

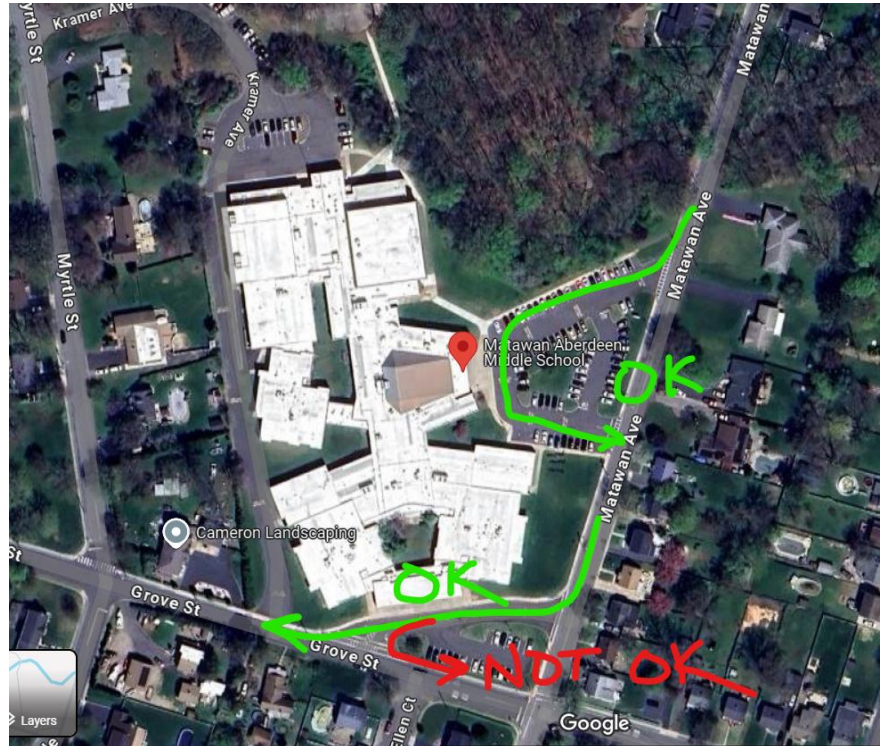


# MAMS Family Newsletter

September 20, 2024

## Driving in a safe and courteous manner

If you choose to drive your child to/from school, please follow the correct traffic patterns. These directions exist for safety reasons and to help with avoiding traffic backup onto Matawan Avenue. If you drive near the 6th/7th grade wing, please follow the cones and proceed right onto Grove Street when exiting the lot; please do not make a left turn. Cones are blocking this left turn but some drivers are ignoring the cones and making a left turn; this slows the process for vehicles exiting the lot and then traffic backs up. Please follow the cones so that traffic will flow more smoothly. Also, please do not stop your vehicle directly in front of doors 28 and 29 if there is room to pull up further. A smooth arrival and dismissal process takes everyone's help so please follow these directions. Thank you.



## Students and social media





If you allow your child to use social media, please monitor their use. Many parents are unaware of their child's online activity. Besides being time-wasters, platforms like Snapchat, Instagram, and TikTok can pose serious privacy and safety concerns for young people. Some problems include:

- Students can become "trapped" in group chats that they cannot leave. A student can choose to leave a group chat and other users can constantly re-add the student. This can be overwhelming and upsetting for young people.
- Students are exposed to inappropriate content including explicit or disgusting pictures and videos.
- Students mistakenly think that their posts or online activity disappears forever.
- Students don't realize that their location is viewable by other users. Snap Map shows a user's location in realtime and contacts may not be real friends; this can cause a big safety risk for young people.

If you choose to allow your child to use social media, please take time to research the platform. Talk with your child about expectations and monitor their usage. Also, be aware that students' outside-of-school conduct (even on social media) can have in-school disciplinary consequences.

## Week of Respect

New Jersey schools recognize the Week of Respect each October. During this week, our school has school-wide activities and themed days (see below). Depending on their class, students may also respect-themed poems, letters, and more!

<b>Monday 10/7</b>	<b>Tuesday 10/8</b>	<b>Wednesday 10/9</b>	<b>Thursday 10/10</b>
<p data-bbox="196 436 370 520"><b>Stomp out bullying!</b></p> <p data-bbox="126 611 435 730">Wear Blue for World Day of Bullying Prevention!</p> 	<p data-bbox="500 436 764 478"><b>Keep the Peace</b></p> <p data-bbox="472 611 792 730">Wear tie dye or camo to help spread the peace!</p> 	<p data-bbox="846 436 1138 478"><b>MAMS Spirit Day!</b></p> <p data-bbox="857 611 1105 821">Show respect to our school by wearing MAMS spirit wear or school colors!</p> 	<p data-bbox="1252 436 1442 520"><b>We are a TEAM Day!</b></p> <p data-bbox="1198 611 1463 961">Wear your favorite team jersey or shirt to show that we are all on the same team and we team up against Bullying!</p> 

## Please no coffee or energy drinks

Students may bring water to drink during the school day. Please do not send students to school with coffee or energy drinks. If students arrive at school with coffee or energy drinks, they will be asked to store the drink in their locker until after school hours. Please take a moment to read the linked articles below. If your child has a medical need for these drinks, please contact our school nurse. Thank you for your cooperation and help with keeping our students healthy.

[Is Coffee Bad for Kids? - Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital](#)

[Are Energy Drinks Safe for Kids?](#)

## PTSO news

Please view the PTSO's current flyers:

[PTSO Spirit Wear order form](#)

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