

MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL

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PARENT/STUDENT GUIDE
2021-2022

A MESSAGE TO PARENTS

The purpose of this handbook is to inform you, the parent, about the established practices within our school community. Knowing these procedures will help you to understand the logistics of the school and provide full transparency into the operations and expectations of the school environment.

Parents are encouraged to become involved with our school. This can be accomplished through joining our PTO, attending BOE Meetings, volunteering within the building and maintaining an open dialogue with your child's teacher(s).

Parents, teachers, and administrators are partners in a child's learning experience. Through this collaborative mindset, your child will be assured to have the greatest possible PK-8 school experience. We look forward to a year full of learning and growth!

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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BOARD MEETINGS

Official Board of Education Meetings are usually held the 3rd Tuesday of each month commencing at 7:00 pm. A list of dates is posted on our school's website and in the main office.

SCHOOL TELEPHONE

732-222-6139

Fax: 732-222-2395

Website: www.mbschool.org

SCHOOL HOURS/ARRIVAL TIME

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY: 8:15 am - 2:45 pm

***PK School Day:** 8:30 - 2:30 pm

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY: 8:15 am - 12:30 pm (no lunch)

DELAYED OPENING: 9:45 am - 2:45 pm

Middle School students' (6-8) arrival window will be from 8:00 am - 8:15 am. Students will enter the building, visit their lockers and report to their first block class no later than 8:15 am. Arrivals into the first block beyond 8:15 am will be considered tardy.

Elementary School students' (K-5) arrival time will be 8:15 am. Students will report directly to their homeroom. Any student entering homeroom after 8:20 am will be considered tardy.

***Families that have middle school and elementary school students can drop all children off within the 8:00 - 8:15 am window. Elementary students arriving prior to 8:15 am should report to the gym to wait for dismissal to their homerooms.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The State Law requires that all students between the ages of six and sixteen attend school. The only legal reason for absence is sickness, death in the family, or religious holidays as approved by the State Board of Education.

According to our District's Policy, a parent whose child has been **absent more than 20 days** must petition the Superintendent to grant a waiver of our attendance requirement.

When a child will be absent from the school, the following procedures should be followed:

- Please call 732-222-6139 ext. 256 (Health Office) before 8:30 am to report the absence.
- If a child is scheduled to leave early, please email the main office, costello@mbschool.org or fichera@mbschool.org.
- Upon returning to school, a note must be submitted to the main office documenting the reason and date(s) of the absence.

In the event the school does not hear from the parent prior to 8:30 am, the parent will be called to confirm the absence.

Please make every effort to schedule family vacations with the school calendar in mind. Vacations are considered unexcused absences and virtual learning will not be an option for travel. Unexcused absences will be subject to a school district response as outlined in Policy 5200. Teachers are not responsible for providing make-up work, in advance, for students who are on vacation. Missed work must be completed upon return within a reasonable time frame.

TARDINESS

Parents are responsible to ensure that his/her child(ren) arrive at the designated time. Middle School students' arrival window is 8:00 am - 8:15 am. Arrivals into first block beyond 8:15 am will be considered tardy. Elementary students' arrival time will be 8:15 am. Students entering homeroom after 8:20 am will be considered tardy.

Parents will be notified via letter when a student is **tardy 5 times**. A parent/student conference will be required with the Administrator of Academic Achievement when the number of tardies reaches **10 times**. After the **15th day tardy**, the parent and child will be required to meet with the Superintendent to discuss plans for having the student arrive to school on time. Should it continue to be a pattern of behavior, loss of privileges may occur such as after school activities and participation in other special events.

SCHOOL CLOSING AND/OR LATE OPENING

In case of a school closing, because of inclement weather or other emergency event, the closing will be announced using our Automated Telephone Emergency System. We will also announce this information on the school website, News12, and other social media outlets, like Twitter and Instagram.

