



# Copper Hills Elementary School

## THE NUGGET



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August 28-September 1

Monday, 8/28	Tuesday, 8/29	Wednesday, 8/30	Thursday, 8/31	Friday, 9/1
<p>SSC Nominations Go Home</p> <p>Student Council Applications and Posters Due</p> <p>Sports Practice 3:00-4:00PM</p> <p>P2 Theme: Curiosity</p>	<p>Sports Practice 3:00-4:00 PM</p>	<p><b>EARLY RELEASE!</b></p> <p>AM Kinder: 7:50-10:35 PM Kinder: 10:30-1:15 Grades 1-6: 7:50-1:15</p> <p>Student Council Speeches Due Miner Run Kick-off Rally Cheer Practice 2:30-3:30PM</p>	<p><b>FALL PICTURE DAY!</b></p> <p>Sports Practice 3:00-4:00 PM</p>	<p>SSC Nominations Due Trash Crew Applications Due Student Council Assembly and Voting</p> <p>Sports Practice 3:00-4:00PM</p> <p>Football/Cheer Broncomania @ Clovis High Lamonica Stadium 6:45PM</p>
<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Mini French Toast OR Cereal, applesauce, string cheese, juice, cup</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Sausage Breakfast Pizza OR 3 French Toast Sticks, string cheese, hash browns, green beans, blueberries, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Chocolate Chip Muffin OR Cereal, blueberries, strawberry yogurt, juice, cup</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Orange Chicken Rice Bowl OR Cheese Filled Breadsticks, broccoli, marinara sauce, strawberries, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Sausage Breakfast Pizza OR Cereal, fresh fruit, string cheese, juice, cup</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Crispy or Hot n' Spicy-Chicken Patty Sandwich OR Bean &amp; Cheese Burrito, baby carrots, vegetarian beans, nectarine, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Mini Cinnis OR Cereal, strawberries, strawberry yogurt, juice, cup</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Crispy Chicken Salad OR Cheesy Pull Apart Bread, corn, broccoli, apple, milk</p>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Honey Wheat Bar OR Cereal, peach fruit cup, string cheese, juice, cup</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Nashville HOT Chicken Nuggets OR Mac n/ Cheese, baby carrots, chili beans, mixed berries, goldfish crackers, milk</p>

Happy Friday Miner Families! It has been a great week for our Miners! We participated in a **NO BACKPACK DAY**, where our students spent the day building relationship and doing teambuilding activities in their classrooms. The joy and excitement it brought to our staff and students was priceless. We will have another No Backpack Day at the start of the 2nd semester. Fall sports are off and running for our 4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. If you have not gone out there is still time! Please ask your child's teacher if you have any questions. Thank you to those who were able to make it to Back to School Night this week. If you did not get a chance to come, please connect with your child's teacher to get any necessary information about this upcoming school year. Be on the lookout for information coming home next week for our Miner Run jog-a-thon! We look forward to a wonderful school year! GOOOO Miners!

### MINER CODE

TOGETHER WE ARE BETTER

◆  
TAKE PRIDE IN YOUR WORK

◆  
MAKE A DIFFERENCE

◆  
TAKE CARE OF ONE ANOTHER

◆  
CHARACTER COUNTS...  
EVEN WHEN NO ONE IS LOOKING

## COPPER HILLS ELEMENTARY

### Copper Hills' Mission Statement

Our mission at Copper Hills Elementary is to provide a safe, nurturing environment with high standards that will empower students with critical thinking skills and a foundation to be Lifelong Learners. The Miner staff will lead students through innovative, instructional practices and character development. Through collaboration among grade levels, we will align all programs, services and activities to provide students the opportunity to succeed in mind, body and spirit.

### Copper Hills' Vision Statement

To be a quality educational system providing the opportunity for all students to reach their potential in Mind, Body & Spirit!

### Copper Hills' Guiding Principles (How we make our decisions)

- #1. We Believe That ALL Students Can & Will Learn!
- #2. We Will All Provide A Safe Atmosphere For ALL Students!
- #3. All Staff Can Grow In Their Practice Of Educating All Students In Mind, Body & Spirit!
- #4. We Will All Do This Together! One Team! United! Miner Strong!



