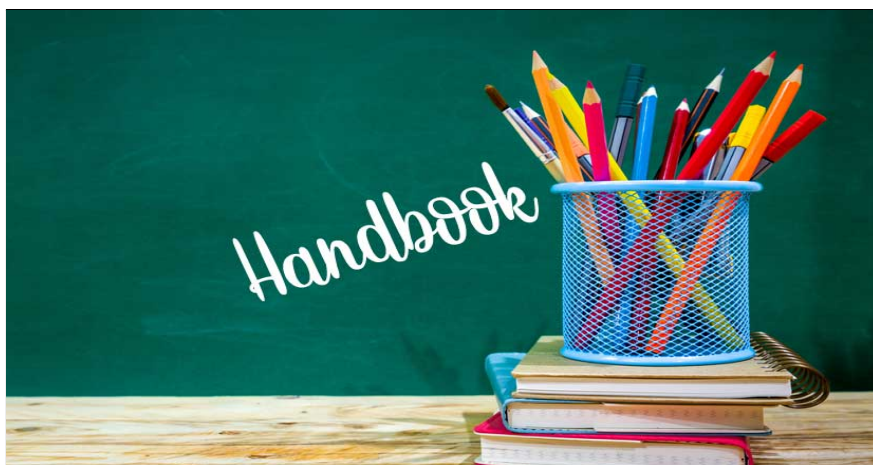


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First Day of School:

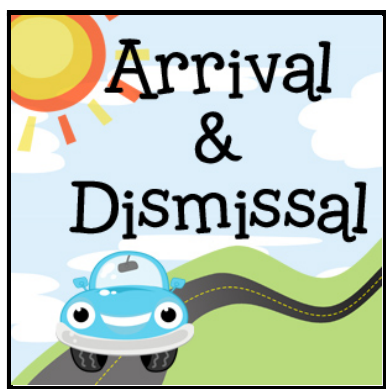
The first day of school is Wednesday, September 1st. The first three days of school (September 1st to 3rd) will be HALF DAYS, 8:05 a.m. to 11:05 a.m. Lunch will not be eaten in school on these half days. The first full day of school will be Thursday, September 9th.

Safety Protocols:

- We will continue to practice protocols that keep our students safe including hand-washing and sanitizing throughout the day.
- Students will be seated at 3 foot distances wherever feasible.
- Additional health and safety guidelines will be shared by Dr. Harrington



Arrival and Dismissal Procedures:



Our school hours are 8:15 a.m. to 3:05 p.m. . Students may enter the building at 8:05 a.m., after the first bell. A second bell at 8:15 a.m. will signify that instruction will begin with morning announcements. It is imperative for students to be in their classrooms and ready to learn at 8:15 a.m. I strongly urge all parents to make sure your child is on time each day. We understand that at the start of this school year entering and exiting the building will take a bit longer than in the past.

This year, we will be using an increased number of entrances and exits to assist with social distancing during arrival and dismissal.

There is a very detailed map of the school labeling where each teacher's students should enter and exit the building at the beginning of this handbook. All of our entrances will be monitored by School #5 staff members for security purposes.

A separate document has been sent home with detailed arrival and dismissal procedures.

Please note that we have staggered our dismissal times SLIGHTLY:

3:02 P.M. GRADES 1-3

3:05 P.M. GRADES 4-6

If you have more than one child, your older child/children can exit the building at your youngest child's exit door. Please indicate this desire by completing the attached form and returning it to your child's teacher on the first day of school.

[CLICK HERE FOR DISMISSAL FORMS](#)



Our first grade teachers will be waiting by their designated entrances to meet their students and walk them to their classrooms. We will have many additional staff members at each entrance and in the hallways able to assist children in finding their classrooms. No parents will be allowed in the building.

Parents/Visitors to the Building:

We will continue to limit the number of visitors to our school as a means to keep our students and staff safe. Any person who absolutely must visit School #5 will enter through our main entrance by using the buzzer, showing ID and must be wearing a face covering.

