



CEDAR MOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL
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Dear Cedar Mountain Parents and Guardians,

September is quickly approaching... as the principal of Cedar Mountain Primary School, I am looking forward to opening the doors of our school on **Thursday, September 7, 2023**, and welcoming our students to the 2023-2024 school year!

Thursday, September 7th and Friday, September 8th are Early Dismissal Days. All students will be dismissed at 1:20pm.

Cedar Mountain will hold an **Open House** on **Thursday, August 24th**. Cedar Mountain Primary School will be open for a visit from 10:00am until 12:00pm. Please bring your child, walk the hallways, help your child navigate the stairwells, and locate his or her classroom. Having your child find his or her classroom will ease their first day of school transitions. I will also be available at the door to say hello and meet you and your child. Please note teachers will not be present at this time.

Kindergarten Class of 2036 t-shirts will be handed out to all incoming kindergarteners at the Open House on Thursday, August 24th. Please have your child wear his or her blue Cedar Mountain t-shirt on the first day of school. This will be a way to promote school spirit and feel welcome in a new school as a new student. Please contact the office if you did not receive a t-shirt. Your child will have opportunities to wear this shirt on many school spirit days this year. It will also serve as a nice memento for you for years to come.

The School and Community Association (SCA) will also be at the Open House to meet our new families. Our first SCA meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, September 21st at 9:45am. At this first meeting, there will be an SCA-sponsored Meet-and-Greet in the cafeteria. Come meet other SCA parents and our new officers to learn how the SCA enhances every student's experience and how you can get involved in your child's school. Our meetings are generally held on the first Thursday of every month at 9:45am at Cedar Mountain in the cafeteria and via Zoom. Want to stay up to date on events and information from CM SCA via cell phone alerts, then please join us on Remind. Please use the link below or use the text option (right).

★ CM classes for the 2023-2024 school year: <https://www.remind.com/join/cmountain>

The Genesis Parent Portal will open on the afternoon of Monday, August 21st. You will see your child's teacher, your child's bus number, bus stop, and time of morning pick up. If you feel the bus stop or bus number is incorrect, please contact Mrs. Marisa Broesder, Transportation Coordinator, at 973-764-4344.



Back to School Night will be held on **Tuesday, September 5th.**

Kindergarteners: 3:00 - 4:00pm

First Graders: 4:30 - 5:30pm

Kindergarten families, please remember to **bring your child with you!** We would like our students to meet their teachers before the year begins so they are familiar with their teachers on the first day of school. You will go directly to your child's classroom.

First-Grade Back to School Night is for parents only. We kindly request that your first-grade child does not attend this program.

INFORMATION ON PARKING AND DROP OFF AT CEDAR MOUNTAIN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cedar Mountain Primary School's drop off/pick up procedure: Parents that drop off and pick up their child(ren) will be required to park in an available spot in the parking lot or on Sammis Rd. and escort your child to the walkway by the parking lot or stand on the playground by Sammis Rd. with your child. Please be aware Cedar Mountain Primary School does not have the personnel to supervise students who are dropped off early; therefore, students will only be permitted to enter the building at 9:20 AM when students are dismissed from the bus. If you are picking up your child at the end of the school day, students will be dismissed from the front foyer pick up line hallway at 3:40 pm. You must present proper ID to the office staff who will bring your child(ren) to you.

Our district will continue to use the **Raptor Visitor Management System** for those parents, guardians, or other family members who are entering the building. All guests will be required to sign in and show his or her driver's license upon entering the building at the welcome window where they will be greeted by our friendly office staff. Every visitor will be issued a visitor's pass, will be requested to wear the pass in a visible place on clothing, and will be required to turn in the pass before leaving the building.

We will be using **Digital Backpack** to notify parents/guardians of school happenings, important information, school closings as well as delayed openings and early dismissals. We will often send important memos and school letters to you through Digital Backpack. You will not see a lot of fliers and letters sent home with your child. If you are not receiving Digital Backpack information, please call Cedar Mountain.

Cedar Mountain R.O.C.K.S. School Climate Initiative: This year Cedar Mountain is excited to be undertaking a new initiative designed to continue to support students' social-emotional development. Be on the lookout to learn more about this initiative. Click [here](#) or scan the QR code (right) to share your input regarding how we can work together to foster the social-emotional growth of your child.



Click [here](#) for the Kindergarten supply list and [here](#) for the First Grade supply list.

Please visit the [Cedar Mountain website](#) for other important school information.

I am looking forward to seeing your child in the coming weeks!

Sincerely,

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