summer vibes



1st PTO Meeting

We'll bring the pizza



Sept. - Dec. at a Glance

Check out what is planned

Important Dates to Remember - September 🍎

- **Tuesday, September 1st: Preschool Orientation**
 - Session 1 → 10:00 - 10:45 AM
 - Session 2 → 11:00 - 11:45 AM
- **Thursday, September 3rd: 1st Day of School** (4-hour day & dismissal at 1:15 PM)
- **Friday, September 4th: 2nd Day of School** (4-hour day & dismissal at 1:15 PM)
- **Monday, September 7th: School Closed in Observance of Labor Day**
- **Tuesday, September 8th: Full-Day Schedule** (dismissal at 3:00 PM)
- **Wednesday, September 9th: National Teddy Bear Day** (Bring a teddy bear (must fit in your child's backpack) to school to learn with them or teddy bear themed clothing)
- **Wednesday, September 9th: Back-to-School Night** (6:30 - 7:30 PM)
- **Friday, September 11th: First CPES Spirit Day!** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)
- **Friday, September 18th: CPES Spirit Day** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)
- **Monday, September 21st: School Closed in Observance of Yom Kippur**
- **Friday, September 25th: CPES Spirit Day** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)
- **Monday, September 28th: BOE Meeting @ CPES** (CPES Presentation @ 7:00 PM)

Important Dates to Remember - October 🍊

- **Friday, October 2nd - 19th: CPES PTO Popcorn Fundraiser**
- **Friday, October 2nd: CPES Spirit Day** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)
- **Friday, October 9th: CPES Spirit Day** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)
- **Monday, October 12th: School Closed in Observance of Columbus Day**
- **Friday, October 16th: CPES Spirit Day** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)

- **Friday, October 23rd: CPES Spirit Day** (Show your school spirit by wearing your CPES or MARSD gear or rocking our school colors: gray, maroon, white, and black)
- **Monday, October 26th: National Pumpkin Day** (Wear orange or pumpkin themed clothing)
- **Monday, October 26th: BOE Meeting @ CL** (7:00 PM)
- **Friday, October 30th: Halloween Parade, 4-hour day & dismissal at 1:15PM, and Halloween Class Celebrations** (more details to follow)



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!