

Cradlerock Elementary School

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### **IMPORTANT DATES**

*Dates and times are subject to change*

9/1 Back to School Night  
Pre-K-grade 2 6:30-8:30 pm

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9/2 GT overview for all families-  
6:00pm  
Back to School Night-Grades-3-5  
6:30-8:30pm

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9/7 Labor Day - Schools and Offices closed

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9/14 Rosh Hashanah - schools  
and offices closed

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9/23 Yom Kippur - schools and  
offices closed

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9/24 3rd and 4th Grade Family Night - Words, Words, Words  
5:45 - 7:00 pm

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9/30 Restaurant Night - Potbelly Sandwich Shop  
5-8 pm

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10/1 Interim Progress reports

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10/6 Fall pictures

# IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR FIRST WEEKS OF SCHOOL

It was great to see so many of our families at last week's orientations and open house and last night's Back to School picnic.

The first week of the 2015-2016 school year was outstanding! The students adjusted nicely to their new classes and transitioned smoothly back into school routines.

We look forward to seeing you at our Back to School Nights next week. The format for our Back to School Nights will be the same as previous years. Childcare will be provided by Recreation and Parks for children ages 4 - 10 only ( no middle school age children). If you plan to use childcare, you must arrive by 6:15 pm to sign in in the gym. Administrators and others will share important information with you through a short video. All parents/guardians are to report directly to their child's homeroom class. We will start promptly at 6:30 pm. If you have children in multiple grades on the same Back to School night, two sessions will be held. There will also be an information fair in the cafeteria. Please see details below:

**Back to School Nights    September 1 (preK-2) - 6:30 pm**  
**September 2 (gr. 3-5) - 6:30 pm**

## **Back To School Night Schedule**

**6:30 - 7:20 pm - Session 1**

**7:25- 7:50 pm - Session 2**

**7:25 - 8:15 pm - Information Fair in the Cafeteria**

## **Gifted & Talented Program Overview - September 2 - 6:00 pm**

**ALL** families in **ALL** grades are welcome to attend this overview of our GT program. It will be held in the media center from 6:00-6:30 pm( prior to the Back to School Night for grades 3-5)

Please make sure you have completed your child's Emergency Card online. We have had 22% of our parents update their information. We are looking for 100% of our parents to update their child's information. If you have not already done so, please access HCPSS Family File at <http://www.hcps.org/connect> and check / update your child's information. If you have questions, please email JoAnn\_Adkins@hcpss.org or call us. It is extremely important for us to have current information.

All newsletters and communications from school will come to you

via HCPSSNews to your email. You do not have to sign up. As long as we have a valid email for you in the system, you will receive newsletters every 2 weeks. You can also keep up with us via our website [cres.hcpss.org](http://cres.hcpss.org) and twitter @hcpss\_cres.

To comply with wireless carrier requirements, parents must opt into receiving HCPSS text message alerts. Standard data fees and text messaging rates may apply based on your mobile plan. Prior to the start of the school year, parents/guardians new to HCPSS will receive a text message prompt from the number 68453. Parents/guardians must opt in by replying to the text message with a text that simply says Y. Parents who opted in last year will not need to opt in again.

Please see more info about HCPSSNEWS here <http://www.hcpss.org/news-posts/2015/07/hcpss-news-subscriptions>.

Lunch application forms need to be completed every year as last year's status will expire **October 9**. More information about school meals and programs and the application for Free or Reduced Meals can be filled out electronically at [www.hcpss.org/food-services](http://www.hcpss.org/food-services). Staff will be available to assist with filling out forms at Back to School Nights.

If your child completed the Howard County Library Summer Reading program, please send the completion letter to the front office so we can recognize your student.

Please review the procedure for using the door security/buzzer system. As you approach the front entrance, please go to the doors on the left and call into the office on the intercom, let us know why you are here and we will buzz you in. All visitors must sign in using the Lobbyguard system.

The machine scans driver's licenses. Visitors and volunteers scan their license, take a picture and the system prints a sticker for that day's visit. Visitors must speak with a secretary to state the reason for the visit. We welcome visiting the classroom, but ask that you give your child's teacher advance notice.

