



**Orange Township Public Schools**  
Central Elementary School  
Ms. Denise White, Principal



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Daniele Washington, Assistant Principal

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2022-2023 school year at Central Elementary School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. This school year will be filled with continued opportunities to stretch your child's practice. It is going to be a great school year for not only the school level staff but for each of you as well. Please be advised that students report for the first day of school on Wednesday, September 7, 2022. Please visit the district website [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) click Central Elementary School to view the supplies needed for our scholars to return. Our **Back to School Night** will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 6pm-8pm. This is a great opportunity for your to meet your child's teachers and hear about school based initiatives.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Assistant Principal Daniele Washington. Ms. Washington brings over 18 years of experience working with elementary students and families. We are excited to have her join our school family.

Mask Mandate Update: Effective Tuesday, July 5, 2022, the mask mandate moved to an optional status for our district and administrative buildings. If there is an uptick in cases within the school district, the superintendent reserves the option to return to mandatory masks for an unspecified period. As a district, Covid testing will continue. This is optional.

Please see the information below regarding school procedures:

### **STUDENT ATTIRE**

Students should dress appropriately for a school setting. Uniforms must be worn daily. It is the expectation of the following in terms of dress:

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White/Light Blue)
- Pants/Skirts: Navy Blue
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button down (Solid Color)
- Girls may wear solid color white or navy tights

**For physical education classes:** All students should wear navy blue or grey sweatpants, solid color t-shirt or school t-shirt. Sneakers must always be worn for physical education(gym) classes.

### **MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS**

- Students will line up daily in the following locations on the playground where they will meet their teacher at 8:20am
  - Kindergarten: Students will report to the playground at the top of the stairs near the main entrance.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Students will line up on the right side of the playground according to class assignment.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Students will line up on the left side of the playground according to class assignment
- Breakfast will be available to all students and they will eat in their classrooms with their teachers from 8:15-8:30.
- Students must arrive to school by 8:15 a.m. but not before 7:45am. Attendance is vital to instructional supports for our students. We need our students on time and present each day.
- Students must bring their Chromebooks to school each day fully charged. (No personal devices)

- Instruction will begin promptly at 8:30 am.

### **DISMISSAL**

- All students are dismissed at 3:00 p.m. Students will be dismissed from the same location as arrival. Parents must sign students out.
- Please arrive promptly at that time to pick up your child.
- In the event that you are unable to pick up your child on a certain day, please provide prompt, written notification to the main office. Please include the name of the person who will serve in your capacity. Identification is required.

**SCHEDULES KIOSK:** We are passing out schedules on Thursday, August 26, 2021, from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM and from 1pm until 3pm.

### **STUDENT ABSENCES**

Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to Ms. Hall school secretary, at 973-677-4110. The district policy indicates that a student must be in attendance for 163 or more school days in order to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

### **FORMS**

Students will receive the emergency contact form on the first day of school. Please review and complete the emergency form and other corresponding forms by September 16, 2022. It is important that these forms are returned so we are able to have active communication with you throughout SY 22-23.

### **COMMUNICATION**

- All teachers and staff will be connected to our students and families using “Class Dojo.” Please ensure you have connected with your child’s classroom teacher on this platform and check the “school story” daily for any announcements.
- E-mail & phone blasts will also be used to communicate with families. Please ensure you have updated your contact information in genesis. It is imperative that all school personnel have the most update information for your household.
- Parent Portal will be the means of accessing all your student’s important information, his/her progress/grades, missing assignments and other concerns that might impact your student’s performance or well-being. If you have not done so, please ensure that you sign up for parent portal.
- Please listen to phone blasts sent by the school and/or District. They include important information and guidance. This is even more important in these uncertain times.
- If you have not signed up for the Orange App, you can download on your Android or Apple iPhone.
- The School District’s social media platforms are a great source for posting updates & important information as well as celebrating and sharing photos of our fun activities. You can also follow our school on the following social media platform below:
  - **Twitter:** @CentralSchool33Orange Public School District
  - **Instagram:** Orange Public School District
  - **Facebook:** @CentralSchool33

Looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive school year!

Educationally yours,

*Denise White*

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