

August 13, 2019

Dear Clarksville Elementary School Parents,

Welcome to the 2019-20 school year! I hope all have had a relaxing, refreshing summer and are gearing up for a promising exciting school year. As the proud leader of Clarksville Elementary School, I am looking forward to a year of positive and engaging growth. I welcome and value your continuous support to uphold high expectations for all of our students. Please join me this year in being a true champion for all of our students and their learning. I am truly blessed to be working with such a caring and collaborative school community. Thank you!

As we approach the middle of August, all of our thoughts, whether we are a teacher, a student, a parent, shift to starting another productive and remarkable school year at CES. Our skilled, dedicated staff is already planning for the arrival of your children. Our friendly, enthusiastic office staff has been busy welcoming new families and organizing classroom supplies. Our hard-working, devoted custodial staff have spent the entire summer thoroughly cleaning our school. Our fantastic PTA has been gearing up to welcome veteran and new families, providing volunteer opportunities to all interested, as well as gearing up to offer many other exciting PTA sponsored events throughout the school year. We are completely committed to providing each of our students and their families with a positive, collaborative school community. We ask you to join us in sharing common goals of supporting caring students and promoting academic growth and excellence.

With this mindset, a new school year offers endless possibilities. Each school year brings positive changes and growth. We must always embrace the constancy of change, especially in education. Change is the only constant, and we must decide to disrupt ourselves to embrace it. According to John C. Maxwell, a bestselling author, speaker, and coach, there is a tension between the stability that gives us security and comfort and the adaptability that opens up opportunity. CES is no exception to this exciting potential of opportunity. We want to give a warm welcome to all our new CES families and friends! We are looking forward to meeting you and working with you during the 2019-20 school year. Also, there are several changes to our CES staff. **Please see the attached staff list for the 2019-20 school year.** We are fortunate to have such a dedicated, passionate group of educators. **Important notice to all CES Parents : Please be sure to complete your Family File which is located on HCPSS website for the upcoming school year. This is how we communicate who your child's teacher will be for the 2019-20 school year.** A great deal of time, effort and thought has gone into student placement for the 2019-20 school year. Careful consideration was given to all educational stakeholders. Our classrooms have been balanced both academically and socially. We strive to keep our classrooms a positive learning experience for each and every student at Clarksville ES.

I look forward to seeing and meeting you all at our August Open House and our September Back to School events. Please be sure to stop by and say hello. Thank you to all who have helped in preparing for our new school year. Your commitment to our CES school community is awe-inspiring. It remains an honor and privilege to serve as your principal. Together, I know this school year will be a shared success of growth and achievement for all our CES students.

Go Cougars !!

Warm regards,

Robin L. Malcotti, Proud Principal of CES

Class Lists - Your child's "Family File" information in Canvas must be completed to unlock access to the teacher placement information. So, gather your emergency contact names and numbers (**please provide at least one non-parent**), look up the doctor names and phone numbers, decide how your student will get to and from school in an emergency and complete your Family File information. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Important School Dates

Kindergarten Orientation

Thursday, August 29th - from 10:00– 11:30 p.m. – cafeteria

After the Orientation, Kona Ice Truck will be available in the back of our school for students to purchase at a reduced rate of \$1. Enjoy!

New Student Orientation

Thursday, August 29th - from 10:00– 11:30 p.m. – cafeteria

ALS Student Orientation

Thursday, August 29th - from 9:30-10:00 a.m. - cafeteria/classrooms

Open House

Thursday, August 29th - from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Students may bring their school supplies to the classroom. Open House ends promptly at 3:00 p.m.

Kona Ice Truck will be available at the back of the school from 2:15-2:30 PM. It will be sold at a reduced rate of \$1. Come and enjoy a special treat and say hello to new and old friends!

First Day of School

Tuesday, September 3rd. Doors open at 9:10 a.m. Daily Schedule begins @ 9:25 a.m. Students must be on-time starting day one. Please be sure your child knows how he/she will arrive and depart from school. Please be sure the transportation form comes back to school with your student.

Back to School Nights

Wednesday, September 18th from – 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Kindergarten thru 2nd grades

Thursday, September 19th from - 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. – Classroom presentations for 3rd- 5th grades

7:00 to 7:45 p.m. – Gifted and Talented presentation

Picture Information for 2019-20

CES will be using Classic Photography as our school photography company. We have scheduled the following dates for photos:

Wednesday, September 11th – Individual and Staff picture day

Tuesday, November 12th – Retake day

Thursday, January 9th- Yearbook/Group picture day

School Information

School Hours:

9:10 a.m. – Bell rings and students may enter the building

9:25 a.m. – Bell rings and instructional day begins - students arriving after this time are **recorded as tardy** and **must** be signed in by a parent when they arrive in the front office.

3:30 p.m. - Early dismissals should be prior to 3:30 p.m.

3:50 p.m. – Dismissal

School Bus Schedules Online

School bus routes for the coming school year will be uploaded to the School and Bus Locator on the HCPSS website around the third week in August. Visit [School and Bus Locator](#).

Student Supply Lists are posted on our website <http://www.ces.hcpss.org>

Student Cafeteria Accounts

Please be sure to visit <http://www.myschoolbucks.com> to ensure your child's meal payments are up to date and ready for the new year.

School Menus and Nutritional Information

Menus and nutritional information are available online at <http://hcpss.nutrislice.com/> They also have a mobile app!

Family File

Family File is back and has been open for business since August 6th. When parents log in through HCPSS Connect, there will be a link directing them to the Family File section. Once logged in, parents will be able to provide or update all of their contact information, medical considerations, and preferences in approximately 10 minutes. For existing parents: **1.** Login and password are the same as last year. **2.** Your student's data will be there from last year. You can then just update that information. If you encounter any problems logging in or accessing Family File, please send an email with your question or problem to CESFamilyFileIssues@hcpss.org.

For further information, visit <http://www.hcpss.org/connect/>

Visit the CES PTA website

Visit the PTA website at www.cespta.net and find out all the ways you can get involved!

·Join the PTA

·Join a committee

·Attend PTA Executive Board meetings – you don't have to be on the Executive Board to attend!

·Subscribe to the PTA mail list

·Enter your information for inclusion in the PTA directory

·Earn money for CES by registering your grocery and frequent shopper cards and start earning money for CES – it only takes a few minutes! Visit the PTA Webpage for links and directions <http://www.cespta.net/index.php/component/content/article/82-funding/88-savingscard>