

COPPER HILLS ELEMENTARY

Student Council – Fall 2023



It's time for the 2023-2024 1st Semester Student Council Elections! The Copper Hills student body is looking for some enthusiastic students in good standing who want to get involved with our school and want a “say” in what goes on at Copper Hills. Student Council is fun, rewarding, and provides leadership for the student body while learning the fundamentals of student government. **Student council meetings take place every other Tuesday in Room 7.**

Election Timeline

- **Tuesday, August 22nd** Student Council packets are distributed in 4th-6th grade classes.
- **Monday, August 28th** Permission Slips and Election Posters are due to Mrs. Delgado in Room 7 by 3:00PM; 2.0 GPA (4th Qtr. 2022-2023) checked by Mrs. Holdener
- **Tuesday, August 29th** Students put up posters in MPR at 10:30AM recess
- **Wednesday, August 30th** Speeches due to Mrs. Delgado in Room 7 by 1:45PM for approval
- **Friday, September 1st** Election Assembly, 1:45pm (Students will be giving speeches live at an assembly in front of the 4th, 5th, and 6th graders). Voting by Google form happens in class after the assembly.
- **Tuesday, September 5th** **Election Results announced over morning announcements**

* Please do not pass out any promotional items for campaigning, such as stickers, candy, t-shirts, etc.

Offices and Duties

OFFICE	REQUIREMENTS	DUTIES
President	Must be a responsible 6 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	Preside over all student body meetings and officers. Represents the Copper Hills student body. Takes part in morning announcements and will take the lead in producing the Friday video announcements. Responsible for leading all school flag salute, and attending/assisting with awards ceremonies. This student needs to be responsible and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
Vice President	Must be a responsible 5 th or 6 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	The Vice President presides over the meetings when the president is not there, takes part in morning announcements, and assists when needed for rallies, game days, and assemblies. This student needs to be responsible and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
Secretary	Must be a responsible 5 th or 6 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	The Secretary takes minutes at all meetings and keeps a binder with important Student Council information and takes part in morning announcements. This student needs to be a good writer, responsible student, and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
Office Liaison- 1 per grade level	Must be a responsible 4 th , 5 th , or 6 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	Communication officer for their grade level. Must check in with the office daily to report any information to the grade-level teachers and communicate with the administrators on behalf of the student body. This student needs to be responsible and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
Special Event and Rally Commissioner- 2 students	Must be a responsible 4 th , 5 th , or 6 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	Responsible for the set up and take down of all school events and rallies, including Red Ribbon Week, Pink Week, Special Events, etc. This student needs to be responsible and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
Athletics Commissioner- 2 students	Must be a responsible 4 th , 5 th , or 6 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	The Commissioners work collaboratively to set up and assist in preparing for Game Day and any other organized events, as well as taking part in morning announcements. Also responsible for collecting all playground equipment after recesses/PE, taking ball bin in and out for recess and/or lunch, Maintaining the ball bin, and working with the CH Staff Athletic Director to keep equipment ready for students. This student needs to be responsible and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.
Commissioner Of Safety and Grounds- 2 students	Must be a responsible 4 th grade student with a minimum 2.0 GPA	Responsible for weekly restroom checks, MPR checks after lunch, and reporting any safety hazards to the administration. Assists Mrs. Holdener with Trash Crew, with the quarterly district clean campus inspection, and weekly assigned classroom clean up areas. Times fire drills and evacuation drills. This student needs to be responsible and maintain a minimum of 2.0 GPA.

Rules and Guidelines

1. Once a student is elected, failure to follow general school rules can result in removal from office. Student Council officers are leaders on campus and are expected to be a great example to other students at all times.
2. Student Council members must maintain a minimum of a 2.0 GPA at all times.
3. To earn a Block CH point for being an elected Student Council member, student must attend meetings and participate in the activities planned by the student council.
4. Once elected, attendance at student council meetings is required. On the third unexcused absence, a student may be removed from office.
5. **Campaign speeches** must be given. **Speeches will be approved before being shown and cannot extend past 2 minutes.** Speeches must be given without aid from anyone else. Speeches must be positive and not involve put-downs of other candidates or involve references to real politicians.
6. All students running have the opportunity to create a **poster** that will be displayed in the MPR before voting occurs. The poster should at least have your name and the position you are running for. Positive posters only – no put downs of other candidates. Posters should be appropriate for an elementary school audience. No references to actual political figures are allowed. **Posters can be no bigger than 22 x 28 inches. No foam boards, please. Nothing heavy should be attached to your poster.**
7. Respect, thoughtfulness, and proper behavior for all students must be maintained at all times during the election process and after students are elected.
8. If any rules are not followed, the student may be disqualified.

IDEAS FOR STUDENT COUNCIL SPEECHES

- Introduce yourself and tell what office you are running for
- Say why you would be a good choice for the office
- Tell what experience you have had that qualifies you for the position, or why you would be a good choice for the office
- Leave the audience with something that you want them to remember about you when they vote on -----.
- Say, "Thank you!"
- Remember that this is earning you a Block CH point, so your speech needs to be well written and informative.

Detach this form and return to Mrs. Delgado in Room 7 on Monday, August 28th, along with campaign poster. Speech is due Wednesday, August 30th for approval .

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CAMPAIGN PERMISSION SLIP**

Student's Name _____ Current Grade Level _____

Desired Office/Position _____

Teacher's Name _____ Room # _____

Teacher's Signature _____

Principal/ GIS Signature _____ 2022-2023 4th Qtr. GPA _____

My child has my support and permission to run for student body office. I understand that my son/daughter will be put in a leadership role at Copper Hills Elementary and he/she will abide by all rules pertaining to the office held for one full semester. I understand that my son/daughter will be out of class for various activities and duties. He/She will be held responsible for any missed classroom assignments and teacher expectations. **I am aware that the meetings for student council will be held twice a month and are mandatory. I understand that no more than two unexcused absences are allowed or he/she will be removed from office.**

Parent Signature _____

Date _____

I understand the rules and guidelines set forth by the advisors of the Copper Hills' Student Council. I am running for office and will do my best, if elected, to make Copper Hills the best it can be. I understand that I will be out of class for various activities and duties. I am responsible for any missed classroom assignments and teacher expectations. **I understand that I must attend all meetings. I understand that upon my third unexcused absence, I will be removed from office.**

Student Signature _____

Date _____