There are also times when the weather causes travel conditions to be hazardous but does not warrant a full-day closure. On such days there may be a delayed start. School will open at 9:45 am and lunchtime will be held.

EMERGENCY EARLY CLOSING

In the event of an early school closure, it is the responsibility of the parent to discuss these procedures with his/her child(ren).

To have a safe emergency early closing the following procedures will be followed:

- If there is a nor'easter with rain, snow or possible flooding and school may close early-**have a plan for your child that day. The early dismissal time will be at 12:30 pm.**
- The emergency early closing will be announced using the Automated Telephone Emergency System. The information will also be announced via the school website, Twitter, and Instagram.

DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

When there is flooding and Griffin Street is impassable, students will use the Hastings Place entrances for arrival and/or dismissal. If a more complex plan (with staggered dismissal/arrival) needs to be implemented, plans will be communicated via email to all parents.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

Back-to-School Night is scheduled for September 23, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Dismissal will be at 12:30 pm for all students. More information will follow regarding specific schedules and visitations. Teachers will meet with parents to provide an overview of the school year and have parents visit the learning space.

PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES

Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS)

A team, under the direction of the Administrator of Academic Achievement and Special Services, will be convened to assist with creating a plan to meet the needs of individual students through possible intervention structures. A child who is identified as needing support academically, social-emotionally, or behaviorally can be referred to the team by a teacher who has collected data to support the referral and believes there is substantial evidence to warrant additional support. When a referral is to be made, the referring teacher will contact the parents to inform them of the referral and rationale for the referral.

Following time receiving interventions and further data collection, the I&RS team could make a referral to the Child Study Team (CST) or 504 Team.

Child Study Team (CST)

The CST is composed of a Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant (LDTTC), a Speech and Language Therapist, an Occupational Therapist, a School Psychologist and a School Social Worker. The function of the team is to identify students who have learning disabilities and develop specific programs to support these students. Parents are involved throughout the identification and evaluation process.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

A parent may request a conference at any time by making an appointment with a teacher. Annual school conferences will be held on November 22 and 23. More information regarding scheduling for these dates will be forthcoming.

HOMEWORK

The Monmouth Beach School acknowledges the potential benefit of homework as an extension of the instructional program.

What is homework? Homework is a learning task connected to classroom learning experiences that is to be completed outside of formal school day. The type of homework will vary dependent upon the content being covered and the grade level of the student. The average amount of homework should not exceed 10 minutes per grade level. For example: Grade 3 = 3 x 10 minutes= 30 minutes total.

What is the Purpose of Homework? Homework is assigned to extend the learning experience of students beyond the classroom. It can have the purpose of reinforcement, extension and/or application. Teachers support students in helping them establish strong work habits and also ensure that assignments are meaningful for the students.

What is the Student's Role? Students should assume responsibility for the completion of homework assignments and should make certain that he/she understands the purpose and requirements of the learning task.

What is the Parent's Role? The parent should provide a home environment that is conducive to learning. The parent should encourage his/her child to complete all assignments on time and put forth effort in the completion of these learning tasks. In general, parents should support his/her child in completing homework assignments in a way which fosters independence as a thinker and a learner.

Makeup Homework Assignments-Teachers will have individual practices within their classroom structures for making up missed/forgotten assignments. Students who miss homework due to absences will have reasonable time to makeup work as outlined in Policy #6154.

ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION TO STUDENTS

In order to ensure the health and safety of the students attending the Monmouth Beach School, the Board of Education has established the following guidelines to educate personnel regarding the administration of medication to students.

Administration of medication by school personnel is discouraged since it is a medical function and not an educational function. However, since some children require medication during school hours due to specific medical conditions, the following procedures will be followed:

- Before any medication may be administered to a student during school hours, the Board of Education ***will require a written request by the parent/guardian*** which will give permission for such administration by the School Nurse and relieve the Board and its employees of liability for the administration of medication.
- In addition, the Board of Education requires the ***written order of the prescribing physician*** which must include:
 - The purpose of the medication
 - The dosage and time at which the medication shall be given
 - The length of time the medication is prescribed
 - Possible side effects of the medication.

