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October 1st, 2025 - Community Update

Moonachie Families & Friends,

As we settle into the rhythm of the new school year, it's hard to believe the first month is already behind us. We are all well-positioned to build upon the established routines and expectations that support a strong foundation for continued academic excellence. This Community Update includes a wealth of important information, including Halloween guidance. October is extremely BUSY! We encourage you to review this notification thoroughly and utilize the embedded links for further details.

Middle School – Bergen Academies High School Presentations

Reminder: Next Wednesday evening, October 8th at 6:00pm in the RLC Cafeteria, we will be hosting admission counselors from the Bergen Academies. We are encouraging all middle school families to join. Presentations will review the admissions process and programming opportunities at Bergen Academy, Bergen Tech Teterboro, Bergen Tech Paramus, and Applied Technology HS. See Flyer for more Information: https://resources.finalsite.net/images/f_auto,q_auto,t_image_size_4/v1757504968/moonachieschoolorg/zrl8sdy8etdd6mux1kdf/BERGENACADEMIESINFONIGHT20252.png

October Closure Dates Reminder

Friendly Reminder that School is CLOSED on Friday October 10th and Monday October 13th. Enjoy the long weekend with your families.

Picture Day is Coming

Picture Day is on Wednesday October 8th! Order forms & information were sent home with students. Please contact Ms. Esposito at lesposito@moonachieschool.org if your child did not provide you their order form.

NJSLA-Adaptive – Field Testing

As you may have heard, the NJ Department of Education (DOE) is implementing a brand-new State Assessment system during the Spring of 2026. In preparation, the DOE is requiring all schools to administer Field Testing this Fall. We will be sending out more information to impacted grade levels in the coming weeks.

Week of Respect & School Violence Awareness Week

The Week of Respect is observed across New Jersey from October 6th to 10th. This initiative provides an important opportunity for families and schools to work together in promoting core values such as respect and responsible decision-making. We encourage you to engage in meaningful conversations at home about making positive choices, treating others with kindness, and practicing responsibility both in and out of school.

Week of Respect Flyer:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1759341884/moonachieschoolorg/mdkyk8amex1odmslaxd3/WeekofRespectFlyer.pdf

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School Violence Awareness Week will take place from October 20th to 24th. This week emphasizes the vital role that students, parents, educators, and law enforcement play in fostering safe and supportive learning environments. We invite you to talk with your child about the importance of violence prevention, personal safety, and creating a community where everyone feels secure and valued. More information will come at a later date.

House System

At RLC we are proud of our School Wide Positive Behavior System, our House System! New house shirts were provided to students in September. Students earn points for their houses by being respectful, making positive choices, being a peacekeeper, and completing their work! House shirts should be worn each Friday for school spirit and bonus points!

Morning Tutoring & Saturday Tutoring Program

Morning tutoring is in full force. Your homeroom teacher should be communicating directly with you if your child has been identified as needing extra academic support in the mornings.

Our Saturday tutoring program will launch in November. More information is forthcoming.

Halloween Ragamuffin Parade, Trunk or Treat, & Dance – Sponsored by PTO & Borough Mayor/Council

Our Halloween Ragamuffin Parade, Trunk or Treat, & Dance is scheduled for Saturday October 25th at RLC.

Parade: 10:30am
Trunk or Treat: 11:00am
Dance: 12:30pm-2:00pm

See the links below for more information.

Event Flyer:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1759319676/moonachieschoolorg/uhhutlqkp65l6ikg9lzq/HalloweenCelebrationFlyer.pdf

Sign Up to Decorate Your Trunk:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1759318987/moonachieschoolorg/g3cjdcs3pjq2ynumpd4u/TrunkorTreatSignUp.pdf

Halloween Day Information

As kids begin to pick out their Halloween costumes, please pay careful attention to these school guidelines if your child wishes to wear their costume to school:

- Costumes MAY be worn to school on Halloween, October 31st
- School Parade will be at 1:30pm. All are welcome for the parade outside.
- Class parties will be AFTER the parade. Class parents will be organizing the parties.

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- Costumes in school & parade- Zero exceptions, please plan accordingly:
  - NO Masks of any kind
  - NO Blow-Up costumes of any size
  - School Appropriate Costumes only. Nothing gory.
  - NO 'prop weapons' of any kind (I.E: NO toy guns; No Toy Swords; No Toy Grim Reaper Axes; No Toy Baseball Bats, etc…)
  - NO 'fake blood' of any kind can be displayed anywhere. This includes on their face, hands, clothing, head, etc…

PTO Pie Sale

The PTO Holiday Pie Sale is ongoing. Order forms & information were sent home with students. Please contact Ms. Esposito at lesposito@moonachieschool.org if your child did not get you their order form.

PTO Book Fair

October 21st from 9am-6pm
October 22nd from 9am-3pm

October Volunteers are needed! Click here for more information:
https://resources.finalsite.net/images/v1759319042/moonachieschoolorg/mahz7fxki5jgnws1hunr/OctoberPTOEvents.pdf

Parent Portal Reminder

We encourage everyone to stay up-to-date in the Parent Portal. You can view your child's attendance, assignments, and grades. If you still need your login information, please give us a call and we will get you set up.

We know this is a lot of information. Please reach out if you have any questions or require any clarifications. Have a spooky month!

Best,

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