



MARK YOUR
CALENDAR:

NEW STUDENT

ORIENTATION

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

9:00 AM

KINDERGARTEN

KICKOFF PLAYDATE

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

1:30-2:30 PM

PRESCHOOL

ORIENTATION

FRIDAY, SEPT. 1

10:00-11:30 AM

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

NIGHT

TUESDAY, SEPT. 19

6 PM-8PM

CONOVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

BACK-TO-SCHOOL 2023

AUGUST, 2023

WE ARE READY FOR A **COLORFUL** YEAR!

Dear Conover Road Primary School Families,

There is something special about our school at the end of summer. Maybe it is the shine of the freshly waxed floors or the recent deliveries of brand new school supplies, or perhaps it is the enthusiasm that our staff brings as they put the finishing touches on decorating classrooms. Whatever the cause, the end of August fills our team with optimism and excitement for a bright and vibrant new year of learning for our students!

As we begin this purposeful and exciting new school year, please allow us to offer a warm and heartfelt welcome to our newest students and their families. It is our sincere hope that you will find the culture and environment of Conover Road Primary School to be one that allows your child to feel eager and confident coming to school each day. We hope that each child's learning experiences will be rich and customized to their unique learning goals. We are hopeful that their time at Conover Road Primary School will provide them all with the strong foundational skills needed for a future that is bright and **COLORFUL**.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 6TH

Our first day of school is Wednesday, September 6th. This is a full-day session of school. Student drop-off will take place starting at 8:45 a.m. The instructional day will begin promptly at 9:00 a.m. when children should be in their homerooms. At arrival, staff members will be stationed at various locations within the building, bus lanes, and alongside the drop-off lane. In the interest of safety, parents will not be permitted to enter the building during this drop-off time. In the event you have school supplies that need to be dropped off, or questions answered by members of our faculty, please make arrangements to come to the school at times that do not coincide with student arrival.



NEW STAFF INTRODUCTIONS

We are delighted to introduce you to our newest staff members who will be joining our Conover Road Primary School Family. They are eager to share their own special talents and skills to add color and vibrancy to our school community:

MS. LAUREN BLAKE

Instructional Assistant

MISS BRENNAN BONNER

First Grade Teacher

MS. LAURA HAYDEN

Spanish Teacher

MS. KATELYN JELENIEWICZ

Speech/Language Therapist

MRS. MICHELE SZWED

Kindergarten Instructional Assistant

GENESIS PARENT PORTAL—OPENS AUG. 25

The Genesis Parent Portal will allow parents/children to:

- *View 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 www.coltsneckschools.org. Click on the “Genesis Parent Portal” logo in the middle of homepage. 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:

Mr. Phil Capasso at capasso@coltsneckschools.org.

REELING IN OUR “BIG CATCH” OF KINDERGARTENERS

O-FISH-ALLY in Kindergarten

Join us for our Kindergarten Kickoff Playdate:

Thursday, August 31, 2023

1:30-2:30 PM

CRPS Playground

(In the event of inclement weather, the event will take place in the CRPS Cafetorium.)

Please join us for a casual playdate to welcome all incoming Kindergarten children and their parents. This event will give you a chance to meet your teacher; play games with your new classmates; drop off school supplies; and feel excited about the great adventures that Kindergarten at Conover Road Primary School will bring!

Popsicles will be served.



SAVE THE DATE...

CONOVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

19
SEPT.

Ready for a
COLORFUL
year @
CRPS

Back-to-School Night

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

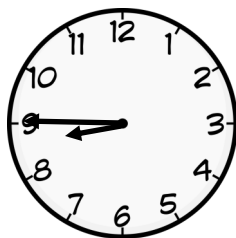
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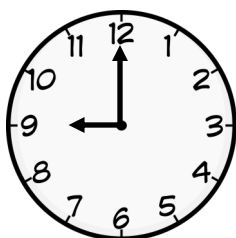
TIMES TO REMEMBER...



8:45 A.M.

