



**Orange Township Public Schools**  
Central Elementary School  
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Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2021-2022 school year at Central Elementary School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Please be reminded that students report for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. 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. For the last 15 months, we were immersed in a remote and/or hybrid model. Please be advised that we are returning to all buildings on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Governor Murphy shared in Executive Order #175 that remote learning would be ending as of June 30, 2021. As shared by Superintendent Dr. Fitzhugh, the end of the remote option provided the district the opportunity to plan accordingly for the safe return for all students and staff. What did the district do? We maintained our mask mandate throughout the summer, continued our temperature checks, and social distancing.

Throughout SY 21-22, as we did during the spring and summer, COVID testing will continue at every school building throughout the school year. We will continue the daily COVID-19 questionnaire that you completed each day last school year in Genesis. The district's mask mandate will help to ensure the continued health and safety of all staff and students.

All face coverings (whether disposable or reusable) must:

- ✓ Be made with at least 2 layers of breathable materials
- ✓ Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin
- ✓ Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- ✓ Be secured with ties or ear loops and allow the user to remain hands-free

In our reopening plan, the following are symptoms of COVID-19 where your child/children should be tested.

- ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or greater
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Repeated shaking with chills
- ✓ Muscle pain
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ Nausea or vomiting
- ✓ Diarrhea

Please see the information below regarding school procedures:

### **MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS**

- Students must wear appropriate school uniform to school. **Social distancing protocols must be followed. Masks must be worn while waiting in line and temperatures will be taken at the door before entering the building.**
- The following entrances will be used to enter the building:
  - Kindergarten Students (Main Entrance)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Red Door B)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (Red Door A)
- Grab and Go 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.
- Teachers will meet their students in the assigned location at 8:15 a.m.
- Students should bring their Chromebooks fully charged to school each day. (No personal devices)
- Instruction will begin promptly at 8:30 am.

### **DISMISSAL**

- All students are dismissed at 3:20 p.m. Students will be dismissed from same doors as arrival.
- 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.

### **STUDENT ATTIRE**

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

#### ***Boys (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)***

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White/Light Blue)
- Pants: Navy Blue
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button down (Solid Color)

#### ***Girls (K-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade)***

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White/Light Blue) (PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White) (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Pants/Skirts: Navy Blue (PreK-4<sup>th</sup> Grade), Khaki (5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button-down (Solid Color) (PreK-7<sup>th</sup> Grade)
- Girls may wear solid color white or navy tights

**The following items of clothing are considered to be inappropriate and are not to be worn:**

- **Blouses or sweaters that show a bare midriff, halter tops, bandanas, tank tops, tops with thin straps, short shorts, short mini-skirts, clinging or form fitting spandex leggings (*without the appropriate length shorts, shorts, skirt, or dress*), pants/jeans worn below the waist, and pants/jeans with rips 4" above the knee (including any rip that shows through to skin, undergarments, or fabric.). All flannel-type pants and sleepwear are not permitted.**

- Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times. Specifically, no flip-flops or “sliders” are not to be worn due to the safety factor when using stairs. All sandals must be secured at the toes and ankle for safety.

**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.

**CLASSROOM SUPPLIES:** For information regarding classroom supplies, please visit [www.orange.k12.nj.us](http://www.orange.k12.nj.us) and select Schools and then our school for a comprehensive review.

### **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 13, 2021. It is important that these forms are returned so we are able to have active communication with you throughout SY 21-22.

**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM:** The following after school programs will be offered from October 13, 2021 through May 2022 (final date to be shared during Back to School Night.)

- Academic Tutoring in the areas of English Language Arts and Mathematics: Three days per week: Tuesdays-Thursdays, from 3:20pm-4:20pm
- Clubs: Fridays ONLY from 3:20-4:20pm. The following are the clubs that will be offered:
  - Board Games
  - Visual Arts
  - Friendship Club

### **CHROMEBOOKS**

Students are to bring their district issued Chromebook to school on a daily basis; full charged.

### **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.
- Being able to communicate with our parents is extremely important. Please ensure that all your information is updated. You will receive calls from our secretaries to check and update your information in Genesis.
- 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

## **CENTRAL SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT**

### **School Mission**

Central Elementary School is dedicated to providing a nurturing environment for all children. Our educators will provide excellent educational opportunities that will foster the social and emotional development of our scholars. Students will develop strong foundational skills that will lead to a love of learning.

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

Educationally yours,

***Denise White***

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