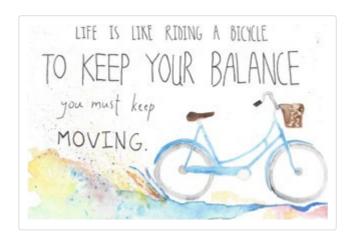
# **CRPS Chronicles**

Community~Respect~Purpose~Success



## Back to School 2021

Dear Conover Road Primary School Families,

Albert Einstein reminds us that, "Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance, you must keep moving." The Summer of 2021 allowed all of us at Conover Road Primary School to pedal forward with increased momentum in preparation for a fabulous year of growth and learning for our young students. We were thrilled to have students and staff in the building each day as part of our district's impressive Extended School Year and Summer Bridge programs.

Members of our school team enthusiastically wrote new district curricula and participated in Professional Development opportunities to make their lessons even more engaging! We are ready for new adventures as we move forward into the 2021-2022 school year!

This eventful journey that we are ready to embark upon is not a ride that we will take alone. It is a tandem ride where all of us at CRPS look forward to partnering with our supportive families to make sure that every child at Conover Road Primary School has an early learning experience filled with engaging lessons, positive friendships, and encouraging mentors. We are committed to providing your little ones with a first school experience in which they thrive, and we can't wait to celebrate each of the many milestones they will reach along this new adventure!

We are filled with optimism as we turn the page on our calendars and begin September 2021 with a brand new outlook and renewed energy! *Our first day of school is Thursday, September 9th. Student Arrival begins at 8:45 AM, and our instructional day is from 9:00-3:15.* We are so truly excited to have our students attend school for five, full-days each week where they will all

visit their Related Arts classes and enjoy lunches and recess with peers. We look forward to School Wide Meetings, Spirit Days, and special opportunities to complement their daily learning.

As we travel along this new journey, we will continue to make sure that health and safety of our school community remains in full view. We will carefully monitor the trends of the Covid-19 virus and be ready to make adjustments to our plan and be prepared for some detours along the way. The key remains for us to stay positive and keep moving forward...we'll find a balance, together!

Here's to exciting new adventures...let's get moving!

Tricia Barr, Principal and Merri Milano, Assistant Principal

## Welcome New CRPS Staff Members

Each new school year allows the CRPS "family" to continue to grow as we learn from and with others. We are delighted to welcome the following outstanding new staff members to our Professional Learning Community and look forward to working with them as we plan innovative learning opportunities for our students:

Ms. Kathleen Augustin Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

Mrs. Colleen Baltz
Speech/Language Therapist

Mrs. Samantha Wong-Barr Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Mary "Alex" Donofrio Kindergarten Teacher

Ms. Marianne Forte Instructional Assistant

Mrs. Susan Frick Library/Media Specialist

Ms. Brianna Piccinich Gr. 2 Teacher

Ms. Tatyana Popel Gr. 1 Teacher



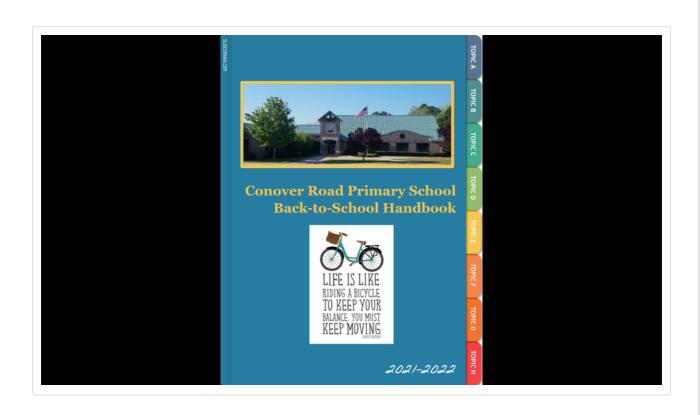
# Genesis Parent Portal Opens Monday, August 30

The Genesis Parent Portal will be accessible on *Monday, August 30, 2021* so that parents may:

- · View your child's new classroom/teacher assignment
- Review bus assignments
- Find out bus stop and pick-up/drop-off times
- Confirm emergency contact information
- Access report cards from prior school years

To access the Genesis System, visit our school website at <a href="http://www.coltsneckschools.org">http://www.coltsneckschools.org</a>. Click on the "Genesis Portal" link along the gold bar. You will need to enter your user name (your complete e-mail address) and the password that was previously e-mailed to you. In the event you are unable to access the Genesis System, please contact Phil Capasso at <a href="mailto:capasso@coltsneckschools.org">capasso@coltsneckschools.org</a>

\*Please note: You will not be able to access your child's classroom assignment until all district forms housed on the Genesis Portal are completed by a parent/quardian.



## CRPS Back-to-School Handbook 2021-2022

Click this button to review the CRPS Back-to-School Handbook for detailed information regarding Arrival/Dismissal Procedures, School Hours, Cleaning Protocols, and Health and Safety Expectations.

## ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:

#### Arrival:

- -Student arrival time is between 8:45 and 9:00 AM. Children arriving after 9:00 AM will need to be escorted to the main office by a parent or guardian, and will be marked "tardy" in Genesis. -If your are dropping your child off at school, please stay to your far right to enter the student drop-off lane. Students are to exit the vehicle, curb-side, where a faculty member is present. Parents must assist children in exiting the vehicle quickly and safely to keep a steady flow of traffic in the drop-off lane. Please assist children with belongings and positioning face coverings.
- -Bus riders will be greeted by staff members each day. Staff members will direct students from buses and towards the temperature scanner in the vestibule. Bus groups will exit buses at staggered times so that groups do not overlap. (If your child will be riding the bus for the first time, click the "Bus" tab in the Genesis Portal to find bus route information including Route #, Bus Stop, and times for drop-off and pick-up.)