- All medications whether prescribed or over-the-counter shall be administered by the school nurse, the parent/guardian or the student himself/herself (when permitted by the parent/guardian and school nurse present).
- Medications shall be securely stored and kept in the original labeled container.
- The school nurse shall maintain a record of the name of the student to whom medication may be administered, the prescribing physician, the dosage, the timing of administration and a notation of each administration.
- All medication shall be brought to school by the parent/guardian and shall be picked up at the end of the school year or the period of the administration (whichever comes first).
- In the event of a life threatening situation, the Board of Education encourages intervention of any staff member or adult on behalf of the child.

EQUAL EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The Monmouth Beach Board of Education affirms its responsibility and commitment to ensure that all students attending the Monmouth Beach School have equal access to educational opportunities free from limitations based upon ethnic or racial background, religious belief, sex, economic and social conditions or national origin.

No one, including students, staff members, vendors, volunteers, or visitors, shall commit acts of harassment or discrimination of any kind against any member of the school community on any of the grounds prohibited by law.

Harassment is a behavior of a physical, verbal, and/or psychological nature with an effect of causing harm or hurt. Harassing behaviors are those behaviors that are unwelcome, unwanted, uncomfortable in the view of recipient. Harassment may be claimed by a third party. That is, individuals who are not directly involved may experience a hostile environment. They shall have the same legal rights to act under this policy as those that are directly victimized.

Any member of the student body may file a formal grievance related to the provisions of the policy. The Affirmative Action Officer will receive all complaints and initiate a thorough investigation and will protect the rights of both the student making the complaint and the alleged offender, including the right to receive confidential help and support. An immediate report of the allegation (grievance form) should be made to the Affirmative Action Officer and the Superintendent.

The Affirmative Action policy and plans are available in the main office. The Monmouth Beach Board of Education has appointed Mrs. Amanda Mergner, Administrator of Academic Achievement and Special Services as the affirmative action officer for the school district. (Policies 2260, 1550)

NON-DISCRIMINATION

The Monmouth Beach School does not discriminate against persons who are disabled in admissions to, or access to, or treatment or employment in its programs and activities. (Policy 1530, EOE)

ASBESTOS MANAGEMENT

The District's Asbestos Management Plan is located in the Business Office. If you wish to view the plan and its contents, please call the office to make an appointment.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

Students at Monmouth Beach School...

- Respect the physical, social, and emotional well being of others.
- Respect the classroom environment and the teacher's responsibility to teach in an atmosphere free of interruption and inappropriate behavior.
- Attend school and arrive to school on time.
- Have the right to be free from harassment, intimidation and bullying.
- Strive for academic excellence by being a responsible, engaged learner.

The following behaviors are strictly prohibited:

- Inappropriate dress
- Lack of respect for school staff, other adults, and/or classmates
- Violation of safety rules regulations during the school day or while participating in afterschool activities
- Obscene, vulgar, immoral or indecent language, writing, gestures, signs, or acts (including racial and ethnic remarks)
- Any bias related incident regarding race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, or disability
- Defacing school or student property (theft, damage, vandalism)
- Violation of the school's Acceptable Use Policy (Chromebooks & network use)
- Harassment, intimidation or bullying
- Wrongful entry into the building without permission or supervision.
- Physical assault of another student or staff member
- Cheating or engaging in academic dishonesty
- Gambling, smoking, drinking alcoholic beverages and/or substance abuse
- Possession of a weapon or any device intended to harm another
- False alarm for fire, bomb or other emergency situation

INTERVENTIONS AND CONSEQUENCES

Based on the severity and frequency of the infraction, the following interventions and/or consequences may be imposed in no particular order:

- Verbal warning
- General classroom consequence (teacher discretion)
- Parent phone call and/or meeting
- Meeting with Social Behavioral Support Specialist (SBSS)
- Administrative referral
- Lunch period reflection session
- After school reflection session
- In-School Suspension
- Out-of-School Suspension
- Expulsion
- Loss of privileges (lunch out-8th only, extracurricular participation, field trips, special events/assemblies, dances, etc.)
- Any other intervention or consequence the administration deems appropriate

See BOE POLICY 5512 for information specific to Harassment, Intimidation and Bullying as defined by the Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights.

