

Canterbury Elementary School

September 2020 Edition

Newsletter

NOTES FROM THE NURSE:



We've had a great first few weeks at school, keeping everyone as healthy as possible! As we prepare for all of our students to be here 5 days a week, we just want to give a few reminders.

According to the CT Department of Health, kids need to stay home if they have any of the key COVID symptoms:

- fever 100.0 or higher
- new cough
- shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- chills, feeling feverish
- loss of taste or smell

If your student has any of these, *please keep them home*. Call or email the health room for guidance if you're unsure.

Sometimes, of course, these symptoms start during the school day. If they do, your child will be dismissed. Please have a friend or relative on standby that can pick your child up if you are unavailable. Of course (of course!) this is cold and allergy season, and we generally get a cough or snuffle this time of year. We all know every cough or snuffle *isn't* COVID, but in the interest of keeping our school as healthy as possible, we need to take all the precautions we can!

If your child has any of those symptoms, you may consider getting them COVID swabbed. Hopefully it will be negative! This helps us with contact tracing and how to move forward. If your child has a negative swab, they can come back to school 24 hours after the symptoms resolve (and that's **WITHOUT** medications). Otherwise, CT Department of Health tells us we need to keep your child out for 10 days. I know, I know! None of this is easy! Remember, we are being cautious for everyone's safety.

Also, remember:

Keeping our hands clean is one of our **BIGGEST** defenses against germs (including COVID!). Remember to scrub for 20 seconds! Hand sanitizer is a good alternative, but washing is definitely the gold standard.

Cassie Stimson
School Nurse

FREE/REDUCED LUNCH

Currently, the state of Connecticut has made the school lunch program free and available to all families. However, we still need your free and reduced applications. We have sent applications home with all students. Please be sure to fill them out and return them by **October 1.**

Thank You!

HOT SPOTS

The district has received a limited number of individual "hot spots" and vouchers from local cable companies which can provide families in need with free internet access. If you are in need of this help, please complete the form on the opposite side of this newsletter and return to the CES office.

Thank You!

BOOT DRIVE



The Winter Boot Drive forms have gone out to all families. If you are in need of winter boots for your preschool through grade 4 child, please return the form or contact Mrs. Musumeci @ smusumeci@canterburypublicschools.org or call 860-546-6744, ext. 2202.

Deadline is **October 9th, 2020.**

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear CES Families,

Thank you for all the ways you are communicating with us! We have successfully moved through the first 4 weeks of school! Our district plan continues to be to open fully on Monday, October 5th. Just as we have familiarized ourselves with the new routines in September, we will have to focus on new routines in October. Please see below for some details.

- 1. Life within the school, and the routines that we have already established, will continue.**
 - a. Classrooms are set up to maximize space between students, consistent use of masks and shields, with scheduled mask breaks will continue.
 - b. Lunch and recess will continue to happen in the classroom cohort; students will eat in their classrooms
- 2. Social and Emotional and Academic Goals for October**
 - a. Continue to communicate and monitor the well-being of all students, families, and staff
 - b. Complete the universal academic testing for all students. This new test is called IReady. Students will take a diagnostic test in reading and math in Grades 1-4. Once this test is completed, teachers will be able to give students lessons directly targeted for the skills that student needs through the online platform of IReady.

Please continue to look out for each other. In conjunction with the PTO, we will be supporting food drives and other needs that families may have this year. Continue to reach out to your teachers!

Wishing you well,

Miss Cary, Principal

INTERNET ACCESS HELP FORM

If you need assistance with internet “hot spots” or a voucher for internet access, please fill out the form below and return to school.



NAME: _____

STUDENT/GRADE : _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____