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Dear Families,

On behalf of the entire Cape May City Elementary School faculty and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year. We are looking forward to another exciting year and cannot wait to see all of you! Please review our website for important information and take notice of the following information and dates as we start the school year.

ONCOURSE CONNECT PARENT PORTAL ~
We will be using OnCourse Connect Parent Portal again this year. You will be able to access your child's list of current classes, important documents, student information, grades and assignments, schedule, attendance records and report cards. This information will **not** be mailed home unless specifically requested. You will receive an email with your specific login credentials. If your email address has changed or if you prefer that we use a different email address, please contact Andrew Bongiovani at drew@cmcboe.net or 609-884-8485 as soon as possible.

STUDENT ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL ~
Children may be dropped off no earlier than 8:30 am. In the event that you arrive at school after **8:40 am**, your child will be marked tardy. Students who are late must be escorted by their parents/guardians to the main office and will need to be signed in by their parent/guardian. School dismissal begins at 1:05 pm for designated early dismissal days only. On typical school days, student dismissal begins at 2:50 pm. All students who are being picked up by car will be dismissed from the side entrance and we ask that you follow the established traffic pattern in the school parking lot. See the attached map. It is recommended that you place a name tag on the dashboard for the first few weeks of school to make dismissal a little smoother. One has been provided but feel free to create your own. A reminder that parking in front of the school building and/or across the street on Lafayette Street is strictly prohibited, and violators may be cited by CMCPD. All walkers/bike riders will be dismissed from the main entrance of the school building. Please refer to the Student/Parent Handbook for specific dismissal procedures. If your child's dismissal plan changes, please submit a written notice to your child's teacher and/or the main office. If your child is being picked up prior to dismissal, please contact the main office and be sure to bring picture identification when signing out your child.

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BEFORE/AFTER CARE ~
Cape May City Elementary is excited to offer a Before/After Care program provided by Healthy Kids Programs (HKP). Information about the program is available at healthykidsprograms.com or our school website.

FOOD SERVICE ~
Cape May City Elementary provides free breakfast to all students. Lunch is available for purchase daily at a cost of $3.70. Families are strongly encouraged to complete the "Free and Reduced Meal" application which will be sent home at the start of the school year and is available on our website.

IMPORTANT DATES ~
-Tuesday, September 1st - First Day of School - Full Day 2:50 p.m. dismissal
-Friday, September 4th – Early Dismissal Day 1:05 p.m. dismissal
-Monday, September 7th – School Closed for Labor Day

SOCIAL MEDIA ~
Please have your contact information updated to receive any pertinent information involving Cape May City Elementary School. Also, please take the time to look at our school's social media pages on Facebook, Instagram, and X as we will post current news and pictures throughout the school year.

PARENT/STUDENT HANDBOOK ~
We have recently updated our Parent/Student Handbook and it is available on our website to review. We strongly encourage all families to review the handbook and discuss the contents. We ask that you review the Parent/Student Contract, which can be found in the OnCourse Connect Parent Portal, and "Accept" by Friday, September 11, 2026.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school with any questions. We look forward to seeing you soon and hope that you enjoy the rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Dr. Zachary Palombo

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