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# Lloyd Road Parent Update April 15th

**Lloyd Road Elementary**



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THAN OUR BEST!**



**Matawan Aberdeen School District**

## Parent Newsletter Updates ~ April 15, 2026

Dear Lloyd Road Elementary School Families,

Please [click here for the latest Lloyd Road Parent Update](#) and enjoy this Smores Newsletter update.



Thank you,  
Dr. John Bombardier  
Principal

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## Teacher/Staff Appreciation Week ~ Totally Tubular Certificates! -Only \$2

- Please [click here](#) for a flyer from the LR PTO with information on Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

- Help celebrate our amazing Lloyd Road Staff by purchasing a "Totally Tubular" Certificate for only \$2



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## Art for the Sky Reveal ~ Enjoy our School's Beautiful Butterfly Video

- We are excited to share our school's [Art for the Sky Butterfly Video](#) which captures the essence of this special schoolwide experience.
- Parents/Guardians, please check out the [Art for the Sky Magnet & Postcard Order Form!](#)
- **A special thanks to the Lloyd Road PTO for making this event possible!**



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## Wear Tie Dye on Friday, April 24th for MARSD Diversity Acceptance

- Please [click here](#) for a flyer and we encourage you to celebrate diversity acceptance by wearing tie dyed clothing on **Friday, April 24th.**



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## PTO Color Run - Tuesday, April 28th - Still Time to Register!

- Scan the QR Code [here](#) OR use [this link](#) to register or continue to raise funds for your child!



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## PTO Information ~ Upcoming Events & Fundraisers ~ See Below

- [LR PTO 5th Grade Class "One & Done" Fundraiser Flyer](#)
- [LR PTO Discount Card Purchase Flyer](#)
- [PTO Route 9, Route 18 & Route 36 Participating Merchant Listing](#)
- [5th Grade Committee - Yearbook Photo Submission Flyer](#)
- [LR PTO Lip Sync Flyer - April 24th](#)
- [LR PTO Color Run Flyer - April 28th](#)



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**Report Cards for MP 3 - Will go live on Friday, April 24th**

- Report Cards for marking period # 3 will go live on the parent portal on Friday, April 24th.
- The link to the Genesis Parent Portal is located [here](#).
- Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions.



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## LR Assessment Calendar - NJSLA, iReady, CogAT, DLM - 2025-2026

- Please see the [Lloyd Road Assessment Calendar](#) that includes upcoming assessment dates.



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## Reminder: Student Arrival Drop-Off Time & Monitoring Students

- Please make note that the doors to our school open for student arrival at **8:35 AM**.
- We ask that parents/guardians be mindful of the time you drop off your child as we do not have staff on "arrival duty" until 8:35 AM, so students are unsupervised prior to this time.
- We ask that parents/guardians refrain from student drop off prior to 8:30 AM if they will be unsupervised by an adult in an effort to ensure student safety. Thank you for understanding.



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## 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony Thursday, June 18th ~ - Save the Date!

- Due to the two additional snow days the district had to utilize, the Lloyd Road 5th grade promotion ceremony will now take place on **Thursday, June 18th**
- Here is the [final 5th grade promotion parent letter](#) for your review.



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## Message from Nurse Regler ~When to Keep Your Child Home From School

- If your child has heavy cold symptoms, deep or uncontrollable coughing
- If your child has a fever, keep them home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines.

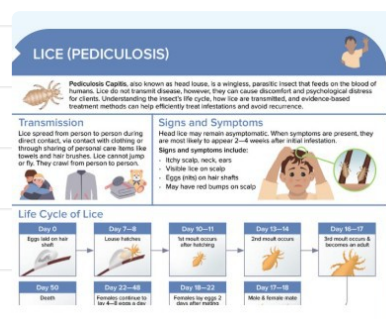
- If your child has pain in their ears, throat, head or chest and can not comfortably participate in school activities.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they must have neither for 24 hours before they can return to school




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## Parent Letter ~ Pediculosis Information & Prevention Tips ~ 2025-26

- Please [click here](#) for an important letter regarding pediculosis prevention




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## Reminder for Students & Parents -Online Safety & Digital Footprints

- As part of our school's partnership with [NJ4S/Compass](#), we recently held student workshops focused on *online safety, cyberbullying and Social Media Safety*.
- As students grow to be responsible digital citizens, it is important that they understand the negative effects that technology misuse can have on others and on themselves.



### Please talk with your student about these key considerations before posting or messaging

- **THINK acronym:** Before posting, ask: Is it **T** rue, **H**elpful, **I**nspiring, **N**ecessary, **K**ind?.
- **Privacy & Safety:** Be cautious about sharing personal details (full name, location, school) that can be exploited by strangers or criminals.
- **Future Impact:** Remember that colleges and employers often review social media, so posts should reflect positively on you.
- **Empathy:** Would you want someone to post this about you? Would it embarrass or negatively portray someone else?.
- **Mental Health:** Impulsive posting can lead to anxiety and mood swings; pausing helps prevent regrettable actions.
- **Digital Footprint:** Anything online can be permanent; assume it's public, even with privacy settings.

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## Student Attendance Matters

- Daily attendance is essential for the academic success and personal development of students. Consistent participation enhances understanding of the curriculum, fosters a sense

of community, and develops important skills such as punctuality and responsibility.

- Students who attend classes regularly are more likely to complete assignments, perform better academically, and build positive relationships with educators. These connections provide valuable support as students navigate their high school experience. Prioritizing daily attendance is crucial for ensuring that every student has the opportunity to thrive and succeed in their educational journey.