BUS REGULATION (Field Trips/Sports)

The following rules, regulations and guidelines have been established to improve the safety of our transportation of students. Due to the responsibility of the driver, the student and parent must assume responsibility for behavior and safety.

- All students must be seated before the driver may move the bus. Student must remain seated while the bus is in motion.
- All students must wear seat belts at all times (when available).
- Students must keep hands, heads, and/or arms inside of the bus and may not extend out of open windows.
- Parents shall be held financially responsible for any markings or damage to school bus property.
- Fighting, pushing, or any other inappropriate behavior is not permitted on the bus.
- Students must maintain the cleanliness of the bus keeping track of his/her belongings.
- Each student should be vigilant looking left and right when deboarding the bus in case other vehicles fail to obey the bus lights.
- Students should not engage the driver in conversation or distract the driver in any way. Students shall be respectful to the driver and address the driver in an appropriate manner.

Any violation of appropriate bus behavior will be reported by the driver to an administrator. The administration will have the discretion to revoke bus privileges for students who do not comply with bus regulations.

SUSPENSION

A suspension is one of the last phases in progressive discipline practices when dealing with serious behavioral issues. When a student's behavior rises to the level that it endangers the safety, well-being and/or compromises the learning environment of others, it may be necessary to remove the student from the typical classroom learning environment.

Suspension is at the discretion of the administrator and may take place in-school or at-home. Below are situations that could result in a suspension:

- Repeated misbehavior without improvement.
- Smoking, using drugs, or alcohol on school grounds.
- Destruction of school property.
- Inappropriate use of technology including cell phones and social media platforms.
- Possession of weapons or any other dangerous instrument.
- Distribution of illegal substances on school grounds.
- Physical aggression (fighting).
- All other situations listed in the School Code of Conduct (Policy 5200).

Monmouth Beach School's behavioral philosophy is one-centered on restorative practices which entails students participating in inclusivity, building respectful relationships, and working towards personal growth. Suspension is reserved for situations which endanger safety, are illegal, and/or compromise the learning environment.

SCHOOL LAW

18:37-1 Submission of Pupils to Authority

Pupils in public school shall comply with the rules established in pursuance of law for the government of such schools, pursue the prescribed course of study and submit to the authority of the teachers and others in the authority over them.

18A: 37-2 Causes for Suspension or Expulsion of Pupils

Any pupil who is guilty of continued and willful disobedience, or of open defiance over authority over him, or of the habitual use of profanity or of obscene language, or who shall cut, deface or otherwise injure any school property, shall be liable to punishment and to suspension or expulsion from school.

DRUG PREVENTION PROGRAM

The Board of Education recognizes drugs, alcohol, and tobacco use presents a growing issue in society and is aware of the significant role played by the school in educating students of the dangers. The Board of Education developed Policies 3218 and 5530 to offer guidelines and implemented a drug prevention program as a part of the PE and Health Curriculum. The school has:

- Developed a program in partnership with the local MBPD to address the legal, social, and health consequences of drugs, alcohol and tobacco use which provides information about effective techniques for resisting peer pressure to use illicit drugs or alcohol.
- Alerted students to the use of illicit drugs and the unlawful possession and use of alcohol is wrong and harmful.
- Set standards of conduct that prohibits the unlawful possession, use or distribution of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco on school premises.
- A statement that disciplinary sanctions consistent with local, state and federal law up to and including expulsion and referral for prosecution will be imposed on students who violate the standards of conduct.
- Information about drugs, alcohol, and tobacco counseling and rehabilitation programs for students.

