



## Troy Elementary School

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Dear Troy Families,

Welcome to the 2025-2026 School Year! I trust that you have all enjoyed all that summer has to offer, and are almost ready for the beginning of another great and exciting school year. This year, with the construction work that is taking place, we will have many new and exciting experiences together. Through it all, the Troy Staff is committed to “Shining Brighter Together”. We look forward to working together with you to ensure that your child has the best year ever!

As I have mentioned, the redesign of Troy School has begun. While it is an exciting time for all of us, it brings with it curiosity and changes to the way “we do school”. Please know that throughout this redesign/renovation process, students safety is our number one priority. It will therefore be extremely important that the entire school community works together. I ask your patience and understanding, ahead of time, as we navigate our new experiences. In order to protect students, I ask that you read the following information. Please be sure that it is clear to you and your family, and to ask questions as they arise.

During the initial construction, the old office area, the primary classrooms, and the kitchen have been demolished to make way for the new building. All of the spaces that were demolished have been moved into the brick tower. Our new main entrance is on the west side of the school. Like previous years, there is a doorbell that will alert the office when someone is at the door. After ringing the bell, please be patient, school personnel will answer the quickly as possible. Please understand that it may take a minute or two, as Amy Carrier or I may be on the telephone. We appreciate your understanding.

The driveway and parking lot has also changed. During *morning drop off* and *afternoon pick-up* you will be asked to move in **ONE DIRECTION ONLY**. Cars and busses will enter on the west side of the building. Students who are dropped off at school in the morning, will meet staff in the back of the building (Students/Staff Entrance). Walkers will meet other staff at the cross walk and will enter through the main entrance.

Similarly in the afternoon, car riders will be dismissed through the back entrance at **3:00 PM**. When the majority of the car riders have left, walkers will be dismissed through the main office entrance and escorted to the crosswalk (approximately **3:05 PM**) Bus students will be dismissed after car riders and walkers have been dismissed through the back entrance.

Given that students will have recess in the lower field during the day, the driving pattern **during the day** will change to guarantee their safety. If you are picking students up *during the day*, you will be required to park by the main entrance, as space is available, pick up your child and return in the same manner that you entered. As has been the case in the past, cones will be placed by the multi-purpose room (MPR) to deter traffic during the school day.

**RECESS:** While there will NOT be any before school recess. As in the past students will have time to get some fresh air in the lower field before lunch. Appropriate snow gear will be necessary as the winter months approach, but we will send reminders as time gets closer.

**We shine BRIGHTER together!!**

**LUNCH:** While we do not have a kitchen like we knew it; there has been a temporary kitchen area installed in the MPR to allow for a hot lunch option. This year, students in kindergarten through grade 3 will have lunch from 11:40 AM – 12:10. Grades 4 through 6 will eat from 12:15- 12:45.

**WELCOME ABOARD:** As you are aware, in the spring we said good-bye to Mrs. Hoefler in the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and to Mrs. Greene, our Art teacher. I am happy to announce that we have found two wonderful teachers to replace these “very hard to fill” shoes. In 6<sup>th</sup> grade, we welcome, Ms. Chloe Warner-DeMond. Chloe is a graduate of Keene State College and has a degree in elementary education and history. In her free time, Ms. Warner-DeMond enjoys going on walks and listening to music. She is very excited to be part of the Troy Elementary Community.

Ms. Sophie Masters will be the new “traveling Art teachers”. She will spend some time in Emerson, Gilsum, and Troy and is happy to join these three exciting school communities. Sophie has a masters degree in Art Education from the Maine College of Art and Design. She is eager to learn and is looking forward to inspiring future artists and creative thinkers. Sophie enjoys being outside, spending time with family and friends and trying out new ways of making Art.

Finally, we welcome Mrs. Greene back to the Troy Community as our Title 1 educator. She has removed her art hat, and is ready to assist our students learn and grow by providing curriculum support!

Welcome to the three of you! The entire Troy School Community is excited to have you and look forward to working and learning together.

**ANOTHER CHANGE:** Mrs. Frazier, Troy’s School Counselor, has accepted another position in the Monadnock School District. She will be working in the Monadnock School District as a 504/Special Education Counselor. While we will miss her a great deal, we wish her the best as she continues to support students in our District.

We are actively looking and interviewing candidates to fill the school counselors position in Troy. In the meantime, Mrs. Weideman, the District Director of School Counselors, and Ms. Caron, another District School Counselor, will be filling in to support our students.

**KINDERGARTEN BOOST:** Thanks to Title 1 funding, Troy School will again offer a program to assist incoming Kindergarten students as they transition into school. This program will take place from 9 AM- 11 AM on August 13 and from 1-3 PM on August 14. Kindergarten Boost is intended to provide kindergarteners with what "school will look like" as they start their new adventure. We look forward to meeting all of our newest Tiger Cubs on August 13 or August 14. An ice cream treat will be provided at the end of each session!!

**OPENING DAYS:** This year, the Monadnock School District will continue with "Soft Opening" Days (August 25 and 26). These days have been created for students and their families to come and orientate themselves to the new classroom, meet their new teacher, etc. Classroom teachers will be in touch to set up appointment times for families to come and visit on Wednesday, August 20. Classes will begin for all students on Wednesday, August 27, 2025.

**SAVE THE DATE:** To further assist with the transition from summer, back to school, the Troy School Community will be hosting its third annual *Back to School Cookout* on **Tuesday, August 26, 2025** from **5:00- 6:30 PM**. Due to our school construction, we will hold this event at the **Troy Rec Center**, 61 South Street, Troy, NH. . Please bring your family to enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, salad, watermelon and all of the fixings. RSVP is required by **August 22, 2025**. Please see the flyer that is included with this communication.

**TROY ELEMENTARY PARENT TEACHER ORGANIZATION:** Troy Elementary is also very lucky to have a small but fabulous PTO who plans and organizes fun activities and events. Please consider joining our PTO! They are an open, approachable, creative, dedicated, and fun group of parents who would love to have you join them. They are committed to joining the Troy School Staff to work together toward the success of all of our children. Our school is committed to creating a safe environment for all students and staff, where responsibility and perseverance prevail, and respect for others and our community are valued and taught. We want our students to work hard individually and as a classroom community to achieve an environment where everyone feels valued and believes they can be successful. As parents and educators, we must form a strong partnership to ensure that all of our Troy Elementary students receive an exceptional education. I encourage you to participate in school activities and special occasions as your schedule allows. Please watch for our monthly newsletter that provide all of the details about what is happening at Troy School.

I look forward to getting to know you this school year. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at (603) 242-7741 or [kstone@mrsd.org](mailto:kstone@mrsd.org)

Here's to a FANTASTIC year!! Remember, WE SHINE BRIGHTER TOGETHER!! We look forward to seeing you at our school events.

Best,

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