

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

We hope everyone is having wonderful first days of Autumn and enjoying some outdoor time of Apple Picking and Pumpkin Picking! Please take some time read this update, as it is embedded with important information.

Entrance & Dismissal

Both Entrance & Dismissal car lines are experiencing similar challenges. Please follow these reminders to make our process quicker and safer for all:

- Pull as far up in the horseshoe as possible.
- Unload and load via the sidewalk side.
- Do not abandon your vehicle in the line. Please stay with your vehicle so we can keep traffic moving.
- Please avoid passing in the horseshoe, unless directed to do so by Staff. There are a lot of unsafe maneuvers occurring.

Columbus Weekend

Reminder: School is Closed on Friday October 8 and Monday October 11. Enjoy the long weekend with your family!

Start Strong State Assessment

Reminder: The NJ Start Strong State Assessments will be administered next week. Please make sure your child is well rested and eats a good breakfast! We will use these results, in conjunction with the STAR Benchmark Assessment (administered in school 2-weeks ago) and teacher input, to continue to build Academic Interventions and After School Tutoring Suggestions for students identified as in need of additional supports or Academic Acceleration.

Schedule:

Wednesday October 13: Grades 4-8 - ELA – 1 Unit of 60 Minutes

Thursday October 14: Grades 4-8 – Math – 1 Unit of 60 Minutes

Tuesday October 19: Grade 6 – Science – 1 Unit of 60 Minutes

1 to 1 Devices

All laptops for grades 4-8 have been successfully distributed in school! Teachers and students are doing a wonderful job utilizing these devices to extend learning and increase engagement! iPads for grades K-3 are next to be distributed to classes. We are projecting this to be completed within the next two-weeks.

Halloween Information

Friday October 29th

- Students may come to school in their costumes or get changed in the bathroom during lunch/recess. Students are not be permitted to leave school and come back.
 - Costume Masks are not permitted. COVID-19 Masks remain required.
 - Large Blow-Up Costumes are not permitted.
- RLC outdoor parade will occur between 1:00pm-1:40pm. Parents are welcome to join outside, around the flagpole, to safely view the school parade.
- Class Parties are permitted from 1:40-3:00pm. Food & Goodies are permitted to be sent in. Parties will be organized & communicated by Class Parents, in partnership with your teacher.
 - No Parents, Class Parents, or Volunteers are permitted to attend the parties or enter the building.

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Saturday October 30th

- Borough of Moonachie Ragamuffin Parade – 11:00am.
 - Line Up at RLC.
 - Candy & Goodies will be provided by the Burrough.
- PTO Sponsored Trunk or Treat – Directly following parade in the RLC parking lot.
 - Sign ups and information will be communicated next week by the PTO.
 - DJ & Food will also be available.

NOTE: The school will NOT be open during these Saturday events. All activities and individuals must remain outside.

School Pictures

School Pictures are scheduled for Thursday October 21st.

- Order before Picture Day: mylifetouch.com using Picture Day ID: EVTW4QG4D

Fall Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will take place from October 26-October 29th. The book fair will be during the school day. On Friday evening, October 29th from 3:00pm-7:00pm, Parents will be able to shop with their child. All COVID protocols will be observed, including: Social Distancing, Masking, Sanitation, Symptom Screener as you enter, and limiting occupancy at one time. Scholastic Links for previewing items & flyers will be forthcoming by the PTO.

PTO Update

The next meeting for the PTO will be Wednesday November 3rd at 7:00pm. This meeting will be a Hybrid format with both a Live and Remote option. All Live COVID Protocols will be observed. More information to follow from the PTO.

Bussing

As bussing issues persist across the nation and New Jersey, RLC continues to experience minor delays. We are in daily communication with the Bus Companies and are as proactive as possible when we expect any delay. Our team continues to appreciate your patience and understanding.

Middle School Presentation of High School Options

6th, 7th, & 8th Grade Parents – SAVE THE DATE! There will be a Virtual High School Presentation on the evening of October 21st from the Bergen County Academies, Bergen County Technical School: Teterboro, Bergen County Technical School: Paramus, and Applied Technology High School!!

- These are all Special Admit High Schools available to all students.
- Come learn about what your child can do NOW to prepare, if your family is interested in any of these options for High School.
- Flyer & Meeting Link/Time will be sent next week.

Travel Reminders

If you are planning International Travel for your unvaccinated student, please contact Nurse Gallo for guidance on Covid testing timelines and quarantine.

Realtime Parent Portal

We encourage all parents to remain active in your Parent Account and consistently review your child's academic progress through the Parent Portal.

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8th Grade Fundraiser

The 8th Grade Class will be hosting a Car Wash Fundraiser on Saturday October 16th, from 10am – 4pm, in the Moonachie Fire Department Parking Lot. Cars: \$5. SUVs: \$6. Tire Shine: \$1. Please consider coming to support our 8th grade class as they raise funds to support their end of year activities!

Good Luck To Our STEAM TEAM!

The RLC STEAM TEAM is competing in the NJ STATE FINALS of the NJSBA STEAM Tank Competition, on Wednesday October 20th! Good Luck to Our Team & Bring home the State Championship!

Exciting News In Your Child's Life

Are there Good Things Happening for your child outside of school that deserves recognition and celebration? Is he/she being honored in an Extra Curricular Activity? Is he/she volunteering within the community or with a non-profit? Please let us know so we can share his/her exciting achievements over the loud speaker, on RLC News, and/or at a future Board of Education Meeting! Let's celebrate all the wonderful things our students are accomplishing every day! E-mail these Celebrations to: jknipper@moonachieschool.org

We had a great week Honoring the Week of Respect!! Congratulations to the following Poster Contest Winners – Each receiving a Walmart Gift Card!

Stella Vocaturo – Grade 1
Rocco Tafano – Grade 1
Aiden Acevedo – Grade 2
Amy Cabrera – Grade 2
Max Regino – Grade 8

Our team wants to continue to Thank the entire community in keeping us all safe and healthy! Together, our mission is to ensure a healthy school experience for all at RLC! This endeavor and continued success are a result of our partnership and trust in each other! Let's keep moving forward together!

Have a wonderful and safe weekend.



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