STUDENT RECORDS

The New Jersey Administrative Code-Title 6-specifically states how the records of public school students must be handled by the school. The law is very extensive. However, some basic information is as follows:

- Parents of students under 18 years of age are guaranteed access to their child's record within 10 days of their request.
- The Monmouth Beach Board of Education Policy 8330 covers all aspects of the law.

Parents who wish to review their child's records or have these rules and regulations further explained, should call the school to make an appointment.

LUNCH ROOM

In September of each school year, a questionnaire will be sent to each parent to determine if their children qualify for free or reduced lunch under the Child Nutrition Program. If we do not have 5% of the students qualifying, no lunch program will be initiated.

The Board of Education will provide an eating area for all children attending school. All students are expected to remain on campus for the scheduled lunch period unless a parent signs a child out through the main office and brings them home for lunch.

***8th Grade Students may be granted the privilege to leave campus for lunch on a designated day of the week. Students will be supervised by school personnel during this lunch privilege.

The following lunchroom behaviors will not be condoned:

- Throwing items in the lunchroom.
- Popping bags or milk cartons.
- Disruptive behavior, including, but not limited to: (1) excessive noise, (2) out of seat while eating, (3) insubordination/disrespect to supervising adults.
- Lack of appropriate table manners.

Failure to meet these expectations will result in:

- A verbal warning.
- Removal from the lunchroom and an administrative referral.
- For 8th Graders, loss of outside eating privileges.

SEARCH AND SEIZURE

School lockers are the property of the school district even when used by students. Lockers are subject to administrative search in the interest of school safety, sanitation, discipline or enforcement of school regulations and to search by law enforcement officials on presentation of a proper warrant.

A student's personal possessions may be searched by a school official provided that the school official has reasonable grounds to suspect that the search will turn up evidence that the student has violated or is violating either the law or the school's code of conduct. Under no circumstances shall a search be conducted based solely on an anonymous tip and/or rumor that contraband is present or someone is partaking in illegal and/or illicit behavior. The extent or scope of the search shall be reasonably related to the objectives of the search and not excessively intrusive in light of the age and sex of the student and the nature of the infraction. Before instituting such a search, expect in emergency situations, the school administrator shall try and inform the parents/guardians.

Chapter 198 allows the school official to inspect student lockers or other student facilities. Districts may conduct these searches as long as students are notified in writing at the beginning of the school year and that such inspections may occur. This Parent/Student Guide is written notification that such searches may be conducted.

HONOR ROLL

A *High Honor Roll* is published at the end of each marking period recognizing all students in Grades 7 and 8 who have achieved a grade of 93 or higher in all subjects: Mathematics, Language Arts Literacy, Social Studies, Science, and all Activity Arts classes.

The *Honor Roll* lists all students who have achieved a grade of 85 or better in all of the subjects listed above.

A *National Junior Honor Society* organization has been established for Middle School students.

REPORTING PERIODS

End of the 1st Marking Period:	November 15, 2021
1st Marking Period Report Card:	November 23, 2021
End of the 2nd Marking Period:	January 28, 2022
2nd Marking Period Report Card:	February 7, 2022
End of the 3rd Marking Period:	April 7, 2022
3rd Marking Period Report Card:	April 12, 2022

STANDARDIZED TESTING

The InView (Cognitive Skills) will be administered to students in Grades 2 and 5 in October 2021.

Students in Grades 3-8 will be administered the NJSLA during April/May 2022. Students in Grades 5 and 8 will also be administered the NJSLA-Science.

Students in Grades K-8 will also take the LinkIt Benchmark Assessments in ELA and Math. Students in Grades 1-8 will have a Fall-Winter-Spring administration while Kindergarten students will have a Winter-Spring administration. Results can be accessed on the LinkIt Parent Portal.

