

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends

As we close out the 2022-2023 school year, on behalf of the Moonachie teachers and staff, we want to extend a sincere thank you for the honor and privilege you afford us to serve your children and family. We thank you for your support, understanding, and partnership in supporting your student's growth this year.

As we enter the summer months, please review the following items as they are informational in nature.

Congratulations to our 8th Graders

Please join me congratulating our graduating 8th Graders!! They are headed to Wood-Ridge HS, Bergen County Academy, Englewood Academy, Paramus Technology HS, Bergen Technology HS, Applied Technology HS, & Paramus Catholic. We wish all members of the Moonachie Class of 2023 the best of luck and continued success.

Retirements

Congratulations to two of our veteran teachers as they enter their retirement at the close of this year. Thank You to Ms. Kathy Kinsella and Ms. Jean Gaito! Your decades of service to the students and families of Moonachie is beyond appreciated! We wish you good health and happiness as you enter the next chapter of your life.

Summer Recreation Information

Moonachie Borough Summer Recreation begins on Monday June 19th and will conclude on Friday August 4th. The hours are 8:30am-2:30pm, Monday through Friday. If you still need to register your child, packets are available at the main office. For more information:

<https://www.moonachie.us/home/news/2023-summer-recreation-program>

Summer Work Packets

Teachers will be sending home a summer packet for your child to work on. These packets will provide your child the opportunity to practice skills they have learned in about 20-minutes a day, Monday-Friday for 6-weeks. At the end of the summer, they can submit their packet to their new teacher for a reward. Student's may bring their packets to the Summer Recreation program if they are attending.

Building Upgrade Projects

This summer we will be completing two major upgrades to our school. The first is providing upgraded ventilation and air conditioning to all classrooms currently without air conditioning. The entire building will now be air conditioned. The second is replacing our bleachers in the gymnasium. The bleachers are

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long overdue for replacement and we look forward to this upgrade for our classes, assemblies, and events.

School Security Upgrades

This summer we are installing more cameras to close blind spots both inside and outside the building.

Additionally, we have partnered with the Borough and the Moonachie Police Department to hire Class 3 officers. A Class 3 officer will be assigned to RLC during school hours beginning next year. Having an officer dedicated to our school greatly increases the safety and security of our students and staff.

Summer Main Office Hours

The RLC Main Office will be available all summer during the following hours:

Monday – Thursday: 9:00am-3:30pm

Fridays: 9:00am-12:30pm.

The office will be closed on July 3rd & 4th.

PREK & Kindergarten Registration

PREK & Kindergarten Registration is open. Registration packets can be picked up at the main office. For questions, please contact Ms. Sue Lacey at 201-641-5833 ext 109.

Class Assignments, Schedules, & Supply Lists

These will be available via US Mail and the Real Time Parent Portal in Mid-August. We will send a district wide notification when available.

YMCA/SACC After School Program Registration for 23-24

If your child is in grades 3-8, please see the following link for registering your student for the free YMCA After School Program:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/After-school%20program%202023-2024.pdf>

We will have the paid after school SACC program for grades K-2 again. When registration information is available, we will share with the community.

We are planning to launch a paid morning program for families who need morning care. We are currently finalizing this program and costs. When registration information is available, we will share with the community.

NJSLA Score Reports

According to the State of New Jersey Department of Education, NJSLA Individual Score Result Reports are projected to be available in early September.

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2023-2024 School Calendar Reminder

The 2023-2024 School District Calendar can be found here:

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

Attendance & Chronic Absenteeism

Please remember that ATTENDANCE MATTERS. As a district, we need to decrease our chronic absenteeism rate. While it was a challenging year for individual illnesses, we did have a lot of students travel for vacation while school is in session. Please be sure to review the calendar above and plan your vacations accordingly. When your child is out for a week(s) at a time, he/she will fall behind and it is very challenging to catch him/her up. While we know family situations arise that require emergency travel, recreation travel should be planned when school is not in session. We thank you in advance for the appropriate scheduling of vacations.

Rest, Read, & Limit Screen Time/Social Media

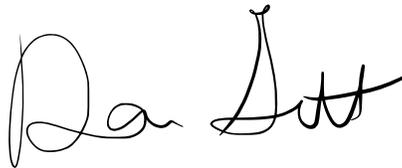
We wish everyone a restful and exciting summer vacation with your families. Please encourage your child to read during the summer. This will decrease the likelihood of the academic summer slide that kids naturally experience during the July & August months. We also encourage parents to limit screen time and social media access during these months. These limits will decrease the possibility of exposure to inappropriate content and cyber-bullying, while increasing physical activity, exploration, and creativity.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns during the summer, please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Have a safe, restful, eventful, and joyous summer vacation. We can't wait to see everyone in September!

Best,



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