Please remember you will need to show your ID in order to pick up your child for early dismissal.

**Cradlerock Elementary School** will be accepting online payments for

- FIELD TRIPS
- MEMORY BOOKS

A step-by-step guide for purchasing school activities online with OSP is available on the **CRES website** on the Home Page and under **Services > Online Payments**

CRES website: <http://cres.hcpss.org>

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a great school year.

## **ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL**

Thank you for following these procedures to ensure smooth and safe dismissals for the 2015-2016 school year!

### **Bus Riders/Child Care Buses**

- Bus Riders will be dismissed to the bus loop to line up and be escorted to their bus.
- Only yellow buses will be allowed in the bus loop. We cannot accommodate the many home childcare providers in such a small space. Home childcare will be considered car pick-up. Please explain this to your home childcare provider.

### **Walkers**

- Walkers will be dismissed out to the elementary blacktop for grades 1-5 and the courtyard blacktop for students in kindergarten.
- This includes parents who choose to park their car and/or walk to pick up their child. We encourage you to park at the Owen Brown neighborhood center or library. Walking to pick up your child is also encouraged. This will help reduce traffic on our campus.
- Middle school or high school students picking up a younger sibling are NOT to go down to the classroom areas. They should walk around to the elementary blacktop to meet their younger brother or sister.

### **Car Pick-up**

- Students being picked up by car will be escorted to the car loop waiting area.
- The parking lot will be divided into two lanes. Please use the right lane to pick up your child and the left lane to exit once you have received your

child.

- Please do not get out of your car. Students who are car riders will walk to the car when it arrives at the waiting area.
- Please do not park in the left or right lanes.
- Be patient and respectful of other parents and staff.
- Be SAFE and use CAUTION!

### **Columbia Association Aftercare**

Students will report directly to the cafeteria for Columbia Association.

## **FROM YOUR PTA...**

“Every child, one voice...”

Hello and welcome to another school year! The PTA Board has been working hard over the summer and has many fun activities planned for the upcoming year. We are hoping you will be a part of the fun, maybe even have more ideas to add to our calendar. Please be sure to check out our website or PTA bulletin board to see what we have planned and what PTA positions are still available. If you do not want to be on the PTA Board or be the Chair of an event, we simply ask you to join. Your membership in PTA gives you a voice on behalf of your children. Memberships are \$15/family and \$10/individual. Visit our table on Back to School Night to sign up or sign up anytime by downloading a membership form from the PTA website and return it with the applicable fee to your child’s teacher. Our first PTA meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 9th at 7pm in the Media Center. We would love for you to join us and find out what we are all about.

Other thoughts, ideas, concerns...please let us know by sending us an email at [mdterps25@verizon.net](mailto:mdterps25@verizon.net) and we will get back to you as soon as we can. You can also check us out at [www.cradlerockpta.com](http://www.cradlerockpta.com) or like us on Facebook at Cradlerock Elementary School PTA.

August Volunteers!! – We send out a special “Thank You” to Ashely Alfeo, Gian Alfeo, Lisa Harbaugh, Toni Klinkenberg and Heather Sabaka!

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE JUDY CENTER IN SEPTEMBER**

All Judy Center programs for children birth through age 5 and their parents will begin in October. Please watch for specific dates coming soon.

**Ready Rosie** – a web-based resource for families of children birth through age 6. It is an online resource that delivers daily video-based emails in both English and Spanish to parents, teachers and caregivers. The videos feature real families modeling quick activities that can be done at home to promote early success in school! The video content features ideas and strategies for children birth – 6 year olds (in Kindergarten). Check it out by watching this overview:  
<http://readyrosiedemo.com/ready-rosie-intro-video/>

**You can register for Readyrosie by calling the Judy Center at (410) 381-9024 or (410) 381-9407. THIS PROGRAM IS FOR FAMILIES IN THE CRADLEROCK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AREA.**

## **TITLE 1 CORNER**

We are so excited for the 2015- 2016 school year! In the future, the Title I Corner will share articles for parents as well as a variety of websites to enhance at-home learning.

For more information about Cradlerock Elementary School's Title I program contact Alexcia Redd or Melissa Carney.