We will be significantly limiting the reasons for dropped items by parents at school; we will only be accepting glasses and lunch left at home. We will have a drop box outside the front door and parents should ring the bell to let us know that they placed an item in the box. The item must be clearly marked with your child's name and teacher. The front door monitor will retrieve the item and have it delivered to the student. Homework, instruments and other school related items will not be accepted. This will be a huge adjustment for some of our students but with a little help and organization, we are positive they will learn to remember their important items.



Traffic & Parking:

Please be aware that pedestrian and automobile traffic surrounding School #5 can be difficult during drop-off and dismissal. I suspect that this year it will be worse. I recommend that you use our PTA sponsored Valet during arrival and to park on a side street and walk to the building for dismissal. We are definitely in need of volunteers to make this service successful. If you are interested in volunteering, please call our main office at 678-7585.



This service will begin on the morning of September 1st. Following all traffic and parking rules is essential for our students' safety. We ask that you continue to instill in your children the importance of crossing the streets in designated crosswalks with the assistance of our crossing guards. **This is especially important on Oceanside Road. It is imperative that students are not dropped off on the east side of Oceanside Road and allowed to cross through traffic.** We also ask that students not be let out until the valet begins at 7:55.

At dismissal the front circle must be reserved for our buses and will not be available for other purposes. Absolutely no vehicles should be parked in the circle after 2:30 for any reason.

The parking lot off of Oceanside Road is to be used ***exclusively*** by the School #5 staff. Under no circumstance should parents enter or park their vehicle on the curb by the driveway or in the parking lot, as doing so creates an extremely unsafe situation. A chain and cones will be used at dismissal times to maintain safe visibility for students walking home. **Under no circumstances should a parent/guardian enter the parking lot through the exit, when the exit is chained off for student safety.**

You are welcome to park in our back parking lot, in any available legal spot. If all spots are taken, please exit the parking lot and park on the street.

Early Pick-Up:

If you need to pick your child up from school early at any time, you MUST provide us with a note in the morning stating the time of pick-up. If you forget to send in a note, you MUST call the main office before you arrive at the school. Classroom teachers will have your child ready for you when you arrive at our front entrance. The front door monitor will bring your child to the door and have you sign your child out.



Meals Procedures:

BREAKFAST- STARTING THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 9th (NO Breakfast the first three days of school)

We are excited to be able to continue to offer our breakfast program at our elementary schools starting at 7:30 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. daily. In the past, it was not necessary for parents to inform us if they planned to use this valuable service. This year, due to considerations for appropriate social distancing, we are asking parents to complete the following survey if they will be sending their child(ren) to breakfast. Our breakfast program is free for all students. Students using this program will enter through the main entrance at 7:30.



Please complete this survey ***only if you plan on using our breakfast program*** during the school year. We understand that plans may change as the year progresses but the information from this initial survey will help us plan successfully.

Breakfast Survey

Questions can be directed to Mrs. Jane Blackburn, Operations Manager, at 678-7548. Please be advised that the cafeteria will NOT be supervised before 7:30 a.m. and therefore children will not be permitted to enter prior to that time.

Lunch:

We are excited that the free lunch initiative will continue this year for all students. This means that there is no cost to purchase lunch. Students will eat lunch in both the classroom and the cafeteria (on a rotating basis). There will be three cold options (turkey, ham or cheese) and one hot lunch option offered daily. Students will have the opportunity to make their selection at the start of the school day. It will then be delivered to their classroom/cafeteria at the start of lunch time.



Many parents have asked if they are allowed to drop off "hot lunch" for their child or pick up their child to take them out for lunch. As a district, we are asking parents to refrain from doing this.

Recess:

Students will have the opportunity to participate in daily recess with their classmates. At this time, students are not required to wear masks when outdoors. During times of inclement weather, recess will take place in the classroom or auditorium, with social distancing and mask protocols in place.





Reporting Student Absences:

In the event your child is going to be absent from school, please call Ms. Bernadette Bigansky, our nurse, on the day of the absence at 678-7587. If your child is going to be absent for several days and you are requesting class work or homework to be sent home, please call the office in the morning so that this can be arranged. Please do not call in the afternoon requesting homework; it is important we provide the classroom teachers enough time to gather the necessary materials. In the event that a child is required to stay home for an extended period of time, that student will follow our typical attendance policy and receive work from their classroom teacher. If the absence lasts longer than two weeks, the parent should call me to discuss options.

