



Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we prepare for the start of school on September 3rd, we hope that you enjoyed the summer months and had an opportunity for rest, relaxation and fun with family and friends. We would like to welcome our new families as they join the Cannon Road community. We know you will be impressed with the community's dedication to make Cannon Road the best school possible. As a school we are committed to a collective effort and commitment towards the success of all students at Cannon Road. The Cannon Road staff is excited about another year of equal partnership in making Cannon Road a school full of learning, creativity, laughter, and support!

The first day of school for students is Tuesday, September 3, 2019. The school day for kindergarten through fifth grade is 9:25-3:50 p.m. The staff, Mrs. Briggs Assistant Principal, and I look forward to having another rigorous and exciting year with your child(ren). We will continue to focus on instructional strategies, activities and objectives, which will promote success for all students at all levels. After you drop off your child(ren), please join the PTA for their Welcome Back Coffee from 9:15-9:45 a.m. on September 3rd. Look for details elsewhere in this packet.

I would like to update you regarding staff changes for the 2019-2020 school year.

We are bidding farewell to:



- ❖ Mrs. Payton-Our Assistant Principal who took a position over the summer as an Assistant Principal at E. Brook Lee Middle School.
- ❖ Ms. Lindsey Hall-Third Grade-Now serving as a Kindergarten Teacher at Woodlin ES
- ❖ Ms. Kyndal Starks-Third Grade-Now serving as a Third Grade Teacher in Atlanta, GA
- ❖ Ms. Ogechi Irondi-Fifth Grade-Making career changes
- ❖ Mrs. Linda Brand-Enjoying Retirement
- ❖ Mr. Christopher Poet-Continuing to serve a variety of MCPS schools

Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to Cannon Road who will begin their new assignments this fall:

- ❖ New Assistant Principal- Our own Mrs. Nadya Briggs, formerly CRES Development Teacher for 2 years, has been promoted to AP for Cannon Road ES.
- ❖ Mrs. Leslie Brew – New Staff Development Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Safa Kradi-New 5th Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Rebecca Baras-serving in our new position of a half-time Special Education Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Lara Chririchella-New half-time Academic Focus Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Alexis Hussey-New Special Education Teacher
- ❖ Mr. Sirun Leng-serving in our new position of a part-time ESOL Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Brenda Padilla-Part-time Instrumental Music Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Neysi Velasquez -New Paraeducator and Lunch Hour Aide
- ❖ Ms. Rachel O'Connell – New media specialist

A few internal moves took place as well. Let's celebrate:

- ❖ Mrs. Adrienne Jackson-Now teaching 3rd Grade
- ❖ Mrs. Christina Rodriguez-Now teaching 4th Grade

- ❖ Ms. Justica Turner-Now our NEW K-1st Learning for Independence Special Education class
- ❖ Mrs. Michelle Lehmkuhl-Now teaching 2nd Grade



Our annual Open House will be held on Friday, August 30th, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. At this time students and parents are invited to come to school to meet their “new” classroom teachers, see their new classrooms, and to receive any important information about school. This is an informal, but critical occasion to “kick off” the new school year; however, it is not the appropriate time for conferences or special requests. In addition, on August, 30th, from 1:30-2:00 p.m., there will also be Kindergarten Orientation meeting in the All Purpose Room. All Kindergarten families are encouraged to join us for the meeting and learn all about how Cannon Road and Kindergarten work! Finally, the annual Back-to-School Picnic will be held on September 6th from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. giving families the opportunity to continue to get to know one another and celebrate the first few weeks of school! We hope you can join us!

May each of you enjoy the rest of the summer with family and friends! Mrs. Briggs and I are looking forward to seeing each of you soon and working with you throughout this school year. Please know that throughout the year, our goal is to work closely with you to ensure that the academic, emotional, and social needs of every student is being met. It is important to keep the lines of communication open between home and school so that together we are able to create an effective learning community for all students at Cannon Road. In order to do this successfully, please be sure that you have provided us with up-to-date contact information including phone numbers and email addresses. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work together to make this yet another successful year for our Cannon Road children!