STUDENT ARRIVAL

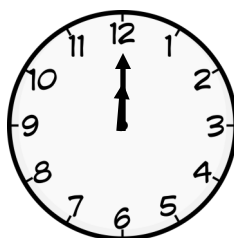
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9:00 A.M.

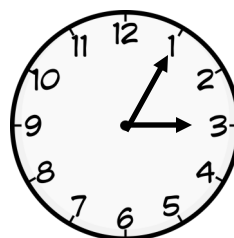
CLASS START TIME

Any child arriving at 9:00 or after must be escorted to front office and signed into school.



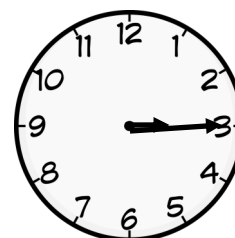
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GENESIS DAILY PICK-UP RELEASE FORM DUE



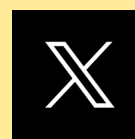
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PRESCHOOL DISMISSAL / PARENT ARRIVAL FOR PRESCHOOL PICKUP



3:15 P.M.

END OF INSTRUCTIONAL DAY (GRADES K-2) / PARENT ARRIVAL FOR STUDENT PICKUP



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ARRIVAL / DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

ARRIVAL:

-Doors open at 8:45 AM. Student arrival is between 8:45 AM 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 child will be driven to school in a personal vehicle, it is encouraged that you enter our property by turning right off of Conover Road. 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 organizing belongings.

-Bus riders will be greeted by staff members each day. In the early days of school, students will be dismissed by grade level and will be directed to the doors that are labeled for their assigned grade level. Staff members will be stationed in the bus lane and school hallways to direct children to classrooms.

PRESCHOOL DISMISSAL:

-Preschool students will be dismissed from their class at 3:05. Teachers will escort children to foyer for dismissal.

-Parents of preschool children should arrive by 3:05 and park in our school lot. Parents will create a line at the front of the school. Photo identification will need to be presented in order for your child to be released to a parent or caregiver.

K-2 DISMISSAL:

-If you are picking up your child from school, be sure to fill out the "Daily Pickup Release Form" in the Genesis Parent Portal by noon on the date of pick-up.

-Parents picking up their child from school should arrive to our property by 3:15. Parents will wait in the K-2 dismissal line. Photo identification will need to be presented in order for your child to be released to a parent or caregiver.

-If you are picking up your child from school everyday, call the school office to verify that you have added your child's name to the Permanent Pick-Up List on the Parent Portal.

-The end of our instructional day for students in K-2nd grade 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 PM.



SCHOOL SUPPLIES:

School supply lists for the 2023-2024 school year may be found on our school website: www.coltsneckschools.org. Select the Conover Road Primary School in the dropdown menu. The lists are specific to each grade level. If you would like to drop off school supplies prior to the start of school, please make sure that all supplies are in a bag labeled with your child's first and last name, grade level, and teacher name. Supplies may be dropped off at school on:



Thursday, August 31 (during the Kindergarten Playdate):

1:30-2:30 PM

Friday, September 1

9 AM-3 PM

Tuesday, September 5:

11 AM-3 PM

2023 / 2024 COLTS NECK PTO MEMBERSHIP

Consider joining our incredible PTO to become involved in our school programs and activities as well as to partake in volunteer opportunities in our school. Membership for the 2023-2024 school year will open in late August. For questions about membership or to be notified when membership opens, please reach out to membership@coltsneckpto.org.



BEFORE AND AFTERSCHOOL CARE


If your family is in need of before or after-school care, please reach out to the YMCA of Western Monmouth County at: afterschool@ymcanj.org or call 732-566-9266. These wraparound services are held in the Conover Road Primary School allowing children to be supervised from 7:30 AM until student arrival. Aftercare hours are from student dismissal until 6:00 PM.



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COUNTING DOWN UNTIL THE FIRST DAY...

