



District Update

September 10, 2023

Thank You

On behalf of the Board of Education and District as a whole, we say **THANK YOU** to all of our families. The start of any school year is hectic, but starting during a heat wave with unbearable conditions makes it that much more interesting! We thank everyone for their cooperation and for pulling in the same direction this past week. Having the kids back brings the buildings to life and returns things to normalcy. We are excited for this year and thank you for your continued support.

School Arrival Time - 8:05 AM

An important reminder to all families regarding school arrival times. Please note that students should not be dropped off or arrive earlier than the start of supervision at both schools. As noted in the summer digital packet, students should begin arriving no earlier than 8:05 AM. There is no supervision inside or outside of each building until 8:05 AM each day and having students in or around either building earlier than that is a liability issue. Exceptions are students who attend morning band at MAS or morning Extra Help.

If you have to drop your child off earlier then we ask you to please refer to the Before Care and AfterCare programs that are outlined below.

School Security Officers

Students at both schools were introduced to two new members of our school community this past week. As noted in prior communications, in conjunction with the Mayor and Council, we have created the position of School Security Officer at both schools for the start of the school year. These two new staff members are retired New Jersey Police Officers and are another layer of protection in our schools. They will be very visible at the front of each of our buildings but also throughout and around our buildings interacting with staff and students. Students welcomed Mr. Ames and Mr. Capone to Maywood and we look forward to having our parents meet them as they visit our schools and specifically at Back to School Night programs.

Mr. Hugh Ames is the new Security Officer at Memorial School. Mr. Ames is a former officer of many years from the South Orange/Maplewood Police Department and most recently the Hillsdale Police Department. His role in Hillsdale was that of a Class 3 Security Officer assigned to Pascack Valley High School.

Mr. Michael Capone is the new Security Officer at Maywood Avenue School. Mr. Capone is a former officer of many years from the Hackensack Police Department. During his tenure he had specific responsibilities in relation to the Hackensack Schools, while also being a Maywood resident and parent of a Maywood graduate.

We welcome both gentlemen to our district family.

Mr. Jim Stroker

The District welcomed Mr. Jim Stroker to our District Faculty meeting last Wednesday. Jim is a motivational speaker who works with organizations, schools, etc. across the country. His message is both powerful and incredibly inspiring, and it absolutely catapulted our staff into the start of the school year. We share his website with you because his message is applicable to all, wide and far, and we welcome you to take a look.

[Website Link](#)

District Events Calendar

Please find the Events Calendar for the 2023 - 2024 school year below. This is a constantly changing document based on conflicts, etc.

[Digital Link](#)

District Back to School Nights

We look forward to welcoming our parents/guardians back to school at our MAS and Memorial Back to School Nights.

The Memorial Back to School Night is scheduled for Sept. 19 @ 6:30 PM

The MAS Back to School Night is scheduled for Sept. 21 @ 6:30 PM

Both the 19th and the 21st are FULL DAYS of school.

Friday, September 22 is an EARLY DISMISSAL at both schools.

Please be on the lookout for specific information from each school regarding the respective Back to School Night programs and corresponding schedules. As a reminder, the Back to School Night programs are for parents/guardians only.

MAS Homework Club

The MAS Afterschool Homework Club begins on Monday, September 18th. This club meets in the media center and the computer lab afterschool until 4:15 pm every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. No sign ups are necessary. The club is structured for quiet study and group work.

Student Picture Days

Student Picture Day at MAS is scheduled for Sept. 14

Student Picture Day at MEMORIAL is scheduled for Sept. 21

BeforeCare & AfterCare 2023-24

If your plans have changed and now are in need of either Before Care, After Care, or both, you can still register.

Please log on to maywoodschoools.org and click the corresponding radio box for information fliers and related paperwork.

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Just a reminder to check out the Maywood School District's Twitter/X page.

Hispanic Heritage Month

Hispanic Heritage Month is recognized from September 15th to October 15th. It is a month to celebrate the achievements of [famous Hispanic Americans](#), along with everyday people and families. It's also the perfect chance to celebrate Latino culture in general, at home or as a school. The District will be planning and sharing some fun activities in the next month and we wanted to share with our families.

<https://whro.org/kids-family/3616-5-ways-to-bring-hispanic-heritage-to-your-classroom>

<https://meglanguages.com/10-ways-to-celebrate-hispanic-heritage-month-in-your-classroom/>

<https://www.billboard.com/photos/most-influential-latin-artists-6546212/3-banda-el-recodo/>

<https://www.biography.com/news/notable-hispanic-americans>
[Hispanic Heritage for Kids ~ Children's Books READ ALOUD! - YouTube](#)
[Hispanic Heritage Month - Resources for Teachers and Parents - Spanish Playground](#)