

# «Creekside Monthly News»

## Creekside Elementary School

3480 East Street, Hartland, MI 48353 \* Phone: 810-626-2600

### August Dates:

August 12- Placement letters sent email

August 16- Open House 5:00-7:00 pm

August 18- First day of school

**BUS ASSIGNMENTS SHOULD BE MAILED SOON.**

### School Hours

Monday -Thursday

8:50 am - 3:50 pm

Friday

8:50 am - 2:50 pm

Please note that students are only permitted to enter the building at 8:35 for breakfast. All other students may enter at 8:45. We begin supervision at 8:40.

### Welcome to the 2021-2022 School Year

The CES Staff is beyond excited to start the 2021-2022 school year. The building has new faces and new construction. The STEM lab is almost complete and ready for student and staff use. STEM will be offered as an Essential to all CES students. Look for more information to come.

As I reflect to last year and think about the turmoil families, students and staff faced. I know this year will be AWESOME. We proved we can overcome just about anything. As we start a new year, I will remind my staff that we are amazing, caring and above all going to be beyond positive. After all WE ARE CREEKSIDE.

Enjoy the remainder of summer break and I look forward to seeing everyone on August 16<sup>th</sup> for CES Open House.

Respectfully, Principal- Ms. Stephanie Moore-Way

### Open House August

This year our Open House will be held in-person. Teachers will be ready to welcome our students however, please adhere to the following Open House schedule to lesson traffic and allow for more individualized time with teachers.

JK/K = 5:00 pm arrival

Last Names A-I = 5:30 pm arrival

Last Names J-P = 6:00 pm arrival

Last Names Q-Z = 6:30 pm arrival

## *First Day of School*

It's hard to believe that our first day of school is right around the corner. I am so excited to welcome our new students into the building and see how much everyone has grown over the summer. In order to usher in a great first day, we ask that parents do not congregate outside of the building. It is important to set our students up for success from day one and that must be our number one priority. Students being dropped off or riding the bus will exit and enter the building on their own the first day. Parents will not be allowed to enter the building with their student. Teachers will meet their students in the cafeteria and escort them to their classrooms. Other staff members will be stationed throughout the halls to help assist anyone in need. Our staff asks that you please drop off your student as you would normally or place them on the bus. Please do not then drive to the school to wave them into the building. We encourage you to take pictures at home and enjoy this exciting milestone safely with your family there. Thank you for your understanding.

### *No Outside Visitors or Parents Allowed in the Building*

To keep our building as clean as possible. NO outside visitors will be allowed in. Parents will need to use the buzzer to alert office staff for pick ups and for items dropped off. No parents will be able to walk their children to classrooms. We will have no parent volunteers in the classrooms and if asked to attend a meeting it may be virtual.

### *Absence Line*

Absence Line: 810-626-2605 Please call this number to report your child's absence.

### *BACK to School Registration*

Please make sure you have visited the parent portal on-line and completed all back to school paperwork

### *MEDICATIONS*

If your child needs to take any form of medication during the school day please drop off medications before the start of school with appropriate forms, which can be found on-line.

## **Refillable Water Bottles**

We are so excited that we have refillable water stations throughout the building. Please send your kiddo to school with a water bottle that they can refill. Make sure that you have their name clearly labeled on the bottle so that they do not end up in the hands of a friend.

# *Arrival and Dismissal Changes*

## *Arrival*

Students will either arrive in person or by bus. We will operate a kiss and go lane, which means students move as quickly as they can, and parents stay in cars. There will be adults outside to help guide cars and students. Students will not be allowed to enter the building until 8:40 am. Please do not let your child out of the car before there is adult supervision outside. Upon entering the building students will go to cafeteria. Students will be separated by class. Once the bell rings students will be escorted down hallway by grades to avoid any congestion.

## *Dismissal*

### *Pick Up Students*

In order to facilitate our new pick up procedure's students will not be allowed for early pick up after 3pm. We do not have adequate staff to support students being picked up between 3 pm and 3:45 pm. We thank you in advance for your understanding and if you have any extenuating circumstances please feel free to call the main office.

**We are moving back to a traditional pick-up system.** Parents will park and walk up to the main entrance doors. They will sign their student out with staff. Staff will call students outside while parents wait outside. When you or a family member come up to the door, please have your ID available and make sure that anyone that is picking up your student is listed as an emergency contact in MiStar. Please be patient for the first few weeks as the lines could be long, and students will need to get familiarized with the new system.

**Please make sure you are contacting the main office for any transportation changes. When parents only tell or email teachers/students it causes confusion for your child and staff. Safety is our utmost concern and want your child to get where they need to be safely.**

## *Breakfast and Lunch*

Creekside will be offering breakfast and lunch this year. Free and reduced lunch applications can be found on the HCS homepage and CES webpage. Copies are also available in the office. Breakfast will be offered at 8:40 for student drop offs and bus students.

Student Breakfast/Lunch costs: Free for the entire school year

Students will be offered two choices for lunch, per lunch menu.

Any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Student Nutrition Department: Lisa Archey (810) 626-2867.

## *Birthday Celebrations*

Due to the high number of life-threatening allergies at our school it is necessary to eliminate food items from our birthday celebrations. Celebrating with non-food items will ensure that our school is safe for all students. Classrooms and the office will continue to ensure that birthdays are special days for students. We will continue to celebrate holidays as we have in the past. Your child's teachers will share details specific to their classroom. Thanks for your understanding as we work to make Creekside safe for all students.

## **Visitors Entering the Building**

Beginning on August 18, HCS is not allowing visitors to enter the building during the school day unless a meeting is prearranged with the administrator. Visitors that are entering the school during the day will need to wear a mask. Visitors can enter the building for after school events such as PTO meetings; however, all students must be gone for the day.

## Mask Wearing

Per the MDHHS, Livingston County Health Department and CDC, masks will be worn on school buses. If a student forgets to wear a mask when entering the bus, one will be provided to them. Once students enter the school building, masks will not be required, but if your student feels more comfortable wearing one, we encourage them to do so. The HCS staff is not required to wear masks, per the health department, however, some may choose to do so. Please speak with your student regarding this issue.

### *PTO NEWS*

Creekside will be joining with Lakes, Round and Village to host our 2nd Annual Fall Mum Sale! Order vibrant and beautiful 9" round garden mums for \$10 each available in: Orange, Purple, Red, White & Yellow and support Creekside. Ordering will be available from Friday, August 20 - Friday, September 3 with order pick up on Friday, September 17. More details coming soon.

Join us for our first PTO meeting on Tuesday, September 14th to learn about what we have planned for this year. Get involved, meet other parents and help make a difference at our school!

Please join our group to stay connected:  
[Facebook.com/Creekside PTO Families Hartland, MI](https://www.facebook.com/CreeksidePTOFamiliesHartlandMI)