

Dear Cherry Hill Elementary Families,

It is that time of year again where stores are packed with parents searching for school supplies (for those of you who have misplaced the list...[Click Here](#)). The search can be exhausting, but we know that it will result in us felling confident as we drop our little, and not so little, ones off at school. For every family that brings their child to Cherry Hill on September 3rd at 8:28 am, it will look and feel different. As my kids are in middle and high school, there is a feeling of joy as they are dropped off on the first day...joy for us parents, not so much for them. When they were younger, my daughter would miss us. I had to encourage her with phrases like, "separation makes the heart grow fonder" or "even when we are apart, we are always together in our hearts". Now as a 14 year old who is quite proficient in rolling her eyes, I say, "I can't miss you until you are gone...so go to school" as I play Cinderella's "[Don't know what you got \(Till It's Gone\)](#)".

So that you can prepare yourselves and your kids, I wanted to give you a brief outline of what to expect as your kids return to Cherry Hill Elementary.

When you arrive:

Temporary Class Lists will be posted on a bulletin board at the front of the school on Tuesday morning starting at 8:00. Mrs. Tiwana (the vice principal), a number of E.A.s, and I will be outside to help people find their name on the lists and where they will be going for the first day or two (or three). This is the same as last year and for those new here, it is different than some of you have experienced. It is important to notice that I said **Temporary Class Lists** put it in bold, that is because it is **Temporary** since, depending on enrollment, there is a chance that we need to add a division which could cause a shuffle for some grades. It is very important to remember that the classes are **Temporary** (both bold and underlined; just to make sure it isn't missed) until we confirm our enrollment. I just don't want anyone getting upset if we need to do a shuffle...did I mention that they are **Temporary** classes?

What to expect:

School starts on Tuesday, September 3rd at 8:28 (well that's the first bell, it really starts at 8:30). Students will remain in class doing activities with their **Temporary** teacher until recess, which is at 10:15, where they will be able to go outside and have some fun. After recess, we will all meet in the gym for our first assembly of the year. In the assembly, which you are all invited to attend (10:35 - 10:50ish), we will be talking about what it means to be part of Cherry Hill

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Elementary, some basic expectations, and introduce all our staff. Following the assembly, they will return to class with their **Temporary** teacher and be dismissed at 11:00 from their **Temporary Classes**.

Can you please let your kids know that the classes are **Temporary**?

The First Week at a Glance:

Monday, Sept. 2nd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School is closed
Tuesday, Sept. 3rd	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• School starts regular time: first bell is 8:28• Find your temporary class (line up any time before the first bell)• Full School Assembly at 10:35 am• Dismissal at 11:00 am from the Temporary classroom
Wednesday, Sept. 4th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular School Day (8:30-2:23)
Thursday, Sept. 5th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular School Day (8:30-2:23)
Friday, Sept. 6th	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular School Day (8:30-2:23)• Classes will be finalized (hopefully)

Thank you all for your continued support and patience as we work together in your child's education.

Take care,

Rob Clark, Principal