

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

I hope your family remains healthy and safe following this week's tropical storm. Here are this week's updates and reminders as we head towards reopening on September 8th.

With Regard To Face Coverings

On Monday August 3rd, Governor Murphy announced that all students will be required to wear face coverings at all times, unless wearing one has a negative impact on the students health. This is a different guideline than originally required. I have updated our Reopen plan to include this new mandate. If you have not done so, please begin to get your student used to wearing a face covering. The updated reopen plan can be reviewed here:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3691>

With Regard To Text Message Notifications

If you are not receiving text message notifications from me, please call the main office immediately to update your phone number.

With Regard To Busing

I sent out a Google Form Survey to only bus students this week via text message. If you received it and have not filled out, please do so immediately. This information is vital in planning for busing of our students and securing bus routes.

With Regard to Town Hall Events

We will host Virtual Town Hall sessions on Google Meets. I will briefly review reopening procedures and policies, before opening the sessions to question and answers. Please review the reopen plan linked above before attending. There will be five sessions available. There will be translating available by Senora Diaz. Nurse Gallo will be present as well to help answer any questions you may have. Ms. Raguseo, the Director of Child Study, will also be present to help answer any questions. The sessions will be hosted at this link:

https://meet.google.com/_meet/qjw-yutg-jjr

The sessions will be hosted at these days and times:

Monday August 17th – 11:00am

Tuesday August 18th – 6:30pm

Wednesday August 19th – 6:30pm

Thursday August 20th – 1:00pm

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Friday August 21st – 8:00am

With Regard To Classroom Set Up

We have completed organizing each classroom, K-8. We have accounted for every student and every adult at 6-feet apart. This is a major accomplishment for our district to be able to welcome back every student, as safely as possible.

With Regard To Remote Learning Option

As previously communicated, more information on the exact expectations for Full Remote Learning are still being finalized. They will be shared before our Town Hall events, scheduled above. We will then send out a survey during the week of August 24th for families to choose full remote learning. Please remember, if your family chooses Remote Learning, you will be required to remain as a Remote Learner for at least the entire first marking period. If you know already this option is for your family, please inform Ms. Weigelt in the main office at 201-641-5833 of your intentions.

With Regard To Updated Contact Information

We will be sending out a Survey today, Friday, to all families. We need everyone to fill it out with updated emergency contacts, updated phone numbers, and an accurate e-mail address. This e-mail address is vital to our reopen plan so we can get everyone signed up for our symptom check-in application through MyMedBot. This will be a requirement each morning before coming to school. My goal is to have 100% family responses to this survey by Thursday August 13th. You will also be asked to identify a family member or friend that will be available to pick up your student within 30-minutes of notification. The survey can be located and filled out here: <https://forms.gle/uBmixMTCuYKmn7e9A>. Please fill out a separate survey for each student in your home.

With Regard to Home Technology & Access Survey

We will send out a home technology survey on Monday August 17th. This will give us important information in regards to your students access to laptops/tablets and WiFi at home.

With Regard to YMCA After School Programming

The YMCA After School Program will be offered from 3pm-6pm, for students in grades 3-8. Students will remain in the same classroom with the same cohort of students they have been with all day. Mixing of students will not occur. The YMCA program and staff will follow all requirements that the school follows. Registration for grades 3-8 is located here:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScJZwSz2RrKaTnGEZwznQBlCi2xG_6u0moYG_

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[58Mg08QUUyCw/viewform](#) or on our website <https://www.moonachieschool.org/> under Announcements.

With Regard to Pre-K 3 & Pre-K 4

Specific guidelines and procedures for Pre-K students is still ongoing. We will communicate once they are finalized. Much of what is in the full district plan will be required for Pre-K as well.

With Regard To What To Expect and Preparing Your Student

Beginning August 24th, we will be publishing different videos to share with your children on what to expect during the school day.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school @ 201-641-5833 or via email at jknipper@moonachieschool.org. I will return all calls and e-mails within 24-hours of receipt. If I don't have the answer you are looking for based on current guidance, I will do my very best to research it and get back to you in a timely manner.

Again, Thank You for your patience and trust. Stay Safe. Stay Healthy. Enjoy the rest of your summer. And Remember...Always Do Your Best, And That You Are Special.

Fondly,

James Knipper

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