CELL PHONE USE

Any cell phone brought to school must be turned off and kept in the students' backpack, locker, or classroom storage location for the duration of the school day. Students are subject to disciplinary measures in the event of cell phone misuse.

MISCELLANEOUS

Personal Belongings: Parents should mark all personal items. If an item is lost, it is the quickest way to have it returned. Lost and Found is located in the All Purpose Room. Students may check for items that are lost at 2:45 pm.

Care of School Materials: All school materials for student use are the responsibility of the student to maintain in good condition. All textbooks should be covered during the first week of school. Adhesive covers are not permitted on hardcover textbooks. Lockers are also the responsibility of the student to keep clean and free from materials other than those necessary for school use.

Classroom Parties: The general rule is that parties are not permitted for students or teachers in the school environment. Exceptions are made at the PK-5 levels. Parents may send in a special birthday snack/treat with his/her child to be distributed at the end of the school day with prior approval from the teacher and administration. **Grades 6-8 do not participate in birthday celebrations.**

Electronic Devices: Students are not permitted to bring electronic devices, other than cell phones, to school. This includes, but is not limited to: electric skateboards, scooters, iPads, laser pointers, etc.

THE SCHOOL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST, STOLEN OR DAMAGED ITEMS.

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Schools are required by NJ State Law to hold two emergency drills each month. These include fire drills, and an exercise, other than a fire drill, to practice procedures that respond to emergency situations, including but not limited to, a bomb threat, a non-fire evacuation, a lockdown, or an active shooter that is similar in duration to a fire drill.

CLASS PLACEMENTS

The Superintendent/Principal is responsible for the assignment of students to grade levels and specific classroom teachers. Parental requests for placement with a specific teacher will not be honored unless there is an extreme or unusual circumstance.

FIELD TRIPS

Field trips are designed to stimulate student interest and inquiry. They provide opportunities for social growth and development and are an appropriate extension of the classroom. Students who have difficulty following classroom and safety rules, listening and following directions, may be excluded from these excursions. This will be at the discretion of the administration.

It is the responsibility of the parent/student to ensure that a signed Trip Permission Form is returned to school prior to the date of the trip. The privilege of participating in a class trip will be denied without signed parental permission. Non permission will be granted over the phone. Guidelines exist for those students who require medication on the trip. Contact the School Nurse for additional information. The nurse may arrange for a certified substitute nurse to attend all trips where medically complicated students are in attendance.

VISITORS AND BUILDING SECURITY

To ensure your child's safety, all visitors must enter the vestibule in the main entrance and identify themselves and announce their intentions for the visit. Parents/visitors must stop at the main office, sign in and obtain a visitor's badge before going to any part of the building. Security personnel is on-site at the school. Classes cannot be interrupted before or during the day for any reason unless an appointment has been made or an emergency situation has arisen. Conferences must be pre-arranged prior to arrival at school.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Please read the information carefully regarding student-athletes and sports participation. This is an excerpt from the Board of Education Extracurricular Activities Policy.

The following areas directly affect students/coaches/advisors who may participate in an extracurricular activity:

- During the time the activity is in session or season, the coach/advisor shall:
 - Post a weekly schedule for meetings/practices/games to pass along to parents.
 - Monitor student grades at the end of each marking period to ensure that students are eligible for participation.
 - Monitor student progress throughout the marking period to confer with a student about academic progress/standing.
- A student is **not eligible** to participate in a session/practice/meeting:
 - On a day when a student has been issued a consequence by an administrator that conflicts with the time of the activity (i.e. after school).
 - While suspended from school.
 - Upon the occurrence of a second suspension, the student's eligibility to participate in extracurricular activities is terminated for the remainder of the school year.
 - If absent from school the day of the activity.
 - If the student misses a practice or game without approval, uses profane language, is insubordinate to the coach or demonstrates poor sportsmanship, then the student shall miss the next competition.
 - If an athlete has not passed a physical within a year, he/she will not be able to participate.