Allergies:

For the safety of our students, **all classrooms** have been designated "NUT FREE". It is imperative that nothing is brought into the classroom containing these ingredients for individual SNACKS OR LUNCH. No sharing of any foods are permitted. In order to ensure each child's safety, please check your labels carefully before sending anything into the classroom. Please also note that anything that is not labeled correctly will not be permitted. Please do not send in any item that was processed in a facility with nuts. If you have any questions about certain foods your child eats, please contact Ms. Bigansky, our nurse.



Birthdays are a happy occasion and children like to celebrate, but we will not be allowing any food to be shared at all. Our classroom teachers will find ways to make sure their students feel special on their birthdays. I promise!

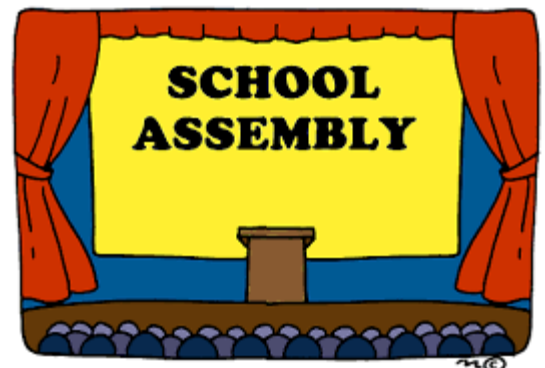
Back to School Night:



Our ***Elementary Back to School Night*** is scheduled for Thursday, September 30th. You will receive a detailed letter highlighting the times for each grade level. Please mark your calendars.

Student Experiences/Events:

This year we will be collaborating with the PTA and the other elementary schools in the district to identify and bring in valuable assemblies and experiences for our students. We will continue to look for opportunities to engage our students in wonderful opportunities throughout the school year. As we schedule these events we will share them with our families.



Band/Orchestra/Chorus:

We are excited to be able to continue our music program this year while continuing to follow the necessary guidelines for safety. More information about lesson schedules will be provided to students at the start of school. Should you have any specific questions about the programs, feel free to contact the teachers:

Ms. Rosenberg- band (croseberg@oceansideschools.org)

Mrs. Hamilton - orchestra(phamilton@oceansideschools.org)

Ms. Napolitano - chorus (mnapolitano@oceansideschools.org)

**School #5 Teacher and Locations:**

Grade/Subject	Location	Teacher
1	A-2	Gomez
1	A-3	Rocco
1	A-4	Matthews
1	A-5	Fogelberg
2	A-8	Maltz
2	A-9	Halpern
2	A-10	Lucas
2	A-11	Albano
3	A-12	Leone
3	A-13	Trum
3	A-14	Sigona
3	A-15	Maresca
4	2	Malpigli
4	3	Bavaro
4	8	Mullon
5	4	D'Aulisa
5	14	Edelman
5	15	Marino
6	18	Keegan
6	11	Martin
6	19	Mohiuddin

Project Extra/Makerspace	Learning Lab	Stea
Reading AIS	17	Felici
Reading AIS	16	Kamlet
Reading AIS	12	Minogue
Reading AIS	5	Trees
Math AIS	12	TBD
Resource Room	10	DiNoia
Speech and Language	10a	Schubert
ENL	10	Lambruschi/Navarro
Special Education	A-7	Lanzetta/Hellmund
Band	Band/Orchestra Room	Rosenberg/Hamilton
Chorus	Auditorium	Napolitano
Art	Art Room	Ferrara
PE	Gymnasium	Gillis
FLES	All Classrooms	Maroudas
Library	All Classrooms/Library	Burns/Funaro

Important Contact Information:

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- mmastrande@oceansideschools.org
- 516-678-7585

Mrs. Bhatt Administrative Assistant

- dbhatt@oceansideschools.org
- 516-678-7585

Main Office

- 516-678-7585

Mrs. Bigansky, School Nurse

- bbigansky@oceansideschools.org
- 516-678-7587

Mrs. Caputo, Social Worker

- nlcaputo@oceansideschools.org
- 516-678-7589

Mrs. McMullen, Psychologist

- kmcmullen@oceansideschools.org
- 516-678-7590

