



MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Everyone shows Cheetah Pride by taking care of ourselves, others, and things.

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Mrs. Joanna Bauer, Principal

Mrs. Andrea Montovani, Assistant Principal

August 7, 2023

Dear Memorial Families,

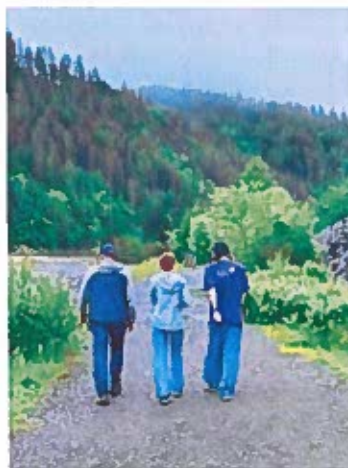
We are excited to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year! Andrea and I are so thrilled to serve as leaders in a district that inspires every learner to dream, discover, and achieve. As Memorial School's administrative team, we are honored to advocate on behalf of all students and families, and are deeply devoted to our school community.

Memorial School is a wonderful place that is full of "Cheetah Pride". Our staff is committed to ensuring that our young learners have a positive school experience. We are so proud of our caring and confident Cheetahs and can't wait to see all of their smiling faces on the first day of school!

Here's a little bit about Mrs. Bauer and Mrs. Montovani:

Mrs. Bauer:

This year, I will proudly begin my 30th year as an educator, and my 24th year in service to the East Hampton Public Schools. As a student-focused leader who possesses the strongest commitment to fostering every learner's success, I am so honored to serve as Memorial's Principal. I am passionate about teaching, learning, and leading; and I will do all that I can for our students and families every day. When I'm not at Memorial School, I enjoy spending time with my family and wonderful network of friends. My husband Nathan and I have two children. Our son Zane, (age 20), is a student at the University of New Hampshire, where he studies Wildlife Biology; and our daughter Talia, (age 16), is a junior at Old Saybrook High School. We also have a 4 year old goofy mutt named Raisin, MANY fish, bees, and chickens! I love to travel, garden, and spend time at the beach. This summer, my family visited three of Canada's beautiful provinces - Quebec, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia.



Mrs. Montovani:

This year will mark my 17th year in education. I am honored to serve the East Hampton community for the third year as Memorial School's Assistant Principal. I strive to support teaching and learning, staff, students, and families with passion and positivity. When I am not in the halls of Memorial School supporting our youth's educational journey, I am spending time with my family and friends. My family includes: my husband Michael, my two daughters Lucia (8), is going into third grade; and Angelina (5) who will be going to Kindergarten in the fall. Also, we have a fur baby, named Tucker(11). I love to travel, try new cuisine, indulge in anything chocolate, and get lost in a great book. This summer we enjoyed a staycation at our beach community in Niantic, Connecticut. The days were filled with different New England adventures, relaxation, and an abundance of beach time.



As we prepare to greet our students, please consider the following:

Summer Challenges: It's not too late to engage in our summer reading, math, and physical education challenges. Information regarding our summer challenges was sent home at the end of the school year. If you've misplaced it, or you're new to Memorial, the Memorial School math and reading challenges can be found on our district website: <https://www.easthamptonps.org/>

School Supplies: The school will provide your child with the necessary supplies they'll need for the year. However, if you'd like to donate any materials, a list of suggested supplies has been included in this packet of information.

Important Contact Information: The main office phone number is: (860) 365-4020. Mrs. Ana Biancardi, Mrs. Aimee Worman and Mrs. Joanna Blyler will do their best to help you, and gladly answer any questions you may have. Our regular office hours are 8am-4pm (7:00-3:00 until August 15th). If you wish to speak with our school nurse, Katie Williams, call 860-365-4020 x6. If you need to reach Joey Bauer directly the number is 860-365-4020 x811 and email is jbauer@easthamptonct.org Andrea Montovani is also always willing to help in any way and can be reached at x812 and amontovani@easthamptonct.org . Memorial Elementary School students are transported to and from school by M&J Bus Company. Their phone number is 860-781-0108. Please note the following guidelines regarding transportation changes:



Bus changes received by Friday August 18th, 2023, will be guaranteed for the first day of school. All changes made between Monday August 21st, 2023, and Friday August 25th, 2023, will go into effect no later than Tuesday September 5th, 2023. All changes received after Monday August 28th, 2023, will follow a maximum of 1 week time frame.

