

# Moonachie Public Schools

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## Mid-Summer Community Update

Dear Moonachie Families & Friends –

We hope this message finds you and your family well and enjoying the summer! We just want to take a few moments to provide some updates to our families as we continue to prepare for the upcoming school year.

### **Teacher Assignment, Schedules, & Supply Lists**

Teacher assignment letters, student schedules, and supply lists will be mailed out, via USPS, in mid-August. At that time, you will be able to view your child's schedule on the Realtime Parent Portal as well.

### **YMCA/SACC After & Before School Programming**

Registration is now open for our before & after school programming options for families. They were sent home via email and text link on Tuesday afternoon, July 25<sup>th</sup>. We offer three different options, so please read carefully. If you are interested in these programs, please be sure to select the correct program for your child.

1) FREE After School Programming for grades 3-9 from 3:15pm – 6:00pm. Registration link:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/After%20school%20program%202023%202024.pdf>

2) PAID After School Programming for grades K-2 from 3:15-6:00pm. (Financial assistance is available if you qualify).

Registration Link: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/2023-2024%20Moonachie%20Flyer.pdf>

3) PAID Before School Programming for grades K-8 from 7:15am-8:15am. (Financial assistance is available if you qualify).

Registration Link: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/2023-2024%20Moonachie%20Flyer.pdf>

**HIRING:** YMCA/SACC is also hiring before and after school counselors. To apply, please follow this link:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/HIRING%20FLYER%20BEFORE%20%20AFTER%20CARE.pdf>

Should you have any questions, please call the main office at 201-641-5833 and ask for Gilma or email Mr. Facendola at [pfacendola@meadowlandsymca.org](mailto:pfacendola@meadowlandsymca.org).

### **Back To School Night**

Please plan ahead! Our back-to-school night is on Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup>. Please see informational flyer:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/Back%20to%20School%20Night%202023.pdf>

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## **PTO**

Our PTO is always looking for volunteers for each classroom and events! Please contact Ms. Linda Esposito at [lesposito@moonachieschool.org](mailto:lesposito@moonachieschool.org) or call her at (201) 641-5833 ext. 123 if you wish to sign up for the PTO or just learn more about our partnership.

## **Moonachie Family Fun Day**

Moonachie Family Fun Day is on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup>, from 1pm-4pm at the Veteran's/Joseph Street Park. All are welcome for food and fun! This is a FREE event. More information: <https://www.moonachie.us/home/news/family-fun-day-aug-5>

## **Summer Recreation Closing Celebration**

All are welcome to join us at the Robert L. Craig school on Friday August 4<sup>th</sup>, from 8:30am-2:30pm. All students and parents are welcome to join. This is a free event. BBQ, Water Inflatables, Talent Show, & Refreshments. More information:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/Moonachie%20Summer%20Rec%20BBQ.jpg>

## **2023-2024 School Calendar**

Please take a moment to familiarize yourself with our school calendar for this year:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3806>

## **Attendance Matters**

It is important for your child to attend school every day and on time, when not ill. He/She can easily fall behind when missing school. Please avoid scheduling recreation travel when school is in session. If your child has been identified as 'Chronically Absent' by the State of NJ, you should have received a letter in the mail in late June. Please review that letter carefully. Thank you in advance for your attention to this and partnership in ensuring your child attends school daily.

## **Academic Growth Partnerships**

We will be reaching out to specific families in the coming weeks to partner with you to either close a gap we have found with your child's academic growth, to push your child to accelerated levels, or to inform you of additional supports that may be included in your child's programming this year (i.e. before school tutoring, during the school day interventions, or recommendation for our Saturday school tutoring). We know these individualized partnerships will support each child to meet and exceed their potential!

## **Congratulations YMCA**

Our YMCA Saturday School program has been recognized as a Best Practice by the United States Department of Education! Our program will be featured on the 21<sup>st</sup> Century US DOE website through October. We can be found at the

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link below about three-quarters down the page. Congratulations to our program staff! This is a wonderful recognition of your hard work and your positive impact on our students.

Link: <https://oese.ed.gov/offices/office-of-formula-grants/school-support-and-accountability/21st-century-community-learning-centers/>

## **Who To Contact:**

Should you have any *general questions*, please direct them to myself at: [jknipper@moonachieschool.org](mailto:jknipper@moonachieschool.org).

Should you have any *health related questions*, please direct them to Nurse Gallo at: [dgallo@moonachieschool.org](mailto:dgallo@moonachieschool.org).

Should you have any *new student registration information*, please direct them to Ms. Linda Esposito at: [lesposito@moonachieschool.org](mailto:lesposito@moonachieschool.org)

Should you have any *class assignment questions, curriculum, or scheduling*, please direct them to the Director of Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Dana Genatt at: [dgenatt@moonachieschool.org](mailto:dgenatt@moonachieschool.org)

Should you have any *special education questions*, please direct them to our Director of CST, Ms. Paula Hill at: [phill@moonachieschool.org](mailto:phill@moonachieschool.org)

## **Next Community Update**

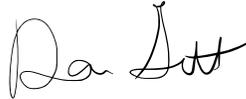
The next community update will be published on Friday August 18<sup>th</sup>. This update will include entrance procedures, dismissal procedures & times, Parent Portal Access Information, Breakfast & Lunch ordering information, PTO information & events, technology use expectations, and bussing information.

We look forward to seeing our new and returning families on September 5<sup>th</sup>! Enjoy the remainder of the summer! And as always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns. We are here!

Best,



James Knipper  
Superintendent/Principal



Dana Genatt  
Director of Curriculum & Instruction/Assistant Principal