

# Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends,

I will continue to update the school community each week, throughout the remainder of the Summer. Here are new points and clarifications for this week:

## With Regard to The School Calendar

We are delaying the start of school by two-business days. This decision is to allow families and staff more time to finish their Summer Vacations and fulfill Governor Murphy's voluntary quarantine of 14-days if you visit any of the states he has identified. Students will now report to school after Labor Day, on Tuesday September 8<sup>th</sup>. The 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> will be one-session days. The first full day of school is Thursday September 10<sup>th</sup>. You can access the new calendar here: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3679>

## With Regard to Summer Travel Plans

Please be advised that the Governor has provided a list of states that require a 14-day quarantine. This list is consistently updated. Please refer to this list and conclude your travel to these states, and ANY INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL, by August 26<sup>th</sup> to ensure your child is able to attend school on September 8<sup>th</sup>.

## With Regard to the Required Restart & Recovery Plan

We have submitted our required plan to the Department of Education for Approval on Thursday July 30<sup>th</sup>. It is posted on our website here: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3691>

Remember: this plan is fluid. It can change at any time due to new requirements, new guidelines, or executive orders. It is still pending DOE and Board of Education approval.

## With Regard to Virtual Town Halls

A Virtual Town Hall 'Tour' will occur during the week of August 17-21<sup>st</sup>. These events will provide information and procedures for the start of school, based on the Recovery Plan. It will also be a time for questions you may have. Events will be provided at different times of the day to support varying schedules. We will provide translating services. I will publish a schedule of Town Hall events next week.

#### With Regard to Instructional Videos

Our staff will begin putting together instructional videos on what to expect in September. We will be posting them to our YouTube channel. I will share links via the Text Message Alert System as they become available. I am projecting them to start the week of August 17<sup>th</sup>.

#### With Regard to Remote Learning Option

Following the instructional videos and the Virtual Town Halls, we will send out a survey on August 24<sup>th</sup> for families to select Full Remote Learning. Families who select Full Remote, will be required to remain Remote for the entire First Quarter. We will then reassess with each Remote Family heading into the second marking period. All families are eligible for this option. Please refer to the 'Remote Option' portion of the Recovery Plan linked above for more information on this option.

#### With Regard to Busing

We are actively figuring out the busing with transportation companies. We do not have any answers for in-district or out-of-district students yet. We do know that face coverings will be required and windows will be open. We will be sending out a survey next week to in-district bus families requesting if you plan on using the bus this year or if you will be bringing your student to school.

#### With Regard to Checking In For School

We are partnering with <https://www.mymedbot.lu/>. This is an application based service whereas parents & staff will need to 'check-in' for school before leaving home in the morning. It is basically a daily survey, certifying if your student is experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. The questions will be in both English and Spanish. We will have full training videos and information sessions on getting set up once we have uploaded all students. Upon arrival at school, we will also conduct contactless temperature screening. Timelines for entrance and exact procedures will be released during the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### With Regard to Dismissal

We will have staggering dismissal times, beginning at 2:30. The exact schedule will be forthcoming. For pick-ups, we will ask that everyone remain in your car. You will receive 2 student specific laminated QR Codes to keep in your vehicles. Upon arrival at the school, a staff member will scan the QR Code (keeping your window up), the teacher will receive an alert in the classroom that you are in the 'car line' and send your student for loading. Specific times, procedures, and instructional videos will be released during the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>. Siblings in differing grade levels will be required to be picked-up at the same time, regardless of grade level.

#### With Regard to Class Assignments

Class assignments will not be released until the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>. We are still rolling over our system and organizing our numbers/classroom locations. Thank you for your patience.

With Regard to Water Fountains

The PTO has graciously purchased a reusable water bottle for each student in the building. Water Fountains will be use strictly used for refilling water bottles only. Students will not be permitted to drink directly from the fountains. Thank You to our PTO for your continued partnership.

With Regard to Bring Your Own Devices

We are going to encourage families to send your child to school with their own tablets or laptops in grades 4-8 for in-class work. This will help avoid sharing of devices. There will be more information about this program, procedures, and requirements released during the week of August 24<sup>th</sup>.

With Regard to Emergency Contacts

Before the start of school, we will be sending out a request for updated contact individuals and phone numbers. You will be required to provide a direct contact of a family member or friend, that will always be available for picking-up your student within a reasonable time period of 30-minutes. Please begin to identify this individual within your own family network.

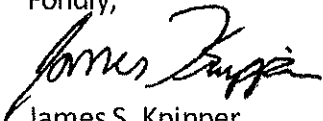
With Regard to Students Who Reside Together

Students or twins who reside together AND are in the same grade level, will be sectioned together.

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](mailto: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,



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