# Cougar Shout Out

Summer 2025

Open House August 25th 2:00-3:00

First Day of School August 26<sup>th</sup>! Doors open at 9:10 a.m.



Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year at Cannon Road Elementary!

As we approach a new school year, we want each of you to know that every staff member of Cannon Road will be relentless this year in honoring the humanity of every member of our community. We will be "UNREASONABLE" meaning we will do whatever is needed to create exceptional and memorable experiences for our students and our families. Our intention is to create a place where each of our students and families KNOW and FEEL welcome, accepted, appreciated, seen, and known! Each day we will intentionally work towards providing a JOYFUL and HEALING school environment with the very best education to strengthen every student's ability to develop the skills needed to be a successful learner and human within this world we are all sharing! I'm confident that together in partnership we will propel Cannon Road from being a great school to becoming one of the best in MCPS. The children of Cannon Road are our hope for tomorrow and our responsibility for today!

With Warmth, Joy, and Happiness to Each of You! ~Ms. Donohue, Principal of CRES



Monday, August 25th

MCPS is using Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> as a transition day. Our Kindergarten students will be the **ONLY** students to join us on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> for school. Our doors will open to **ONLY** our Kindergarten students at 9:10 a.m.

**Kindergarten Bus Riders:** Will be picked at their bus stop, brought to Cannon Road, and will enter our school through our cafeteria doors.

**Kindergarten Car Riders:** Should be dropped off in our car loop and staff will assist them to our walker door where they will enter the building.

**Kindergarten Walkers:** Should line up at our walker door located at the end of our long side walk in front of our building.

Kindergarten students on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> will spend the day getting to know classrooms, eating in the cafeteria, and meeting staff!





## Open House for ALL Students is also on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 2:00-3:00 p.m.

All families are strongly encouraged to attend our Open House on Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 pm. This is a time for all families and students in every grade and program to come to Cannon Road to explore the building, meet staff, and get community resources!

All families will enter the building through our cafeteria.

Once inside you will first walk through a community fair followed by visiting classrooms to meet staff.

Kindergarten families will meet their child in their room.

All families will be receiving a post card soon in the mail.

The post card will

provide you with the name of your child's teacher.

Bring this postcard with you to Open House and the First Day of School on Tuesday, August 26th!



New Processes and Structures.....Keep Reading



Our first intention is to always make sure that each student within our building is safe. To continue to ensure the safety of our students, this year we are starting a few new processes:

Numbers: Each family will be assigned a number. You will see your family's number on your summer postcard, our new yellow Cannon Road communication folder, and on a backpack tag that should ALWAYS remain on your child's backpack! <a href="It is your responsibility to know your family's number">It is your responsibility to know your family's number</a>. At dismissal, if your child is a car rider or a walker, a staff member will be asking the adult picking up the child your family's number. The student will only be released if the adult knows the family number. This will be another step in helping us to ensure that students are being released to the correct individuals. All families will receive multiple car clings. The clings are to be placed on your window on your passenger side.

**Dismissal:** Students who are walkers will NOW be dismissed from our back door that is located by our playground equipment and our art room. Students will remain inside until an adult comes to get them and states their family number. The only students that will be released to walk home alone will be students whose family have indicated on our NEW emergency forms given out at Open House that they can walk home without adult supervision.



**School Wide Communication Folder:** All students on the first day of school, **Tuesday, August 26**<sup>th</sup> will receive a yellow Cannon Road folder. This folder will be used by every single classroom in the building. It will be sent home daily and should be emptied daily. Important Cannon Road documents will come home in this folder every Wednesday.

It is your family's responsibility to maintain this folder and make sure it is emptied each night and put back into your child's backpack for the next day of school.

## School Hours

Office Hours

8:00 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.
Student Day

9:25 a.m. — 3:55 p.m.
Early Dismissal

9:25 a.m. — 1:20 p.m.
Delayed Opening

11:25 a.m. — 3:55 p.m.



**Arrival:** Walkers and car riders will enter the building using the long sidewalk at the front of the school. The walker doors are a set of brown doors at the end of the sidewalk. At 9:10 doors open and students are expected to walk directly to their classrooms, get breakfast if they choose, and begin their day. It is very important that your child arrives on time and prepared for the instructional day. It is imperative that students DO NOT arrive prior to 9:10, as there is **NO SUPERVISION.** 

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Car riders will exit from our patio doors. Families will drive up in our car loop, state your family's number, and your child/children will come out. If you do not know your number, you will be asked to pull to a different location and show ID before your child is released. All families will receive multiple car clings. The clings are to be placed on your window on your passenger side.



**Tardy:** Students who arrive after 9:25 are late. Students should enter the main building using the front lobby doors. Tardies are held against a student's attendance rate which is looked at by MCPS and the state of Maryland.

**August 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>:** We welcome parents/guardians to walk students into the building if they choose during these first two days of school. Please be mindful that this is a quick drop off as we establish routines and avoid disrupting the flow of students in the hallway. Staff members will be located at the entrance to help during this quick sendoff.

MCPS Bus Information for General Education Students:

h<u>ttps://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/busroutes/</u>

**Free Breakfast and Lunch:** All students can have free breakfast and lunch every day at school!



### LINKS

Cannon Road Website

cannonroad-es.mcpsmd.org/

#### MCPS Website

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/

#### Bus Route Information

https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/departments/transportation/busroutes/

## CRES's Instagram Account

Cannonroadshoutouts

## NUMBERS

Office Number: 240-740-0520

Ms. Donohue's Direct Cell Phone Number: 240-753-9399

### Dates

Open House: Monday August 25th 2:00-3:00

First Day of School: Tuesday August 26th Doors Open at 9:10 a.m. Dismissal at 3:55 PM

September 1st: Labor Day-NO SCHOOL

Back to School Night: Thursday September 11 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

September 23rd: NO SCHOOL

September 26th: Early Release - Dismissal 1:20 PM

We look forward to seeing all families and students at our Open House on Monday, August 25th from 2:00-3:00 PM!