

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends -

Wow!! What an eventful first week of school! Smiles, laughter, confetti, balloons, excitement, and joy filled our hallways, classrooms, and outside campus! It was so great seeing everyone again, meeting our new students/families, and moving forward together. I want to share some updates and information with you.

MyMedBot

Thank you all for continuing to monitor your students' symptoms and actively completing the MyMedBot screener each morning. Our parents are the first line of defense in keeping our students and faculty healthy from COVID-19! Please keep up this work and remain vigilant.

Back To School Night

Back To School Night is Tuesday September 14th. It is fully virtual. We will be sending out various recorded videos from our Specialist teachers and Administration. Parents of children in grades PreK-5 will receive a Google Meet Link directly from their child's teacher via Class Dojo or Remind. If you have not connected with your teacher on their platform please do so before Tuesday to receive the link.

Parents of students in grades 6-8 each grade level has their own Google Meet Link and an assigned time.

6th Grade Back To School Night 2021 (6:30pm - 7:00pm) Google Meet joining info Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/uvp-togx-dbr> Or dial: (US) +1 267-719-4312 PIN: 432 102 514#

7th Grade Back to School Night 2021 (7:00pm - 7:30pm) Google Meet joining info Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/rux-rujc-ohi> Or dial: (US) +1 937-815-1809 PIN: 749 280 749#

8th Grade Back to School Night 2021 (7:30pm - 8:00pm) Google Meet joining info Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/yay-crmg-mmn> Or dial: (US) +1 423-735-3230 PIN: 762 297 300#

9/11 Ceremony

The Borough of Moonachie is hosting its annual 9/11 Memorial Service at 10am on Saturday morning at Borough Hall. Please join to remember and honor all those lost 20-years ago. An informational flyer was sent home with students today.

House System Shirts & Information

RLC has a House System which encourages positive behavior by rewarding students with points that they earn for their specific house. Each student is sorted into one of our four houses and they will represent their house by wearing their house shirt every Friday! House shirts were distributed today. Students can earn points for their house by wearing their shirts or other fan gear to support their house!

Dismissal

Thank You for your continued patience during Dismissal. We are improving each day! Our bus dismissal times are also getting closer to the published times! We continue to strive to dismiss in a timely and safe manner.

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Cell Phone & Personal Device Usage

As we roll out our 1-to-1 device initiative, we will discontinue the Bring Your Own Device Program. Students will no longer need to use cell phones or personal devices for instructional purposes. As a result, we ask that all student cell phones remain off during the school day. This removes the many distractions that personal cell phones come with and encourages more direct concentration on work and/or socializing directly with their peers. This includes during lunch & recess.

If you need to reach your child for any reason, our main office staff is more than happy to relay a message or get your child from class so you can speak with them. If a student is using his/her personal cell phone during class, he/she will receive one warning. If a second occasion occurs, the phone will be confiscated, the parent will be notified immediately, and the phone returned at dismissal. We Thank You for your partnership in this endeavor and are very excited for Moonachie to finally be a 1-to-1 district!

Start Strong State Assessment

We will be administering the Start Strong Assessment this fall for grades 4-8 in ELA, Math and Science. This test will have content from concepts and skills from the year before. For example, fourth grade students will be tested on third grade content. There will be one test for each content area. We will send out our testing schedule shortly.

Realtime Parent Portal

Directions for accessing the Parent Portal were emailed last Friday. The email contained your username and password. If you have not signed up, we will send out another email on Monday. Please register so you can update your contact information, receive notifications, and view your child's grades.

After School Program

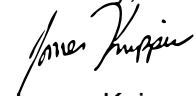
Please contact Mr. Facendola at pfacendola@moonachieschool.org or (201) 641-5833 to register for our YMCA After School Program. Remember: Grades 3-8 are Free from 3pm-6pm. Grades 1-2 are tuition based (financial assistance is available).

PTO

Please email PTO President Ms. Linda Esposito at LEsposito@moonachieschool.org if you are interested in joining the PTO or being a Class Parent! The first PTO meeting is on Wednesday September 22nd at 7:00pm.

Thank You all for a wonderful first week of school!!!! I am excited to see everyone, virtually, on Tuesday evening. As always, please do not hesitate to call (201-641-5833) or email (jknipper@moonachieschool.org) with any questions.

Sincerely,



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