Great News: We would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to a few new Memorial team members:

- ★ Daniel Sullivan - Kindergarten Teacher
- ★ Jaime O'Neil and Anna Barnes - LTS for Speech/Language Pathologist
- ★ Roy Schryver - LTS for Music
- ★ Tricia Opgaard - Special Education Paraeducator
- ★ Kristie Dolgov - STARS Teacher
- ★ Amber Butler, Taina Concepcion, Madison Goff, Valerie Sternberg - Interventionists
- ★ Mark Wozniak - Custodian
- ★ Caitlin Boomer - School Psych Intern

Class Placement & Transportation: Enclosed you will find your child's class placement and bus route with *estimated* times (impacted by the unknown number of parent transports), as well as other valuable information to help you prepare for the first day of the 2023-2024 school year.

In closing, we are energized and enthusiastic about the start of the 2023-24 school year! We are looking forward to developing relationships with each of you. We know that when schools and families build partnerships, it results in a successful school year for everyone! We can't wait to get started! Please try to join us at the "Sneak Peek" on Thursday, August 24th from 4:00-5:00.

Welcome to the 2023-24 school year! It's going to be great!

Sincerely,



Joey Bauer
Principal



Andrea Montovani
Assistant Principal





East Hampton Public Schools Calendar

2023-2024

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First Day of School for Students
August 28

**Teacher Professional Days
Teachers & Staff Only**
August 22, 23, 24 – No School
October 6 – No School
November 7 – No School
February 16 – No School
March 8 – No School

Early Release Days
November 22 – Thanksgiving
December 22 – Winter Recess
March 28 – Teacher Workshop
May 24 – Teacher Workshop

**Holidays and Vacations
No School**
September 1 – Labor Day Weekend
September 4 – Labor Day
October 9 – Columbus Day
November 10 – Veterans Day
November 23-24 – Thanksgiving
December 25-29 – Winter Recess
January 1 – New Year's (Holiday)
January 15 – MLK Day
February 19-20 – Feb Recess
March 29 – Good Friday
April 8-12 – Spring Recess
May 27 – Memorial Day

Last Day of School
June 10 or 180th day of school

**Grades K-5 Parent Conferences
Early Release Days**
November 29 & 30
March 6 & 7

**Grades 6-12 Parent Conferences
Early Release Days**
November 15 & 16
March 20 & 21

High School Exams Days
January 11, 12, 16, 17
June TBD



EAST HAMPTON
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COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

**2023-24 OPT OUT of Students' Photographs, Name, and Work
in School Digital Sources/Print Sources/Yearbook**

As part of the celebration of achievements of our students, as well as the integration of technology into the curriculum and our communication systems, the East Hampton Public Schools promotes the display of student work and the sharing of student achievements on EHPS, PTO, and Booster Club newsletters, websites, and limited social media sites. (Please note that while the schools no longer post on social media, Booster Clubs and PTO do utilize student images on occasion.)

Throughout the school year, many students will have opportunities to see their work published and their achievements shared on the district's website and in other communications for the community to view and enjoy.

Please check the appropriate boxes below in the event that you do not want your child's photograph, work, and/or achievements included in digital or print publication during the school year.

Please check off all boxes that apply.

Please DO NOT USE:

- my child's photographs and/or videos in digital and print sources including the school district's websites or newsletters.
- my child's name for academic recognition (including Honor Roll) and other achievements in athletics, arts, and activities.
- my child's artwork, classwork, and other projects in digital and print sources.
- my child's photograph and name for the school yearbook or similar publications.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

Student signature (if 18 or older): _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____



EAST HAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

NUTRITION SERVICES

Passionate about feeding children!

Jen Bove, MS, RD, Nutrition Services Director. jbove@easthamptonct.org

WILL THERE BE A CHARGE FOR SCHOOL MEALS THIS YEAR?

Breakfast will be free to all students this year, but lunch will be \$3.50 for any elementary student who does not qualify for free or reduced-price meals. It is important that families who believe they may qualify fill out a Free and Reduced-Price Meals Application, available online at

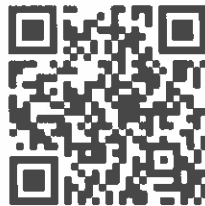
<https://www.easthamptonps.org/page/nutritional-services-and-school-lunch>. Read on to find more information on school meals and contact Jen Bove at jbove@easthamptonct.org with any questions.

HOW WILL MY CHILDREN PAY FOR THEIR MEALS NOW THAT THEY ARE NO LONGER FREE

Students will pay for their lunch using their Meal Magic lunch accounts.

HOW DO I SET UP AN ACCOUNT FOR MY CHILD?