Sincerely,



Kristine L. Donohue
Principal

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School Information

School Hours

Office Hours	8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Student Day	9:25 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.
Early Dismissal	9:25 a.m. – 1:20 p.m.
Delayed Opening	11:25 a.m. – 3:50 p.m.

Student Arrival Procedures

Cannon Road's student hours will be from 9:25 a.m. – 3:50 p.m. each regular school day. As students arrive, they are expected to walk directly to their classrooms and be seated in the hallway. Parents should take this opportunity to say good-bye to their child before they enter the building for the school day. If your child will be dropped off daily, please enter the parent drop off zone at arrival. From there, staff will be available to assist your child as they enter the building and proceed to their classroom. **It is very important your child arrives on time and prepared for the instructional day. Also, it is important that students DO NOT arrive prior to 9:00, as supervision at the school is not available. For their safety, any students who arrive after 9:25 will be considered tardy and parents are expected to sign them in at the office. Tardy students should not enter the building without an adult who escorts them to the office.**

Student Dismissal Procedures

We will start the dismissal procedures daily at 3:50 p.m. At this time, announcements will be made to dismiss all car riders and walkers to the parent pick-up zone. Staff will be available to assist children with this boarding process. For students who will be car riders, your child will be dismissed to you upon your arrival. Any student who rides a bus will be dismissed from the classroom. Please advise your child's teacher how your child will be coming home: walker, kiss n' rider, bus rider. This is especially important the first week of school. **If you plan to pick your child up for an early dismissal or change their dismissal plans, please contact the school no later than 3:00 p.m. to make the appropriate arrangements.**

Transportation

Each year, the Department of Transportation reviews all bus routes to assure safety, fairness and equity of service, efficiency, and adherence to local policy and state laws. The bus schedule for students in regular programs is included in this mailing.

School Breakfast and Lunch

The School Meals flyer explains SNAP, our computerized lunch and breakfast payment system. Please prepare and send checks made out to Cannon Road Café to deposit in your child's account. Our Café Manager, will accept deposits for SNAP accounts on August 30th, during Open House.



Breakfast and lunch prices for the coming school year:

Breakfast	Regular - \$ 0	Reduced - \$ 0
Lunch	Regular - \$2.55	Reduced - \$.40
Milk	\$.60	

Cannon Road will participate in the MMFA breakfast program for school year 2018-2019. This program provides all students with breakfast in the classroom each day at no cost. This is truly a wonderful opportunity for ALL students to receive a healthy breakfast.

Lunch money loans will no longer be provided, instead, students will be offered an alternative “lunch snack.” Parents will be expected to pay the cost for the alternative meal. Therefore, if your child normally brings lunch, it is a very good idea to keep a small amount of money on your child’s account for emergencies.

Important Dates to Remember

Below is a list of important dates to remember for the beginning of this year. Additional events and dates can be found on the Montgomery County Public Schools website. In addition, we will provide updated information on our school’s website.

- September 6 – Back to School Picnic
- 11 – Back to School Night
- 30 – No School for Students and Teachers

Communication

During the first week of school, your child will bring home a Cannon Road Home/School Connection folder. This folder will be sent home every Wednesday. It is used for taking school information home and for parents to send information to the teacher and/or office. A school newsletter containing important information, reminders and policies will be included in this folder once a month. Information from city, county, and state agencies is often included as well. **Please make sure you read all the information and return any requested forms.**

School staff will also be available to communicate with you by telephone, email, and/or by scheduled conferences. Please speak with your child’s teacher about the best form of communication when trying to contact you. All questions and/or concerns should first be communicated to your child’s classroom teacher. As needed, other staff members (i.e. counselor, school administrators) will assist in the communication process.