



CHERRY PARK ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE IMMERSION

Are You Ready?

The answer to that question is “yes” and “no.” Let me explain. If the question is, “**Are you ready for Open House on Wednesday?**” then the answer is yes. We are ready to invite the public to come and see the school and all the work that has been accomplished. Furniture is in place, library books are on the shelves, and you will see where everything is and how it will function. All painting is complete and spaces are set up for use. However, if the question is “**Are you ready to start school?**” then the answer would be no (and the truth is, we shouldn’t be.) Teachers still have items needed to continue their instruction during these last two weeks in the home schools. We will pick up those during the holidays. Our teachers have worked hard for two days to set up their rooms, but they still have tweaking and tuning to do in them. We will come together on our workday on January 4 to finalize our spaces and plans. We have some chairs that need to be swapped and bookshelves are on their way. Some of our orders scheduled for delivery on tomorrow and Tuesday will be delayed by the bad weather. There are some final touches that still need to be done. I have found this process is just like when we move into a new house. We reach a place where we have everything needed to function well and over time, we slowly and surely make our new house a new home. We will do the same at Cherry Park Elementary School of Language Immersion. We are so excited to show you our new house and it will become our new school home in due time. With that perspective in mind, **we are ready**. See you on Wednesday and remember that the Ribbon Cutting is at 5:30 PM in front of the main entrance off Caswell Street and Open House is from 6:00-7:30 PM.

Mr. Maness, Principal



Ribbon Cutting and Open House

Our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony will be at 5:30 PM on this Wednesday, December 12. The Ribbon Cutting will be at the main entrance to Cherry Park Elementary. We want to celebrate the opening of our new school. Feel free to invite your family and friends. This will be followed by our **Open House from 6:00-7:30 PM.** At our Open House, you can tour the school, visit your child's classroom, and ask questions. Our Nurse, Challenger Directors, Cafeteria Manager, Transportation Staff and Office Staff will be readily available to help you in any way needed. **Parking**—We ask that families with fourth and fifth grade students park in the Sullivan Faculty lot located near the Tennis Courts. You will enter off Eden Terrace near the track and park in the lot near the tennis courts. Then, you can walk behind the Sullivan Gym under the awning to the rear entrance of Cherry Park Elementary. (Just follow the awning.) You can also park in the Cherry Road Entrance Lot and then walk towards Caswell and around the fence to the Main Entrance. In addition, you can park in the Caswell Entrance Lot. Please carpool as much as possible. We are expecting a big crowd to come so please plan to arrive early so you have time to move about the campus. **Accessibility**--If you have any needs for special accommodations in order to attend the event, please contact our main office at 985-2255.

Parking Team for Ribbon Cutting and Open House

We are expecting lots and lots of visitors for our Ribbon Cutting and Open House this Wednesday, December 12. We would like to have 15 volunteers who would be willing to help us from 5:00-6:30 PM who could help our visitors park safely and efficiently. We will be done by 6:30 PM so volunteers can still attend the Open House with their families. If you can help, sign up at this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/1gYQyDV7AUY8QEK11>

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. Our tour dates before Christmas holidays at Cherry Park Elementary will be Friday, December 14 at 9:00 AM and Monday, December 17 at 6:30 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend those. We will also 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.

Thank You Painters!! Last week, Norma Fichtner, Tedi Doncheva, Mary Ann Kennedy, Stephanie Greer, Jennifer, Joseph Briggs and friends helped wrap up painting accent walls on F Hall. We are done and it looks great.

Got Questions?

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.

Calendar Dates

December 10-14 Teachers Finish Setting Up and Kids Visit

December 12—5:30 PM Cherry Park Ribbon Cutting Ceremony; 6:00-7:30 PM Open House; 4th and 5th Graders Visit CP

December 13—2nd and 3rd Graders Visit CP

December 14—Kindergarten and 1st Graders Visit CP; 9:00 AM School of Choice Tour at CP for Prospective Parents

December 17-21 All Students and Teachers Wrapping Up in Home Schools

December 17—8:30 AM Community Open House at CP; 6:30 PM School of Choice Tour at CP for Prospective Parents

December 21—Half Day for Students

January 4, 2019—Teacher Workday

January 7, 2019—First Student Day at CPES

January 21, 2019—Martin Luther King Holiday

January 22, 2019—5:30 PM School Improvement Council (Office Conference Room); 6:30 PM Parent Teacher Organization Meeting (Media Center)

February 14, 2019—Valentine's Day

February 15 and 18, 2019—Bad Weather Makeup Days (School is in session.)