COLOR THE BOX ON THE CALENDAR AFTER YOU COMPLETE EACH ACTIVITY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				August 24 Reach out to the nurse if you have any health forms to submit.	August 25 Log onto the Genesis Portal to find out the name of your new teacher and your classroom	August 26 See if you can find the name of a new classmate and arrange a late summer playdate.
August 27 Read a great Back-to-School story.	August 28 Talk to your parents about some of their best memories of being in the same grade level you are entering.	August 29 Practice school routines such as waking up earlier and eating lunch in 20 minutes. Get to bed a little earlier too!	August 30 Write a list of three things that you are most excited to learn this year.	August 31 Create an organized and quiet homework area just for you!	Sept. 1 Gather all of your school supplies. Make sure they are in a bag labeled with your full name, grade, and number of your classroom. Drop them off at school so they are ready for you on the first day.	Sept. 2 Print a family picture or create a special drawing that you can hang in your cubby.
Sept. 3 Make a fun summer memory this weekend. Draw a picture about it!	Sept. 4 Go to the grocery store to help pick up healthy and delicious treats for classroom snack time.	Sept. 5 Pick out your first day outfit and get to bed early. Tomorrow will be a busy (and fun) day!	Sept. 6 			

PREPARING FOR A SMOOTH START:

Your child may express both excitement and even a tiny bit of anxiety about the upcoming transition to a new school and/or new grade level. In order to better prepare your child (and yourself) for a vibrant and colorful school experience, we offer the following tips:

Let your child know the daily schedule. Tell him/her what time school begins and ends each day.

It is important that your child knows all aspects of daily routines including who will be waiting at the bus stop at the end of the day; what types of lunch/snacks are permitted to purchase; or who your child should speak to in the event of a problem.

Determine your child's feelings about the new school year (both the excitement and the concerns) about starting school.

Most small children appreciate having opportunities to hear about your own childhood experiences. This is a great opportunity to look at old school photos of yourself at the same age as your child. Share with them your hopes as well as fears to start the conversation.

Students new to the school should visit before school officially starts.

If your child is a new 1st or 2nd grader, or a kindergarten student registered after our June Kindergarten Preview, please join us for our New Student Orientation on August 31st at 9:00 a.m. Preschool students will have an orientation in their designated classroom on September 1st at 10:00 a.m.

Point out the positive aspects of starting school. Fun, new friendships and learning adventures await!

Many of our students are especially excited about the “Specials” or Related Arts classes that we offer at CRPS. Your child may be eager to hear about the Art, Music, Spanish, Library, Innovation Lab, Physical Education, Health, and Science Enrichment Lab experiences that lie ahead.

Let your child know that all kids (and grown-ups, too) are nervous about the first day of school.

There are many sources of children's literature that allow children to realize that a range of emotions are normal when starting a new school year. At the Conover Road Primary School, we find that the children especially enjoy ***First Day Jitters*** by Julie Danneberg, ***The Kissing Hand*** by Audrey Penn, ***Wemberly Worried*** by Keven Henkes, ***The Berenstain Bears Go Back to School*** by Stan and Jan Berenstain, and ***Pete the Cat: Rocking in My School Shoes*** by James Dean and Eric Litwin.

-Sources: American Academy of Pediatrics; Caring for Your School-Age Child: Ages 5-12, by Edward L. Schor



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CRPS:

COMMUNITY~RESPECT~PURPOSE~SUCCESS

BE UNIQUE...BRING YOUR "TRUE COLORS" TO CRPS!

On behalf of the entire Conover Road Primary School faculty and staff, we welcome your child to our school and look forward to the 2023-2024 School Year to be an opportunity for your child to thrive in our school. It is our hope that your child's confidence, competence, and character will continue to grow and develop. We value and welcome your partnership as we begin a new journey filled with colorful learning adventures.

We hope that you will join our PTO and take an active role as parent volunteers and supporters of our school. Please do not hesitate to contact us in the event we can assist you in the days before the school year begins. Enjoy these remaining days of summer sunshine!

Sincerely,

Tricia Barr, Principal &

Merri Milano, Assistant Principal