



## CEDAR GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We hope this letter finds you as excited as we are in welcoming back our young “Proud Patriots” to Cedar Grove Elementary. We look forward to the return of all our children and extend a warm welcome to those who may be new to our Cedar Grove Family.

This year, we are returning to our regular schedule, **Monday through Friday (9:25 a.m. to 3:35 p.m.)** with students receiving daily specials, recess and lunch. The new school year will begin with a full day of school on **Wednesday, September 8, 2021.**

***This year, the primary mode of communication from our school and district will be electronic and through the Genesis Portal. It is very important for you to monitor your email account for important school and district updates.***

**Please be sure to have an accurate email and phone number on file. If you have a phone number, or email address change please update it in Genesis Parent Portal. If you experience difficulty accessing your Parent Portal Account, please contact the Main Office at 732-505-5830. Any changes to your address need to be done at Central Registration. Please contact [centralregistration@trschools.com](mailto:centralregistration@trschools.com) or 732-505-2600 for assistance.**

The following district information will be found on the Genesis Portal or the [Toms River Regional Schools Website](#):

- [Food Services Information](#) (TRRS Website)
  - [School Cafe Application](#) (Use this site to apply for Free & Reduced Lunch and/or put money on account for purchase of “al a carte” items in the cafeteria [i.e., snacks].)
- Homeroom/Classroom Teacher (Genesis Parent Portal) -- Available Friday 8/27
- Media Release & Google Acceptance Form (Genesis Parent Portal)
- Nurse/[Health Office Information](#) (TRRS Website)
- Clever Login Information (Genesis Parent Portal)
- [District Calendar](#) (TRRS Website)
- District Code of Conduct (TRRS Website)
- Bus Information (Genesis Parent Portal)
  - Please be patient with transportation during the first two weeks of school to allow drivers and students to develop a predictable schedule.
  - [How to Access Your Child’s Bus Pass](#)
  - [Transportation - General Information](#)

- [Special Education Parent Advisory Group](#) (SEPAG) (TRRS Website)

The following information will provide you with school-specific information regarding procedures at Cedar Grove Elementary:

1) Arrival and Dismissal

- a) Township of Toms River crossing guards will be assigned to locations near the school to safely assist those children and families who walk to Cedar Grove. Crossing guards will be located on Cedar Grove Road (front of school) and at the Brookside Drive entrance (side of school). Crossing Guard Hours:
  - i) Morning -- Cedar Grove Road and Brookside Drive Entrance = 8:45am - 9:45am
  - ii) Afternoon - Cedar Grove Road 3:10pm - 4:00pm ; Brookside Drive Entrance 3:20pm - 4:10pm
- b) Please review the [2021-22 Arrival/Dismissal Procedures](#) for detailed information regarding bus, car and walker drop off and pick up.

2) Breakfast & Lunch

- a) **All families, regardless of income, are asked to complete the 2021-2022 FREE AND REDUCED MEALS APPLICATION** which can be found either at <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> or [completed on paper](#). These applications are used to determine eligibility for P-EBT benefits, state funding and/or other school benefits.
- b) This year, all students are eligible to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost. Please read the [2021-22 Food Services Letter](#) for more detailed information regarding food services this year.
- c) Money to purchase “a la carte” (snack) items may be added to your child’s account using <https://www.schoolcafe.com/> or cash may be sent into school in a **sealed envelope labeled with your child’s name, grade and teacher’s name**.

3) School Supply Lists

- a) Please click on the applicable link to access your child’s school supply list. Each list was created to ensure that the cost of supplies was nominal for families.
  - i) [Kindergarten \(Lista de suministros de kindergarten en español\)](#)
  - ii) [Grade One \(Lista de suministros de grado uno en español\)](#)
  - iii) [Grade Two \(Lista de suministros de grado dos en español\)](#)
  - iv) [Grade Three \(Lista de suministros de grado tres en español\)](#)
  - v) [Grade Four \(Grado cuatro Lista de suministros en español\)](#)
  - vi) [Grade Five \(Grado cinco Lista de suministros en español\)](#)

4) Summer Read

- a) Please click on “[Toms River Regional Schools Summer Reading K-5](#)” for more information on the summer reading project for students.

5) Back To School Nights

- a) This year, Back to School Night will be held on September 27 and 28, 2021. Meeting times will be staggered to accommodate families with children in

multiple grades. Please read the [20-21 Back to School Night Letter](#) for more information.

6) Attendance

- a) If your child is absent, an automated call will be made to your telephone number. If you are aware of your child's absence you do not have to call the school unless you want to request homework. Homework requests need to be placed by 11:00 a.m. to provide the teacher enough time to assemble materials. When your child returns to school, send in a note or doctor's note. You will receive an automated call even if you notify the office of your child's absence. Students are to be in their classroom by 9:25 A.M. and will be marked TARDY if arriving after that time.

7) Y-Kids

- a) Y-Kids is a before and after school program run by the Ocean County YMCA. If you are interested in before or after school *child care* for the 2021-22 school year, you may call the Y-Kids at 732-341-9622 to inquire about availability, cost and registration.

8) Health and Safety

- a) As of the date of this letter, masks are required to be worn inside our school buildings.
- b) For comprehensive information regarding the Toms River Regional Schools Restart and Recovery Plan, please continue to use the [TR Safe Return](#) page on our website. This information is updated as our district receives new guidance and directives from government officials.

9) Family Google Meet (Voluntary)

- a) We will host a short google meeting for families on Thursday, September 2, 2021 at 3:00pm to provide an overview of Cedar Grove Elementary's reopening.
- b) CGE Parent/Guardian Google Meet (Voluntary)
  - i) Thursday, September 2 · 3:00 – 3:30pm
  - ii) Google Meet joining info
    - (1) Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/ppn-hmnf-soa>

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Sincerely,

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