# Fall Sports

Fall Athletics include Cross Country (4th, 5th, and 6th Grades), Football (5th and 6th), and Girls Volleyball (5th and 6th). All students must have an athletic permission slip completed and be in good academic standing (at least a 2.0 GPA) to be eligible to participate (available on the CH Website). Sports practices are M, T, Th, and F from 3:00-4:00 PM. Link to complete permission slip to participate: <https://permission.click/IXbKP/int>

## Fall Game Days

9/8	Cross County @ CNEC
9/9	Football Carnival @ VMS
9/15	Riverview @ CH
9/22	CH BYE
9/29	Bud Rank @ CH
10/6	CH @ Mountain View
10/13	CH @ Fugman
10/19	Championship Games
10/20	VB Cross Area Games
10/21	Cross Area Games



## CURIOSITY

VIA Survey calls this strength Curiosity

**Parent virtue: Wisdom and Knowledge.** Strengths of wisdom and knowledge are cognitive strengths related to the acquisition and use of information. Strengths comprised in this virtue are creativity, curiosity, open-mindedness, love of learning and perspective.



### WHAT DOES CURIOSITY MEAN?

*You like exploration and discovery. You ask lots of questions because you want to learn more about anything and everything.*

Curiosity is a crucial component of one's character. Our innate urge for discovery and exploration is a key element of our human desire for wisdom and knowledge. It's what keeps us intrigued in the plotlines of movies and books. It's what pushes us to try new activities or travel to different places. All individuals experience curiosity, but differ in their willingness to experience it – behaviorally, intellectually, and emotionally.

Curiosity is associated with novelty-seeking. Novelty-seekers are more willing to endure risks – such as physical risks of skydiving or social risks of meeting new people – in order to gain the benefits of new experiences. Curiosity is also associated with being receptive to exploring new ideas, feelings, or values – which carry their own inherent risks and rewards.

### WHY DOES IT MATTER?

Individuals with the character strength of curiosity are more likely to ask questions and try new things. Curiosity then is a form of courage. Asking questions exposes the fact that we don't know and trying a new activity means we might fail. But, it's only through asking questions and exploring new opportunities that we learn and grow. However, curiosity can be detrimental to our health, if it's associated with illegal substance use or other risky behavior.

On a group level, curiosity is crucial in making discoveries that bring important benefits. For example, exotic plants may yield new medicines and ancient artifacts may illuminate astonishing pieces of human history. Curiosity is what compels astronauts into outer space and submarines to the bottom of the ocean. It is hardwired into the human genome and a defining element of human success.

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### Individuals with this strength might be described as:

- Interested
- Inquiring
- Investigative
- Exploratory
- Probing
- Adventurous

### Individuals with this strength are likely to think, feel, or behave in the following ways:

- Asking lots of questions is a good thing. It helps us learn.
- Exploration – whether physical, mental, or emotional – is how humanity grows and evolves.
- I get excited when I travel to a new place, try an exotic food, or experience a new sensation.
- When I go home from school or work, I like to discover new routes.
- I'm always curious to see if my expectations match with the new reality that I have discovered.
- I despise monotony and boredom.

### QUOTES ON CURIOSITY

*"There is always a place I can take someone's curiosity. That's my challenge as an educator. No one is dumb who is curious. The people who don't ask questions remain clueless throughout their lives."*

**-NEIL deGRASSE TYSON**

*"We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious...and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."*

**-WALT DISNEY**

*"Curiosity is the one thing invincible in nature."*

**-FREYA STARK**

*"Be less curious about people and more curious about ideas."*

**-MARIE CURIE**

## Copper Hills Miner Run

It's A Bubble Thing!

Students will run and then enjoy a popsicle at the snack bar.

### Run Times:

8:30	Preschool and AM Kinder
8:50	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade
9:10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade
9:30	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade
9:40	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10:00	6 <sup>th</sup> Grade
10:20	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade
10:40	PM Kinder

Kick-off Rally is 8/30. Packet will be sent home 8/30.