### **The State of NJ Recognizes the Following as Excused Absences Only:**

- Religious observance ([N.J.A.C. 6A:32-8.3\(h\)](#))
- College visits (up to 3 days per school year for students in grades 11 and 12)
- “Take Our Children to Work Day”
- Participation in observance of Veterans Day (N.J.S.A. 18A: 36-13.2)
- The closure of a busing district that prevents a student from having transportation to the school
- Participation in district board of election membership activities.

### **When to Keep your Child Home From School...**

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- If your child has a fever, keep them home for at least 24 hours after the fever is gone without the use of fever-reducing medicines.
- If your child has pain in their ears, throat, head or chest and can not comfortably participate in school activities.
- If your child is vomiting or has diarrhea, they must have neither for 24 hours before they can return to school.

### **Reminder ~ Report Your Child's Absence**

- If your child will be absent, please notify our front office attendance secretary, Mrs. Karen Liebowitz at 732-705-5700 or email her at [Kliebowitz@marsd.org](mailto:Kliebowitz@marsd.org).
- It's always a good practice to notify your child's teacher as well, especially if your child will be absent for more than one day.

### **Not sure how many days your child has missed this year?**

- Login to the Genesis Parent Portal using your username and password
- Click Attendance

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## **Reminder: M.O.S.T. Program Student Information - 2025-26 Registration is Still Open**

**M.O.S.T.**  
Mentoring Our Students Together

- The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of [The M.O.S.T. Program](#) for **students in grades 2-12**.
- Students who join the M.O.S.T. program will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members to **Mentor Our Students Together**.
- **The M.O.S.T.** program will be held on select **Tuesday & Wednesday afternoons** from **3:00pm to 6:00pm** in the Matawan Aberdeen **Middle School Cafeteria**.
- Please [click here to register your child](#) for the MOST Program.

## District Information- Redistricting Information - For Parent/Community

Shaping Our District's Future

Redistricting Information

- The district has prepared FAQs with Scenario based on community feedback and questions.
- Please see [this document titled Shaping Our District's Future](#) for more information.

**PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2026/2027**

**OUR PROGRAM**

**Locations**  
Preschool classrooms are offered at Cambridge Park Elementary, Acuña Elementary and other elementary schools.

**Classes**  
Classes are offered with 20 students and 20 teachers and 10 staff members.

**Eligibility**  
Students must be 5 years old or younger October 1, 2026 to enroll preschool and are accepted through a lottery.

**REGISTRATION BEGINS JANUARY 2024**

Students must be enrolled by March 20<sup>th</sup> to be included in the lottery.

For questions or additional information, please call (732) 705-4079 or visit <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>

**INSCRIPCIÓN PARA PREESCOLAR Y KINDER 2026/2027**

**NUESTRO PROGRAMA**

**Ubicaciones**  
Se ofrecen clases de preescolar en Cambridge Park, Lido Elementary y en las escuelas primarias del distrito.

**Clases**  
Las clases son ofrecidas con niños del 1 a 5 años, veinte por aula y diez o más maestros y personal administrativo en el aula.

**Eligibilidad**  
Los estudiantes deben tener 5 años cumplidos el 1 de octubre de 2026 o ser más jóvenes para poder participar en el sorteo de admisión.

**LA INSCRIPCIÓN COMIENZA EN FEBRERO 2024**

Los estudiantes deben estar matriculados antes del 20 de marzo para poder participar en el sorteo.

Para preguntas o información adicional, llame al (732) 705-4079 o visite <https://www.marsd.org/parents-students/central-registration>

## School Counseling Department

### Lloyd Road Elementary Guidance Department

Ms. Feen (Grade 4 Counselor)

[kfeen@marsd.org](mailto:kfeen@marsd.org)

- Grade 4 guidance referrals
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Mental Health and Wellness
- Classroom guidance lessons / support
- Small group / individual counseling
- Restorative practices conflict resolution
- School safety, climate, culture equity and diversity
- Crisis team member



- YMCA counseling contact - grade 4
- I&RS support
- Student attendance concerns - grade 4
- Assists with HIBS when needed

Ms. Tay (Grade 5 Counselor)

[ktay@marsd.org](mailto:ktay@marsd.org)

- Grade 5 guidance referrals
- Social-Emotional Learning (SEL), Mental Health and Wellness
- Classroom guidance lessons / support
- Small group / individual counseling
- Restorative practices conflict resolution
- School safety, climate, culture equity and diversity
- Crisis team member
- YMCA counseling contact - grade 5
- I&RS support
- Student attendance concerns - grade 5
- Assists with HIBS when needed

Our counseling department services include classroom lessons and individual and/or group counseling based on individual student needs. Some focus areas for classroom lessons and schoolwide emphasis are conflict resolution, mental health and wellness, social-emotional learning, coping skills, and relationship-building skills.

**Our counselors are here to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.**

## Child Study Team (CST) Department

### Lloyd Road Elementary School Child Study Team Department

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Ms. Amy Gallagher, *Speech Language Pathologist*

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### Members of the Child Study Team (CST) work together to:

- Conduct comprehensive evaluations, including cognitive, academic, and social-emotional assessments, to determine eligibility for special education services

- Interpret assessment data and shares findings with families and staff in a clear, supportive, and culturally responsive manner
- Participate in the development, implementation, and ongoing review of Individualized Education Programs (IEPs)
- Provide consultation to teachers and administrators to support evidence-based instructional and behavioral interventions
- Monitor student progress and recommends data-driven interventions and program modifications
- Collaborate with key staff members, including counselors to evaluate, and support students experiencing academic, behavioral, social, or emotional challenges
- Support a multidisciplinary, collaborative approach that promotes inclusive practices and student success within the general education setting
- Serve as a liaison between school, families, and community resources to ensure coordinated support for students

Our Child Study Team members are here to support our students and families. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or feedback.

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## **Dr. John Bombardier**

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