



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It is with great honor and excitement that we welcome you to Cannon Road Elementary School's 2023-2024 school year. I have been the principal at Cannon Road since the 2017-2018 school year, and you can count on me to continue to work hard as we build upon the school's legacy of success. Every staff member is committed to building strong relationships with parents, students, community partners and each other. Each day we 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.

Cannon Road is embarking on a new chapter this coming school year as a school! For the first time in the school's history, we will be a Title One school. This means additional staffing and the opportunity for more community events that will include materials that you can take home to help your child learn! In addition, for the coming school year we have been selected to participate in The Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which allows schools to serve all students free breakfast and lunch without the burden of collecting household Free and Reduced-price Meal (FARM) applications!

I'm confident that together in partnership alongside all our new opportunities, 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!



Mark your calendars for our Open House on Friday, August 25, 2023, from 2:00-3:00 p.m. where families will be able to come in and explore the building using a scavenger hunt that will enable you to visit all important locations! **Look for a postcard in the mail by Wednesday or Thursday during the week of August 21st with the name of your child's teacher. Bring this postcard with you to the Open House and on the First Day of school.** I also encourage you to follow various social media outlets to stay abreast of current news regarding school. These include:

MCPS Website: <https://www.montgomeryschoolsmd.org/>

CRES's Twitter: CRES Shoutouts@CougarOuts

CRES's Instagram Account: Cannonroadshoutouts

As we prepare for the start of school on Monday, August 28th (doors will open at 9:10 a.m., the school day will start at 9:25 a.m., dismissal will be at 3:50 p.m.), I would like to update you regarding staff changes for the 2023-2024 school year. We are bidding farewell to:

- ❖ Ms. Nance-Assistant Principal, now serving as Assistant Principal at Darnestown Elementary
- ❖ Ms. Sarah Rogozinski- 5th Grade Teacher-Enjoying new career adventures
- ❖ Mrs. Jessica Taurone-5th Grade Teacher-Now serving as a Kindergarten teacher in a private school
- ❖ Mrs. Kristi Malaguit- Special Educator-Now serving as a Special Educator at Highland View Elementary
- ❖ Ms. Jessica Elliott-Autism Teacher-Now serving as a Special Educator at Burnt Mills Elementary
- ❖ Ms. Sharon Crow-LFI Teacher-Now serving as a Special Educator at Stephen Knolls
- ❖ Ms. Jaleah Green-Autism Paraeducator-Now serving as a secretary at Luxmanor Elementary





Please join me in welcoming the following staff members to Cannon Road who will begin this fall or current staff members serving in new roles beginning this fall:

- ❖ Mrs. Kimberly Hayden Williams-New Assistant Principal
- ❖ Mrs. Esther Lim-New Reading Specialist
- ❖ Mrs. Marice Cote- New Counselor
- ❖ Mrs. Sheila Cabrera- Now serving as New School Based Parent Community Coordinator
- ❖ Ms. Jenna Atta- Now serving as New School Based Parent Community Coordinator for Discrete Programs
- ❖ Mrs. Adrienne Jackson- Now serving as New Behavior Specialist
- ❖ Mrs. Wendy Avery- Now serving as a First Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Kyndal Jackson-Now serving as a First Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Hassan Kamil-New Second Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Zamzam Salhan-New Third Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Courtney Apugo-New Third Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Karen Hernandez- New Third Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Erica Weisenborne- Now serving as a Fourth Grade Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Victoria Bishop- New Fourth Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Sara Littlejohn- New Fourth Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Kaycee Campbell- Now serving as a Fifth Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Jennifer Milne- Now serving as a Fifth Grade Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Isa Rei- New Learning for Independence Teacher
- ❖ Mr. David Jackson- New Focus Teacher
- ❖ Mrs. Lauren Jarrell- Now serving as a Focus Teacher and a New Professional Development Talent Coach
- ❖ Ms. Tricia Willis- Now serving as a New Focus Teacher specializing in Emergent Multi-Language Learners
- ❖ Ms. Liz Negron- New Part-time Art Teacher
- ❖ Mr. Stanley Spottswood- New Part-time Music Teacher
- ❖ Ms. Claudia De la Quintana Rodriguez- New Paraeducator
- ❖ Ms. Stephanie Campbell- New Part-time Paraeducator
- ❖ Mr. Michael Razo Navarrete- New Paraeducator supporting a specific student in special education
- ❖ Mr. Vashone Muse- New Learning for Independence Paraeducator

We are diligently looking to fill several positions at the time of writing this letter including: Learning for Independence Teacher, three Autism teachers, one Autism Paraeducator, Part-time Physical Education Teacher, Part-time Speech Pathologist, Part-time Paraeducator, and Two positions that directly support specific students. I recognize that we have many positions open along with many other MCPS schools. Please know that I am persistently searching for candidates. It is with hope and hard work that we anticipate finding the right matches for our school.





Our annual Open House will be held on Friday, August 25th from 2:00-3:00 p.m. This event is for all families in Kindergarten through Fifth Grade including all families in our discrete programs. **Look for a postcard in the mail by Wednesday or Thursday of the week of August 21st with the name of your child's teacher. Bring this postcard with you to the Open House and on the First Day of school.** Upon arrival, all families will also receive a scavenger hunt list that you will use throughout the event. The list will guide you to important stops throughout the building including visiting your classroom teacher and some free giveaways! Finally, the first day of school for students is Monday, August 28, 2023. While we know you join us in excitement with the return to school, we want to ensure a smooth and safe transition for all of our students. We welcome parents/guardians to walk students into the building if they choose during the 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 you during this quick sendoff. Stay tuned to social media and upcoming emails for more information.

May each of you enjoy the remainder of the summer with family and friends! Mrs. Williams, our Assistant Principal, 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 are being met. It is important to keep the lines of communication open between home and school so that together we will be 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



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 with doors opening at 9:10 a.m. *Our arrival procedures remain the same as last year.* Walkers and car riders will be entering the building using the long sidewalk at the front of the school that takes you to a set of brown doors at the end of the sidewalk. As students arrive, they 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. Also, it is imperative that students DO NOT arrive prior to 9:10, as supervision is not available. For their safety, any students who arrive after 9:25 will follow tardy arrival procedures. Please call the school office at 240-740-0520 and someone will come out to meet your child at the front of the school.**

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Student Dismissal Procedures

We will start the dismissal procedures daily at 3:50 p.m. *Our dismissal procedures are the same as the previous year.* Families who are car riders will wait for their child in our car rider loop. Families who are walkers are asked to park on the street (if applicable) and meet their child on the field (tennis court) side of the building. Please make sure to communicate your dismissal plan with your child's teacher. **If you plan to pick your child up for an early dismissal or change their dismissal plans, please contact the school by no later than 3:00 p.m. to make the appropriate arrangements or to have your child escorted out to you by staff for an early dismissal.**

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 located on our [website](#).





School Breakfast and Lunch

All students will receive a free breakfast and lunch as part of the Community Eligibility Provision School. Students will have the opportunity to get a free breakfast and lunch. However, students are also more than welcome to bring a bagged lunch from home.

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.

August	25th-Open House 2:00-3:00 p.m.
	28th-First Day of School-Doors Open at 9:10 a.m.
September	4th- No School for Students and Teachers
	12th- Back to School Night from 6-7:30 p.m.
	21st - Principal Coffee Chat 9:30-10:00 a.m.
	25th – No School for Students and Teachers