All Pledges Are Due By

**SEPTEMBER 15th**

Online Donations can be made 8/28 - 9/15. Online portal for pledges will be available 8/28. Link and QR code will be sent out 8/30.

Please turn in all Cash/Check donations to the classroom or office in the provided envelope on Sept. 15th.

Checks should be made to Clovis Unified School District.

Thank you for supporting Copper Hills Elementary students with our primary Associated Student Body jog-a-thon fundraiser on Wednesday, September 13<sup>th</sup>. This fundraiser is open to students of all grade levels. Your contributions will be deposited into our General Student Body account and used to fund purchases for: STUDENT AWARDS, STUDENT INCENTIVES, STUDENT EQUIPMENT, STUDENT BODY EVENTS, ATHLETICS, ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE, CLUBS, SUPPLEMENTAL MATERIALS, and/or PROMOTIONAL SIGNAGE.

The goal this year is \$35,000.

We are encouraging all students to wear neon colors. Shirts, costumes, and themed hair are all permissible, but please no face paint or accessories.

This fundraiser, like all Copper Hills fundraisers, is OPTIONAL for students and families.

If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Holdener GIS, Sr.

Thank you for your support!



Step 1 - Get ready for School pictures, practice your smile, select a hairstyle, choose an outfit. These pictures will be in the Yearbook!

Step 2 - Students will take 2-3 photos on School Picture Day.

Step 3 - One week after School Pictures, students will bring home a proof with ordering information.



**Miner Wear Spirit Winner—August 25, 2023**  
**Primary— Mrs. Cross/Mrs. Welker's Class**  
**Upper— Mrs. Truhett's class**  
**The Road to the Spirit Supremacy Trophy Starts Now!!!**



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SEP 4



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# CUSD PARENT NIGHT



## TOPIC: Starting the Year Off Right!

This Parent Night will include homework tips, support at home, back to school tips, and more!

# SEPTEMBER 12, 2023 AT THE PLC

362 N. Clovis Ave. #101--In the In-N-Out parking lot

Dinner/Childcare begins at 5:30p.m.  
Presentation begins at 6:00p.m.

SIGN UP BY SCANNING THE QR CODE OR CLICKING BELOW!



Hosted by Supplemental Services and the Area Transition teams

## QUARTER 1

### POSTER & ESSAY CONTEST

*Spreading Kindness*

As a PBIS school, Copper Hills aims to lift others up, and in the process, lift ourselves up.



**Poster Contest:** Create a poster that celebrates the importance of kindness. Posters should be hand drawn, in full color, no bigger than 12x18 inches, and include your first and last name.

**Essay Contest:** Compose an essay that demonstrates what kindness is, what impact kindness has on others, and highlights a person whose actions demonstrate this impact.

Grades 4-6: Please also note the sources from which you got your information.  
Essay Length requirements: Grades 1-2: one paragraph; Grades 3-4: three paragraphs; Grades 5-6: five to six paragraphs.

Essays should be neat, with correct spelling, capitalization, and punctuation. Please remember to include your first and last name on your essay.

Please submit your poster and/or essay to YOUR TEACHER. Your teacher will submit your work to the office.

Posters and essays will be judged by staff. The creators of the top two posters and the top two essays in grades 1-3 and 4-6 will each receive a \$5 gift card and recognition in the Nugget.

Students in grades 4-6 will also receive a Block CH point for participating.



**DUE DATE:**

**SEPT. 22<sup>ND</sup>**

# Welcome Back To Reading Miners IT'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR TIME!

September 5<sup>th</sup> - September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Where:**

Copper Hills LMC

**When:**

Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>

**Time:**

Tuesday-Thursday - 7:30am-3:00pm

During Ice Cream Social 5:30pm-7:00pm

Friday 7:30am-noon

We'll see you at the Fair!

Book Fair flyer is attached.

