

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

We are in shock that we have already entered November. As we look forward, let's share some reminders of the November Calendar, and some of the amazing things going on in our school and community!

Congratulations!

A HUGE Congratulations to our STEAM TEAM for placing 2nd in the state of New Jersey for the STEAM Tank Challenge! With over 100 teams competing, we are so proud and excited for our Team!! Please join us in celebrating: Ryan Tu, Fatima Chica, David Carrion, Shawn Lawton, Austin Macalintal, & our faculty advisor Mr. Frisch!

Calendar Reminders

Thursday, November 4 – No School

Friday, November 5 – No School

Wednesday, November 10 – 1:00pm Early Dismissal (No YMCA) – Parent Conferences

Thursday, November 11 – 1:00pm Early Dismissal (No YMCA) – Parent Conferences & Evening Conferences

Wednesday, November 24 – 1:00pm Early Dismissal (No YMCA)

Thursday, November 25 – No School

Friday November 26 – No School

Parent Conferences

Our Parent conferences, scheduled for November 10th & 11th, will be Live. A flyer was sent home on Monday and is attached below, outlining our COVID mitigation strategies.

Grades PK – 5: Your teacher has already (or will be) posting information on how to sign up for conferences. Should you wish to schedule a Remote Conference, please inform your teacher.

Grades 6 – 8: All teachers of middle school will be set up, socially distant, in the gymnasium. You may enter directly through the Gym doors and meet with any/all middle school teachers. Middle School Conferences for each teacher will be on a first come, first serve basis. We ask that all meetings stay within 10-15 minutes.

PTO

The PTO meeting scheduled for Wednesday November 3rd 7:00pm will be both Hybrid (Live & Remote option). If you come live, you must wear a mask, maintain social distancing, and complete a symptom survey upon arrival. The meeting will be in the cafeteria.

If you wish to attend Remote, here is the access information:

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/aqd-gcma-bji>

Or dial: (US) +1 316-469-5270 PIN: 202 698 074#

Holiday Travel Reminders

Reminder that all International Travel for Unvaccinated individuals requires a quarantine process. Should you be traveling internationally with an unvaccinated student, you must inform Nurse Gallo as soon as possible so we can effectively organize your student's quarantine.

After School Academy

As part of our Coronavirus Relief funding to districts, we are creating an After School Academy, offering tutoring to students in need of academic acceleration. We are identifying students based on teacher input, student performance in class, Start Strong State Assessments, & STAR Benchmark Assessments. If your student is identified to be a part of the After School Academy program, you will be notified next week of scheduling and timeline.

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Clothing Donation

We received a generous donation of children's socks from Moonachie Mayor Vaccaro & Secaucus Mayor Ginelli. These items will be distributed to students on Wednesday.

Adult ESL

If you are interested in joining our Adult English as a Second Language class, free of charge, please let us know! Classes meet on Tuesday & Thursday evenings from 6:00pm-8:00pm, at the school. (See attached flyer below)

8th Grade Fundraiser

Thank You all who came out to support our 8th Grade Car Wash! The class washed over 300 vehicles! Great Job to our 8th Graders!

Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair last week was a HUGE Success!! Thank You to the PTO for organizing and hosting a wonderful event! The greatest number of books were purchased than any book fair in our recent past! We are so excited to have books in the hands of our students and families!

Start Strong Performance

If your student was administered the Start Strong Assessment, we are in receipt of their performance levels. We will share individual student score reports, as well as directions for interpreting the scores, in the near future.

Social Media, Internet Streaming Content, & Social Skills

We are seeing and hearing about increased exposure to inappropriate items via social media & internet streaming outlets, across all grade levels. Please monitor what your children are consuming via Youtube, Netflix, etc... on their tablets and phones. As Adults, we often don't realize how quickly, just by clicking 'suggested videos', inappropriate content for youths can pop up. If children are exposed to this content, they will often begin to imitate what they are seeing and hearing. This increases the likelihood of negative social interactions, either verbal or physical. If you need help setting up filters on home devices, please let us know and we can help. At the school, we continue to expand our counseling services, social groups, mediations, and are beginning in-class mini lessons on age-appropriate social skills.

High School Study Hall

If you know of a High School Student needing a quiet place to complete assignments, the YMCA at RLC is hosting High School Students on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, starting at 3:15pm. We have staff who will supervise and can provide guidance to the Moonachie High School students. Please contact Mr. Facendola if you wish for your High School Student to join our Study Hall program.

We want to thank everyone, again, for your continued diligence in not sending students to school when ill and following our COVID mitigation strategies. We know that flu & cold season is upon us and frustrations may rise. We thank you in advance for your understanding and grace. Together, we will continue to keep our kids healthy and growing.

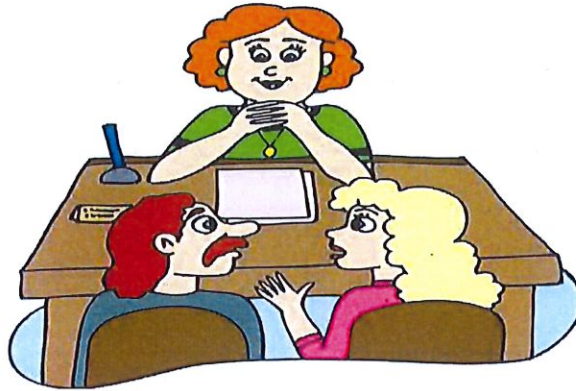
Stay Well.



James Knipper
Superintendent/Principal



Dana Genatt
Director of Curriculum & Instruction



Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 10th – 1:40 - 3:05

Thursday, November 11th – 1:40 – 3:05 & 6:00 – 8:00

As we plan for our Parent/Teacher Conferences this year, I want to share some important Covid-19 mitigation strategies that will be observed:

1. Masks must be worn by all.
2. Social Distancing (6-feet) of separation will be observed in the classroom during conferences.
3. Only one set of parents will be allowed in the classroom at a time. We will socially distance chairs in the hallway for waiting purposes.
4. No more than two (2) family members can attend.
5. By coming in live, you are certifying that you are symptom free of COVID, have not been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID, have not traveled internationally in the last 14-days, and you are not pending a COVID Test.
6. If a you wish to request a scheduled 'Remote' conference due to COVID concerns, you must contact your teacher.

Teachers will post sign ups.

Sincerely,


James Knipper
Superintendent/Principal



**MEADOWLANDS
AREA YMCA
21ST CCLC**

FREE ESL PARENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPEN

IN PERSON PROGRAM

PROGRAM OFFERS:

How to speak, read and write in English

Rosetta Stone Program

Tuesdays & Thursdays
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

COVID19 Vaccine Card or Negative
Test (each week) must be shown

REACH US AT:

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BE FOUND ON THE RLC
WEBSITE UNDER CLUBS
AND PROGRAMS -YMCA
AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
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