

CPSElementary@Mizzou Welcome & Event Dates – August 18, 2020

Dear Virtual Elementary Families,

Welcome to CPSElementary@Mizzou! We are excited that you and your child have decided to participate in our online learning option. In this letter, we want to introduce ourselves, tell you what we are working on, and share some updated information about what is coming up.

Our teams at both CPS and Mizzou are preparing for an exciting school year and are dedicated to the success of this program. Our goal is to ensure the best possible learning opportunity for every student enrolled in CPSElementary@Mizzou. We have three administrators overseeing CPSElementary@Mizzou. Please find an introductory message and information about their responsibilities below:

CPS General Administrator- Jeri Petre

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Teacher and Family Support

Instruction, Scheduling, Problem-Solving

My name is Jeri Petre. This is my 19th year with CPS and 28th year in education. I have spent my career with CPS as assistant principal at Blue Ridge Elementary, principal at Derby Ridge Elementary and had the privilege of opening Eliot Battle Elementary as principal. I am looking forward to working with familiar faces and new families in our CPS community!

CPS LMS Administrator- John Elliston

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Teacher and Family Support

Schoology and CPS Resource Support

It will be a pleasure to work with each of you. My name is John Elliston. I am currently starting my 30th year in education. I taught 16 years, was an elementary principal for 11 (2 years at Shepard), and beginning my third year as a district coordinator with CPS.

Mizzou Academy Administrator - Kathryn Fishman-Weaver

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Overall Program Support

We are excited to welcome you to CPSElementary@Mizzou. My name is Kathryn Fishman-Weaver, and I serve as the Interim Executive Director at Mizzou Academy. In addition to my work with the College of Education, I also have deep roots with Columbia Public Schools. On behalf of Mizzou Academy, I want to welcome you and share that we can't wait to see this program come to life in Columbia Public Schools.

We understand that you may have many questions. An FAQ and a family orientation guide from Mizzou Academy is also available at www.cpsk12.org/cpselementary@mizzou.

The Columbia Board of Education approved a revised [school year calendar](#) last night. Instruction will now begin on **September 8**. Additionally, please note that any changes in how in-person instruction is delivered (in-person, hybrid in-person or fully online) **does not** impact CPSElementary@Mizzou.

We have also created several opportunities to address your questions. You'll want to mark the dates on your calendars.

- **Family Webinar** - 6:00-7:00 p.m., August, 19, 2020
 - [MU Family Webinar](#)
- **Meet the Teacher Night (Virtual)** - 5:00-6:00 p.m., Sept. 3, 2020 (***New Date!***)

Also note that in the coming days you will also receive information from your child's school building regarding annual registration updates and device drive-thru pick-up. Updating registration and contact information is required annually of all families regardless of their enrollment choice for fall.

Thank you, all! We are looking forward to learning together, celebrating student success, and welcoming families to the CPSElementary@Mizzou community.

Best wishes,

John, Jeri, and Kathryn