

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

Welcome to Spring!!! There is a lot going on at our school and in the community! This is a long update. Please read carefully and let us know if you have any questions.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Next week, May 2-6, is Teacher Appreciation Week! Thanks to our PTO for organizing special treats for our teachers! Please join us in thanking our teachers for their hard work and dedication to our students!

STEAM TEAMS – Congratulations & Good Luck!

In February, our 7th grade and 8th grade STEAM TEAMS presented in the Regional Competition of this year's STEAM TANK Challenge! Both teams have advanced to the State Finals! They are actively preparing for their presentations in May! Join me in congratulating them and wishing them luck in the State Competition!

PTO Upcoming Events

May 3 & 4: In School Mother's Day Sale

May 20: Kindergarten through 5th Grade VIP Student/Parent Spring Dance! (More information to follow)

Summer Recreation

Summer Recreation Registration is OPEN! Summer Recreation runs from June 20 – July 29, 8:30am-2:00pm at the school. Click this link for more information and to access the registration packets. Any questions, please call Mr. Facendola (201-641-5833) at the school. <https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3772>

NJSLA State Testing – Grades 3-8

NJSLA State Testing is here! If your student is testing, please make sure they are well rested and eat a good breakfast! If your child is absent during testing, we will administer a makeup session. We know every student will do his/her best!

Date Range	Grade Levels Assessed	Subject & Units
May 2, 3, 4, 5	5 & 8	Science (1 Unit Per Day)
May 9, 10, 11	3, 4, & 8	Language Arts (1 Unit Per Day)
May 12, 13, 16	5, 6, & 7	Language Arts (1 Unit Per Day)
May 17, 18, 19	3, 4, & 8	Mathematics (1 Unit Per Day)
May 20, 23, 24	5, 6, & 7	Mathematics (1 Unit Per Day)

Curriculum Expo Night

We are excited to bring back our Open House Curriculum Expo Family Night!! Please Save the Date! Wednesday June 1st, 6:30pm. More information will be shared as we get closer!

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Virtual Parent Training on Executive Functioning (CarePlus)

We are excited to continue our partnership with CarePlus & the Wood-Ridge School District to offer our families another virtual training/information session.

Topic:

Executive Functioning – How To Help Your Child Improve their Planning, Organization, Time-Management, Metacognition, Working Memory, Self-Control, Attention, Flexibility, and Perseverance!

Date: Tuesday May 3rd, from 6:00pm – 7:00pm, via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81656624484?pwd=ZXgyLzJQcEF1dXhhU1MzZ0dZc0RUUT09>

Informational Flyer (English & Spanish):

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/CarePlus%20-%20Tuesday%20May%203.pdf>

Pre-K, Kindergarten, & 8th Grade Graduations/Celebrations

We are excited to share the dates of our PreK & Kindergarten Celebrations as well as our 8th Grade Graduation! All events will take place outside under a tent. Inclement weather plans will be shared as we get closer.

PreK: Tuesday, June 14th, 10:00am

Kindergarten: Wednesday, June 15th, 10:00am

8th Grade: Wednesday, June 15th, 6:30pm

Anti-Bullying Assembly – Grades 3-8

To continue to help RLC maintain a safe and motivating school environment, we have partnered with an Anti-Bullying program for grades 3-5 and 6-8. Our First assembly will be on Friday, May 6th. The program comes with student surveys, staff trainings, and follow-up activities for our kids. There are also character education exercises that promote kindness, communication, cooperation, and friendship. It includes lessons and activities on empathy and skills to resolve conflicts.

COVID-19 Update

We continue to realize a very healthy environment at RLC! We will continue, as required by the State of NJ, to provide weekly updates on positive cases. We thank each family for continuing to closely monitor your child's symptoms and wellbeing! Nurse Gallo and our team will continue to monitor state guidelines as we prepare for next school year! We are very hopeful for a full return to 'normal', after a very long and challenging 2+ years.

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration & Summer Orientation

Pre-K & Kindergarten Registration is OPEN for the 2022-2023 School Year! We are excited to offer, for the first time, a Pre-K & Kindergarten Orientation Day! This will give families the opportunity to meet your teacher, tour the classroom, learn routines, & drop-off essential items. The Date is Tuesday August 30th. If your child is registered for Pre-K or Kindergarten, we will share information for this event during the Summer.

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Pre-K Registration Information:

https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/PreK_Registration_2022.pdf

Kindergarten Registration Information: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/domain/178>

Field Day

We are excited for our Field Day this year! Reminder that Field Day will be Friday May 27th. More information will be forthcoming.

Recreation Sports

Reminder: Our Partnership with Wood-Ridge allows for Moonachie children to join the Wood-Ridge Recreation Sports teams. Registrations are Open! We will continue to share registration for different sports as they become available.

Fall Soccer:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/Fall%20Soccer%20Registration%202022.pdf>

May Cheer Clinic:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/2022%20Comp%20Cheer%20Clinic%20Flyer.pdf>

Calendar Reminders

Friday, May 27th – 1:00pm Dismissal

Monday, May 30th – School Closed (Memorial Day)

Thursday, June 15th – 1:00pm Dismissal

Friday, June 16th – 1:00pm Dismissal (Last Day of School)

Monday, June 20th – Summer Recreation Begins

As we begin to close out another academic year, we want to Thank You for your continued support of your child's academic and social growth! As we grow Out-Of-Covid, there will be new experiences and developmental gaps that our children will need adult support in closing. Together we can fill those gaps and support each child in fulfilling his/her destiny towards greatness!

Best,

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