- Academic Eligibility (for clubs, trips, sports, etc.): To be a participating student he/she must adhere to the following standards:
 - The student must maintain an overall 77 average with no failing grades. Grades will be checked mid-marking period and at the end of a marking period with the issuance of the report card.
 - If the student receives a failing grade or his/her average falls below a 77 average, he/she will be removed from the activity until the mid-point of the next marking period or the next report card.
 - The student must be in good standing with attendance. Excessive absences or tardiness without reason will result in potential removal from the activity for a specified period of time until attendance improves.

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Students in Grades K-8 are eligible to receive Gifted and Talented services ranging from targeted instruction to exposure/experiential learning. This program is a pull-out program and is facilitated one time per week for the entire school year (kindergarten begins in February). Students are identified for Academic Gifted and Talented based on multiple screening criteria inclusive of a cognitive abilities assessment (InView), standards-based performance markers (LinkIt Benchmarks/NJSLA), and teacher evaluation. Specific criteria for each grade level is posted on the district website. The entire student population is screened for participation each school year.

To broaden the exposure to enriching activities, all students in Grades K-8 will be eligible for Enrichment Workshops based on teacher recommendations. These workshops focus on a specific skill, such as writing, engineering/design, and critical thinking. Each workshop runs approximately 6 weeks (meeting 1 time per week). All learning in these workshops focuses on a model of Project-Based Learning.

2021-2022 SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Administration

Superintendent	Mrs. Jessica L. Alfone
Administrator of Academic Achievement/Supervisor of Special Services	Mrs. Amanda Mergner
Business Administrator	Mr. Peter E. Genovese, III

Teaching Staff

Preschool	Mrs. Michelle LaValle
Preschool	Mrs. Tracy Pennell
Preschool	Mrs. MaryAlyce Turner
Kindergarten	Mrs. Debra Marino
Grade 1	Mrs. Julie Kiamie
Grade 1	Mrs. Kara Sheridan
Grade 2	Ms. Nicole DePalma
Grade 2	Ms. Kory Poznak
Grade 3	Mrs. Karina Gervolino
Grade 3	Mrs. Rianne Bowlby
Grade 4 (ELA)	Mrs. Barbara Brown
Grade 4 (Math/Sci/SST)	Mrs. Stephanie Santry
Grade 5 (ELA)	Mrs. Nancy Pietz
Grade 5 (Math/Sci/SST)	Mr. Jason Vastano
Middle School Math	Ms. Jade Gordon
Middle School Math/Science	Ms. Emily Olsen
Middle School Science	Mrs. Doreen Silakowski
Middle School ELA	Mrs. Alexandria Maxcy
Middle School ELA	Mrs. Erin Deininger
Middle School Social Studies	Mr. Peter Vincelli
Middle School Social Studies/ Literacy Coach	Mrs. Meghan Vaccarelli

Teaching Staff

Grade 1 ICS	Mrs. Rachel Kammerer
Grade 1 ICS	Meaghan Cavanaugh
Grade 3 ICS	Ms. Danielle Ciaglia
Grade 4 ICS	Mrs. Alison McMahon
Grade 5 ICS	Mrs. Jaclyn Murray
ICS Middle School Math/Science ICS Middle School ELA	Mrs. Dorothy Mahoney
Reading Interventionist	Mrs. Erin Deininger
Math Interventionist	Mrs. Lori Gallo
Art	Mrs. Jessica Clark
Spanish (Grades 3-8)	Ms. Brianne Mitchell
PE/Health	Mrs. Denise Sullivan
PE/Health	Mr. Michael Kammerer
Music/Band	Mrs. Emily Knight
Innovation Specialist	Mrs. Emily Rossi
Media/Maker & GT	Mr. Christopher Aviles
	Mrs. Dina LoPiccolo