**4 ways to shop at bookfair**



Set up eWallet, a safe cash-free way for your child to shop the Fair



Cash (please remind your child to keep their money secure)



Credit and Gift cards



Check (Please make check payable to ClovisUSD and don't forget to include 7.96% sales tax)

Thank you so much for supporting our school at the Book Fair! You'll find more great books at our online Fair, and all your purchases will benefit our school.

## Helpful Tips for CUSD Dress Code Policy



### SHORTS

- ★ Shorts must have a 5" inch inseam. An inseam measurement is from the crotch to the cuff on the inside seam of the leg.
- ★ Biking-style shorts of athletic material are not allowed.

### SKIRTS & DRESS LENGTH

- ★ Skirts and dresses must measure 5 inches from the top of the kneecap. Please check the length of the skirt from the backside.

### SHIRTS/TOPS

- ★ Shirt straps must measure 2 inches or greater.
- ★ Clothing that exposes bare midriffs or cleavage are not allowed. Ex: crop tops

### OTHER

- ★ All professional team sports apparel and items are not allowed.
- ★ All apparel and items with Bulldogs or the Bulldog logo are not allowed.
- ★ Extreme fashion that draws undue attention to the student will not be allowed. Ex: extreme make-up, animal ear headbands, controversial items.
- ★ All shoes/sandals must have a backstrap. Crocs must be worn in "sports mode" while at school.
- ★ Fray & distressing are allowed, but if skin or undergarments can be seen, they are not allowed.

### HATS & HAIR

- ★ Copper Hills or Clovis North Area hats are the only hats allowed. They may be worn outside only.
- ★ Hair with unusual colors, unusual razor cuts, mohawks, and Faux-hawks are not allowed.

### FAMILY SUGGESTIONS

- ★ Separate the school allowed clothing items from the unallowed for easier mornings.
- ★ Student or family may contact Copper Hills administration for clarification prior to purchasing or wearing at school.

### WHAT TO EXPECT UPON ENFORCEMENT:

- ★ Staff member sends student to Copper Hills administration for a dress code check. Administration checks dress code discreetly, specifically, without physical contact, and as quick as possible. Some students may need a specific staff member for the conversation.

### CONSEQUENCES

- ★ 1st Dress Code Notice: education & reminder
- ★ 2nd Dress Code Notice: education, parent notification, and warning.
- ★ Subsequent dress code issues: education and call home for item in dress code. If a parent/guardian/caregiver is unable to drop off items in dress code, student will spend morning recess and lunch recess in office. At no time will a student miss instruction.

Scan the QR code to take you to CUSD's full dress code:





# CH Aug/Sept School Events

**8/21 WELCOME BACK! First Day of School**

8/22 Football, Girls' Volleyball and Cross-Country Practice Begins;  
Student Council Applications Go Out; 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Essay/Poster  
Contest Goes Out

8/23 No Backpack Day; SART/IDAC Mtg.

8/24 Back to School Night

8/26 Cheer Camp @ CNEC

8/28 Student Council App/Poster Due; SSC/ELAC Nomination  
Goes Out

8/30 Student Council Speech Due; Miner Run Kick Off Rally

8/31 Fall School Pictures

9/1 Student Council Assembly/Voting; SSC/ELAC Nominations Due

9/4 Labor Day- No School

**9/5-9/8 Book Fair**

9/6 SSC/ELAC Voting Opens

9/7 PTC Evening Ice Cream Social

9/9 Football Carnival @ Veterans Memorial Stadium

9/11 Patriot Day (Wear Red, White, & Blue); PTC Mtg.; SART/IDAC  
Mtg. @ 8:30AM

9/12 Superhero Anti-Bullying Assembly

9/13 Miner Run

9/15 Game Day: RV at CH; SSC/ELAC Voting Closes

9/18 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Sonora Meeting @ 6:00 PM

9/19 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Candy Sales for Sonora Begin

9/22 Fall Sports/Cheer Pictures after school; 1<sup>st</sup> Qtr. Essay/Poster  
Contest Due

9/29 Fall Sports Rally; Game Day: BR at CH; Snack Bar; Progress  
Reports Go Home

**\*\*events and dates are subject to change**