

# «Creekside Monthly News»

## Creekside Elementary School

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### September Dates:

September 13<sup>th</sup>: Board of Ed meeting

September 13<sup>th</sup>: Spirit Week

9/13 Monday - Crazy Hair/Sock Day

9/14 Tuesday - USA Day

9/15 Wednesday - Hawaiian Day

9/16 Thursday - Tie-Dye Day

9/17 Friday - Blue/Gold Day

September 14<sup>th</sup>: CES PTO meeting  
6:30 pm

September 17<sup>th</sup>: Constitution Day

September 21<sup>st</sup>: CES Picture Day

CES Families,

Our Back to School Open House was a great success. Thanks to all the families for attending and starting our school year off right!

We are awaiting our new playground equipment but are very excited to show off and thank our families and PTO for the new Gaga Pit. All students should have a chance to learn the rules and how to play by the end of this week 😊

Respectfully, Principal- Ms. Stephanie Moore-Way

### School Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:50-3:50

Friday

8:50-2:50

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.

Creekside SEL committee is working hard and moving forward with students to help teach about emotions. We will focus on using the Zones of Regulation, our SEL committee is made up of our teachers and mental health professionals in the building. Here is a sneak preview of the posters hanging throughout our building and classrooms. Look for more information and tips in the upcoming months.

*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.

*BACK to School Registration*

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

*Absence Line*

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

*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 and 3:45. 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 check out their student 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*

### PTO News:

Join us for our first PTO meeting on September 14, 2021 at 6:30pm to learn about what we have planned for this year. Get involved, meet other parents and help make a difference at our school!

Mum sale pick up will be on September 17, 2021 from 3pm – 7pm at Grumlaw Church on M-59 in Hartland. Please donate one hour (or more) of your time to help Creekside! Sign up today!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a0f49a4ab2ea7fe3-2020>

Back by popular demand - Monthly Spirit Sticks & Birthday Grams! Order deadline is September 24, 2021. See order form for more details:

[https://bit.ly/2021-2022\\_SpiritSticksBirthdayGrams](https://bit.ly/2021-2022_SpiritSticksBirthdayGrams)

Thank you for your support!

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# What is the plan when we have a case of Covid-19 at school?

While I am optimistic that our quarantine issues will not continue, I am also a realist. I am sure we will eventually cross a bridge where a school or bus quarantine will occur again at Creekside Elementary. When this occurs, we will need your assistance to ensure that safety precautions are adhered to and protocols are followed. Additionally, as you heard from Mr. Hughes, new Livingston County Health Department Guidelines were released to help keep our kiddos at school. It is imperative that you watch the following video to understand your choices regarding quarantining your student.

[Parent Presentation - LCHD](#)

## **Here are the high points of the new process:**

- Your children will be able to stay in school if they are exposed to a student that is positive for Covid-19, if...
  - ✓ They wear a mask for the entirety of the quarantine period including stopping in the office to demonstrate that they have an appropriately fitting mask on the first day of return
  - ✓ They take a Covid-19 test daily and report their negative results to the LCHD
  - ✓ They complete a symptom assessment daily prior to attending school
  - ✓ They agree to sit 6ft or more away from non-exposed students during snack and lunch
- If your student at any point fails to comply with one of these guidelines, the LCHD will switch them to a standard quarantine and they will have to stay home

When your student is exposed, our office will contact you and have you pick up your child. Your student will not be able to come back to school until you have been contacted by Livingston County Health Department, your student has completed their first Covid test, and you have uploaded their negative test results on the LCHD app.

The “alternative to quarantine” process is meant to keep students learning and in the academic environment. We appreciate your support and willingness to help us navigate these difficult times.