Child Study Team

Supervisor	Mrs. Amanda Mergner
LDT/C	Mrs. Cynthia Zayko
OT	Mrs. Suzanne Shafritz
Psychologist	Mrs. Deborah Tuzzo
Social Worker	Mrs. Christine Priest
SBSS	Ms. Courtney MacKay
Speech Therapist	Mrs. Tina Fregelette

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Technology Department

Mr. Christopher Dringus
Mr. Daryl Southwood
Mr. Timothy Blake
Mr. David Booth

School Nurse

Mrs. Susan Gillick

Secretarial Staff

Administrative Secretary	Ms. Dawn Fichera
Assistant to the BA	Mrs. Joan Konopka
School Secretary	Ms. Kathy Costello

Custodial Staff

Mr. Robert Seidel
Mr. Joseph Morizio

SEPTEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Staff Day School Closed	2 Staff Day School Closed	3 School Closed	4
5	6 Labor Day School Closed	7 Rosh Hashanah School Closed	8 12:30 Dismissal	9 12:30 Dismissal	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Yom Kippur School Closed	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Back to School Night 12:30 Dismissal	24	25
26	27	28	29 School Picture Day	30		

OCTOBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Columbus Day School Closed	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27 12:30 Dismissal Staff Professional Day	28	29 Halloween Parade 1:30 p.m. 12 Noon Dismissal	30

NOVEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Election Day	3	4 NJEA Convention School Closed	5 NJEA Convention School Closed	6
7	8	9	10 Picture Make-Up Day	11	12	13
14	15 End of 1st MP	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 Teacher Conferences (Afternoon) 12:30 Dismissal	23 Teacher Conferences (Afternoon) 12:30 Dismissal	24 Thanksgiving Recess Begins 12:30 Dismissal 1st MP Report Cards	25 Thanksgiving Recess School Closed	26 Thanksgiving Recess School Closed	27
28 Hanukkah	29	30				

DECEMBER 2021

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 12:30 Dismissal Professional Day	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Winter Concert 12:30 Dismissal	17	18
19	20	21	22	23 Winter Recess 12:30 Dismissal	24 Christmas Eve School Closed	25 Christmas
26	27 School Closed	28 School Closed	29 School Closed	30 School Closed	31 New Year's Eve School Closed	

JANUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 New Year's Day
2	3 School Reopens	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 PreSchool Registration 9:30 am to 11 am	13	14	15
16	17 Martin Luther King Day School Closed	18	19	20 PreK Concert During Class	21 PreK Concert During Class	22
23/30	24/31	25	26	27	28 End of 2nd MP	29

FEBRUARY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 2nd MP Report Cards	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 12:30 Dismissal Professional Day	17	18	19
20	21 President's Day School Closed	22	23	24	25	26
27	28					

MARCH 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Junior Band Concert	3 Kindergarten Registration 9:30 am to 11 am	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 12:30 Dismissal Professional Day	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

APRIL 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 End of 3rd MP	5	6 Kindergarten Conferences	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 3rd MP Report Cards	14 Spring Recess 12:30 Dismissal	15 Good Friday Passover School Closed	16
17 Easter Sunday	18 School Closed	19 School Closed	20 School Closed	21 School Closed	22 School Closed	23
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 12:30 Dismissal Professional Day	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Camp Bernie 7th Grade	12 Camp Bernie 7th Grade	13 Camp Bernie 7th Grade	14
15	16	17	18 Spring Convert K through 3rd	19	20	21
22	23	24 Camp Bernie 6th Grade	25 Camp Bernie 6th Grade	26 Camp Bernie 6th Grade	27 School Closed	28
29	30 Memorial Day School Closed	31				

JUNE 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Spring Concert Band & Chorus	2	3 Field Day	4
5	6 Field Day Rain Date	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Kindergarten Graduation	14 PreK Graduation	15	16	17	18
19	20 12:30 Dismissal Tentative Graduation	21 12:30 Dismissal Tentative Last Day of School	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		