



CHERRY PARK ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE IMMERSION



What Do We Need to Know?

It is time. It is time for us to not only write a new chapter but a whole new book. Tomorrow marks the day we become a school family. We are ready. We are so excited. It is time. As we think about tomorrow, here some big ideas and little ideas of what you need to know. **1. It won't be perfect...** We have thought through as much as we can. Given that we don't have precedents in some areas, we have tried to make our best plan. We know it won't all go according to that plan. We ask for patience. **2...But it will get better.** My definition of excellence is seeing today where we need to improve and implementing a plan of action to make things better on tomorrow. We will do that as needed. Traffic wait times and procedures will get better every day. We have Plan A in place but we have already been thinking of Plan B and Plan C if needed. We welcome your input and your willingness to make it better. **3. Keep safety and security in mind at all costs.** Plan ahead. Take your time. Watch for kids (and adults). Follow the process. Know that we will have extra hands on deck to monitor and make quick adjustments. Our most important value is the safety of our campus each day. Little people do what they see the big people do. Show your children your concern for safety as well. **4. There will be lots of guidance in the building.** You can park and walk your child in if you'd like, but know that we will have people stationed throughout our halls to make sure kids know where they are going. All kids will go straight to their classes tomorrow and starting Tuesday, we will have kids wait in their arrival spots on C Hall (K and 1st), B Hall (2nd and 3rd) and the Sullivan Falcon Room (4th and 5th). One minor change is the fourth and fifth graders will enter

the brown door to the left of the entrance to the Sullivan Falcon Room. They will go through the middle door and then go into the door on the right into the Falcon Room to wait in the morning. We will show them where to go. **5. Know we are glad you are with us.** I look forward to all that is ahead. You made a choice that will have a lasting positive impact on your child. I consider it a blessing to work with you to open doors for our kids. It is time.

Mr. Maness

P.S. Please send a note with your child to be sure your child's teachers knows how your child is going home (Challenger, Bus, Van, Caswell Car Rider or Cherry Road Car Rider.) We do have the Transportation Surveys but we also know there have been some changes since (and those surveys did not indicate which car pickup line.) Thanks.

School of Choice Calendar

The application window opened **December 3 and stays open until February 28**. If you have a rising kindergarten student who has a sibling already in the immersion program, you need to complete a School of Choice application. Rising K5 students who have siblings already in the program are grandfathered into the program if an application is filled out during the application window. You can go to the [School of Choice Webpage](#) to complete the application. Please tell friends and neighbors about our program. We will have tours at CPESOLI on Wednesday, January 30 at 8:00 AM and Tuesday, February 12 at 6:30 PM.

Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council Update

The PTO serves to raise funds, coordinate volunteers and encourage teachers through appreciation activities. We had a great meeting last week and minutes from the meeting were sent out earlier this week. We will meet again on **Tuesday, January 22, at 6:30 PM** to continue organization efforts. We encourage all parents to come and participate. We will meet in the Cherry Park Elementary Library starting in January. Meeting dates have been set for the following Mondays at 6:30 PM for the rest of the year: **February 18, March 18, April 22 and May 20. Our School Improvement Council will meet on the same days at 5:30 PM** in the Office Conference Room. All parents are invited to attend either or both meetings. Both groups are working on bylaws and have started organizational efforts. There will be a table at Open House to sign up for PTO and to volunteer. **We would like to have at least one representative from each of the schools on the PTO Leadership Team** so we can take the best ideas from all the PTO's and put them into practice for our CPES PTO. The group at PTO divided into committees to work on Bylaws, Fundraising, Volunteers and Teacher Appreciation. We hope you can come and join one of these subcommittees.

Got Questions?

Attached are answers for our Transition FAQ. Please don't forget that you can ask them at our [Transition Survey](#) site. These are being collected and will be answered on our FAQ page on our school website as well.

Calendar Dates

Friday, January 4—Teacher Workday

Monday, January 7--First Student Day at CPES

Saturday, January 12--School of Choice Fair at South Point High School from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Monday, January 21--Martin Luther King Holiday

Tuesday, January 22—5:30 PM School Improvement Council (Office Conference Room); 6:30 PM Parent Teacher Organization Meeting (Media Center)

Wednesday, January 30--Prospective Parent Tour for CPES at 8:00 AM

Wednesday, February 6--CARLA Conference School Visit (During the morning we will host 40 attendees of the Center for Advanced Research on Language Acquisition Conference that will be in Charlotte, NC.)

February 12--Prospective Parent Tour for CPES at 6:30 PM

February 14—Valentine's Day

February 15 and 18—Bad Weather Makeup Days (School is in session.)

February 18--5:30 PM SIC (Office Conference Room); 6:30 PM PTO (Media Center)

Attachments:

 [FAQ Transition Questions.docx](#) (24.7 KB)
