

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

First and foremost, THANK YOU!!! Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during this challenging time. Due to the ever changing regulations, executive orders, and guidance, some items for families have naturally been delayed (i.e. schedules & class assignments). Please understand that is not our intention. Our staff is working tirelessly to answer all questions, communicate as efficiently as we can, analyze data, organize Live & Remote learners, and create an equitable instructional plan for all students. Your patience and understanding is commendable, and we Thank You.

Please review all prior updates as well located here:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/site/Default.aspx?PageID=3692>

Please review each item carefully below. I separate our different learners within each item as it pertains to your student: Live, Remote, or Both.

With Regard to The Director of Curriculum & Instruction

It my true pleasure and honor to inform the community that Ms. Dana Genatt is the new Director of Curriculum & Instruction. Ms. Genatt is a seasoned educator at Robert L. Craig School. Ms. Genatt has completed her administrative degree and internship over the past two-years under Mr. Knipper & Dr. Ponds. I am excited for her to join our leadership team!

With Regard to Tuesday and Wednesday, September 8 & 9 (ALL) & Google Accounts

As previously communicated, the first two-days of school are identified as 'remote learning days'. There will be minimal academic requirements for these two days. You will be receiving a phone call directly from your homeroom teacher (PK-5) and subject teachers (6-8) during these days. During this call, you will receive your student's Google Username and Google Password. Your student will create a new password, which you will provide the teacher. Your teacher will then ensure that your student has access to the Google Classrooms and Google Meets. This can be done from any device.

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With Regard to Visiting The School

In order to prevent the spread of disease during pandemic recovery and to protect the health and safety of students and staff against infection, no visitors shall be permitted in the schools until pandemic restrictions are lifted. The Superintendent/Principal or Director of Curriculum & Instruction may admit a visitor if he or she determines that it is necessary. In all such cases, the visitor shall submit to the screening procedure (e.g., temperature and exposure questionnaire) and shall be required to wear a face mask while in the school building. The face mask shall be required in all cases. However, an accommodation may be made where the visitor can demonstrate that wearing a face mask is detrimental to the visitor's health. A child under two years of age shall not be required to wear a face mask.

With Regard to Bussing (Live)

Students who are attending live and opted for bussing, letters were mailed home on Thursday. You should be receiving shortly. A staff member will be present at each bus stop on the mornings of the 10th and 11th to assign socially distant seats. Your student MUST sit in the assigned seat during their morning and afternoon bus trips.

With Regard to Attendance for Remote Learners (Remote)

If your child is a Remote Learner, please review this Attendance Policy:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=4052&dataid=8449&FileName=Remote%20Learning%20Policy.pdf>

With Regard to Food Service Pick Up (Remote)

Should you order lunch or are eligible for free/reduced, you can pick-up your students lunch at the school beginning at 11:45 on the 8th. You will pull up to the front, roll down your window, inform our staff of your students name, and the grab-and-go lunch will be passed through your car window. Please stay in your vehicle.

With Regard to Water Bottles (Live)

Your student will be provided a water bottle on the first day of school that they can use to fill up at the water fountains. Of course, you can send your child with any water bottle you choose. Water Fountains CANNOT be used for drinking.

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With Regard to MyMedBot (Live)

E-mails went out this morning to ALL LIVE LEARNERS on the e-mail address you provided the school. The e-mail contains the student specific code that you will enter in the application. You must complete this COVID-19 symptom survey every morning before coming to school. For more information, please see here:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/site/handlers/filedownload.ashx?moduleinstanceid=4052&databid=8448&FileName=My%20Med%20Bot%20Directions.pdf>

With Regard to Electronic Use Policy (ALL)

As sent out via Text Message on Wednesday, ALL families must complete the Electronic Use Policy before school starts on Tuesday September 8th. If you have NOT completed this form, please do so immediately: <https://forms.gle/yFsurx6wbGrVbv2Z7>

I know this time is extremely challenging on all of us. Please know that the health and safety of our students and staff is the utmost concern of our administration and leadership team. While we navigate this new instructional environment of serving both "Live" and "Remote" students at the same time, there will be technological hiccups. There will be frustrations and moments of confusion and panic. This type of learning environment has never been done before. There is no roadmap, there is no textbook. However, I am confident that our staff and teachers will work tirelessly to remedy any situation that will arise. As a result, I ask for patience and kindness from everyone. Let's model for our young people how to be kind to each other during a time of unrest, unknown, and uncertainty.

As always, should you have any questions or concerns please call the school at 201-641-5833 or e-mail me directly at jknipper@moonachieschool.org or Ms. Genatt at dgenatt@moonachieschool.org

We look forward to 'seeing' everyone next week!!! And Remember....Always Do Your Best, and That You Are Special.

Fondly,

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