#### Dismissal:

- -The end of our student instructional day is 3:15 PM. We will begin the dismissal process at 3:16, and intend to release the buses from our school property by 3:30.
- -If you are picking up your child from school, be sure to fill out the "Daily Pickup Release Form" in the Genesis Portal by noon on the date of pick-up.
- -If you will be picking up your child *everyday*, you will be given two car signs with the name(s) of your child(ren) on the first day of pick-up. If you do not receive a school-issued carline sign, call the front office to add your child's name to the Permanent Pick-Up List.
- -Announcements will be made to direct bus riders to their buses at specific times. These announcements are made in intervals that allow for children to safely board buses and maintain social distance from other bus cohorts in the bus lanes.

## LUNCH/RECESS ROUTINES:







Students will have a 40 minute Lunch/Recess period each day that is reserved only for students at the same grade level. Students may bring a lunch and/or snack to school each day, or they may purchase from our food service, Pomptonian. In the event that your child forgets a lunch/snack, we will call home and make arrangements with each family.

Parents may prepay student lunch accounts so that children do not have to bring money to the register. Students may bring cash or a check made payable to "Colts Neck Board of Eduction" and place in a sealed envelope. Label the envelopes with "Lunch Money" and your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher written on the envelope. Students will give this envelope to their homeroom teacher and it will be processed by our food service company. IF you prefer, parents may download the Pay Schools Central App to deposit money into a child's lunch account. For more information, please visit: <a href="https://coltsneck.fdmealplanner.com/PRE-PAYMENTS">https://coltsneck.fdmealplanner.com/PRE-PAYMENTS</a>

All students will wash hands or use hand sanitizer before and after lunch/recess periods. Students will sit with three classmates, sitting every other seat, at circular tables designated for just their homeroom. Lunches will take place indoors in our cafeteria.

Immediately after students from each homeroom finish their lunch, they will be escorted by a lunch/recess aide to the play area designated for only their class. Each homeroom has play equipment allocated for the group. This play equipment is sanitized each evening by the electrostatic sprayer. To start this school year, recess groupings will be limited to just the child's homeroom class.

#### Helpful Tips:

- Send your child to school each day with a reusable water bottle that may be carried to/from lunch as well as to/from PE classes.
- Pack snacks in a separate bag from your child's lunch. *Be sure to have all lunch and snack bags and food containers labeled with your child's first and last name.*
- Place extra masks and hand sanitizer and/or hand wipes in your child's lunch bag.
- Dress your child appropriately to be outdoors every day. Sneakers and jackets should be part of the daily attire.

## **RELATED ARTS OFFERINGS:**



All Related Arts classes will be taught in-person and in the instructional space reserved for the content area. Students in preschool will have one, 40-minute Related Arts class each day, and children in Grades K-2 will have two, 40-minute Related Arts classes each day. Related Arts classes will follow a Monday-Friday rotation.

Your child's teacher will communicate the Related Arts rotation for your child's homeroom. Related Arts Classes for Grades K-2 are: Art, Music, Physical Education (2x/week), Science (2x/week), Innovation Lab (iLab), Library/Media, Health and Spanish.

#### Related Arts Notes:

- Children must wear sneakers for PE as well as for daily Recess. Students should have a reusable water bottle that will be brought to PE classes;
- Library book circulation will resume for the 2021-2022 school year. Students must return their book on the scheduled library day in order to select a new book;
- Students may be expected to bring their classroom supply box to the art room for weekly art instruction;
- Children should wear clothing that is appropriate for play and art projects. Please help children select outfits that may get stained by art materials or from playing outdoors.

HEALTH/SAFETY EXPECTATIONS



- Parents must fill in the Annual Health Compact Form in the Genesis Portal prior to the start of the school year.
- If your child is unwell, or you are awaiting the results of a Covid test, keep your child home and notify the school.
- If your child is absent from school for ANY reason, parents must call Dr. Delle Donne at 732-946-0055 and follow the phone prompts to report the nature of your child's absence.
- If your child needs to quarantine due to Covid-19, call or e-mail Mrs. Barr or Mrs. Milano so that arrangements may be made for your child's remote instruction.
- Children will continue to enter the building and undergo a daily temperature scan.
- Hand washing and sanitizing will occur at regular intervals each day.
- Thorough daily cleaning protocols will continue to be implemented by our custodial team.



## JOIN THE COLTS NECK PTO:

We are so grateful to our incredibly dedicated, creative, and supportive members of the Colts Neck Township PTO. This group is essential to the operations of our district, and for fundraising that allows for special events, equipment, and technology to be purchased for our schools. In order to volunteer in our school for weekly library or iLab classes or for our annual field day or art exhibit, it is required that you are a member of this outstanding organization. PTO Membership applications for the 2021-2022 school year will open on September 1. Let's make it a goal to have 100% of our CRPS staff and families as part of this student-centered organization. Click www.coltsneckpto.org to register.

# CRPS Student Orientations: (New Students, Preschool, and Kindergarten)



CRPS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT~TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2021 6 PM - 8 PM



## SCHOOL SUPPLY LISTS:



Preschool Supply List 21-22.pdf

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Kindergarten Supply List 21-22....

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## YMCA BEFORE & AFTER CARE AT CRPS:

Join us for Y-Kids Before & After School Program



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# APPROVED COLTS NECK SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2021-2022:





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