Go to <https://easthampton.familyportal.cloud/> or scan the QR code below and click on "Register". Enter the email address you would like to use to access this account and hit next. Accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy and an email will be sent to you. Follow the instructions to finish setting up your account. You may get a notice that your account is awaiting approval. Your account will be approved quickly (usually within 24 hours) and then you can add money to the account via your checking account or a credit card for a small charge. You will need your child's school ID#. Email jbove@easthamptonct.org with the names of your children if you don't know their ID#.



MY CHILD IS NEW TO EHPS AND THE SYSTEM WON'T LET ME SET UP AN ACCOUNT.

Sometimes there is a delay importing new students into the system. Email jbove@easthamptonct.org to have your child's information imported into the system so you can establish a lunch account.

WHAT IF MY CHILD ALREADY HAS A LUNCH ACCOUNT?

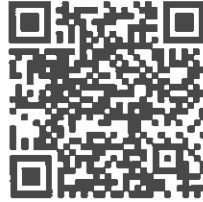
Go to <https://easthampton.familyportal.cloud/> and click on "My Account". Your password may have changed since the last time you used your account due to a security upgrade. Simply hit "Reset" and an email will be sent to the email on file. Click the link to set a new password.

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE MONEY THAT WAS ON MY CHILD'S ACCOUNT LAST YEAR OR PRE-PANDEMIC?

Any money that was previously on your child's account, whether through Meal Magic, MyPaymentPlus or SendMoneyToSchool, automatically transfers to their Meal Magic Lunch Account.

DO I STILL NEED TO FILL OUT A FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION?

Because we are returning to a for-pay system, it is very important that you fill out an application if you believe you qualify for free or reduced meals. You do not need to fill out an application if you receive a letter from East Hampton Schools saying you will automatically qualify for free or reduced meals based on information the State of CT shares with the District. Scan the QR code below to be directed to the Nutrition services website. Scroll down and click on Applying for Free and Reduced Meals.



WHAT IS INCLUDED IN SCHOOL BREAKFAST AND LUNCH?

School breakfast includes a whole grain item and/or a lean protein, a selection of fruits or 100% fruit juice, and a low-fat milk. School lunch includes a whole grain item, a lean protein, fruit choices, vegetable choices, and a low-fat milk. Lunch and breakfast menus can be found on the Nutrition Services Webpage of the District website at <https://www.easthamptonps.org/page/nutritional-services-and-school-lunch>.

NOW THAT THERE IS A CHARGE, WHY SHOULD MY CHILD CHOOSE SCHOOL MEALS?

Research shows that school meals are the healthiest meals kids eat all day. Getting meals in school exposes students to multiple choices and allows them to try new foods. Research shows that children who eat school meals eat a more diverse diet and eat more fruits and veggies – even at home! Plus, many of our menu items involve scratch cooking and, **in the fall, 90% of our produce will come from farms located 20 miles or less from the school!** School meals ROCK!

HOW DOES MY CHILD ACCESS SCHOOL BREAKFAST?

This year all schools will be offering breakfast pick-up in the cafeteria. Students can simply stop in the cafeteria when they arrive at school, select the items they want for breakfast, and take it back with them to the classroom.

IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT SCHOOL BREAKFAST MAY BE FREE THIS YEAR?

Connecticut designated some money to help fund school meals. At this time, we don't know how that money will be spent, but it is possible that we will be able to serve breakfast to all students at no charge. We are waiting to find out more information from the state, but we will send out a message via Parent Square once we know the details.



ParentSquare

New parent sign in instructions

1. Go to ParentSquare.com
2. Click on Sign in (top right)
3. Sign up/create password (be sure to use the same email provided for Power School)

Notification Preferences

ParentSquare allows users to customize their notifications based on notification type and select their preferred delivery method for each school. Notification types include:

- Emergency & Student Notices (*cannot be disabled*)
- School Alerts
- General Announcements & Messages

For General Announcements, you can also select if you would like to receive instant or digest email, app and text notifications. If the digest is chosen, then you'll receive an email and/or text and/or an app notification every day in the evening with all posts from that day.

Update your Notification Preferences (Web Portal)

1. On your home page select the down arrow next to your name and click on 'My Account'.
2. Select "Customize your settings" under Notification Settings.
3. Select your preferred settings by clicking on the pencil icon next to each notification type and click "Save" in the pop-up dialog.

Update your Notification Preferences (Mobile Apps)

1. From your home screen click the triple bar in the top left corner.
2. Click on "Account" and then "Preferences".
3. Click on "Notification Settings"
4. Select how you would like to be notified.