

Moonachie Public Schools

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Community Update – June 10, 2026

Moonachie Families & Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are coming into the last few days of school for the 25/26 school year. Our kids and teachers have worked extremely hard this year and we could not be prouder of everyone's growth, excitement, happiness, and passion for being kind to all.

As we graduate the LARGEST 8th grade class in Robert L. Craig school history, join us in congratulating each of these stellar students on completing their Moonachie school journey. This class has proven that hard work, dedication, empathy, and laughter can truly make magic happen. As they head into their next chapters, we wish them good health, happiness, academic success, and positive social growth! Moonachie is cheering you all on.

Administration Announcement

We are extremely excited to share with everyone that at last evenings Board of Education meeting, Ms. Dana Genatt was approved as your next Superintendent/Principal beginning July 1, 2026. During her 6-years in Moonachie district leadership, Ms. Genatt has proven to be the highest of performing leaders for our school and district. The continuity of this administrative transition will allow for consistency for students, staff, and families, as Moonachie moves into the future under her leadership. Join me in welcoming Ms. Genatt into her new role with Moonachie!

Date Reminders

June 17th @ 6pm – 8th Grade Graduation
June 18th @ 9:30am- Kindergarten Graduation
June 19th @ 9:30am- Pre-K Graduation
June 19th – 1pm Dismissal
June 22nd – Last Day of School – 1pm Dismissal
June 23rd – Summer Recreation Opens
June 29th – Extended School Year (ESY) begins

Final Report Cards

Report cards for the 4th marking period will be available in the parent portal on June 22nd. Grades K-2 will be printed and sent home with your child.

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Preventing the Summer Slide

Research is clear that, in general, students lose 1-2 months of academic progress during the summer months. To help minimize this impact, we encourage all families to create quiet reading times each day for 20-minutes. Allowing your child to select a high interest text and creating this 20-minute routine, they will enjoy the time and help prevent some academic slide.

World Cup Congestion

While we are not anticipating any direct impact of the World Cup games on West Park Street and our direct school, please anticipate increased traffic times on Moonachie Rd for the game scheduled at MetLife on Tuesday June 16th at 3pm. If you are running late for dismissal as a result, please give us a call so we can plan accordingly.

Bathroom Renovations

This summer, we will be conducting phase 1 of the bathroom renovations. We will be replacing the boys and girls bathrooms in the elementary wing, used by our K-4 students. This renovation will require students in Summer Recreation to sometimes transition from one part of the building to the other via outside. We appreciate your understanding during the renovation.

NJSLA-A Results

We were informed by the Department of Education that results from this Spring State NJSLA-A assessments, for grades 3-8, will not be published until sometime in the fall. When we receive them, you will receive them.

Summer Office Hours

Please be advised that beginning June 23rd, the main office will be available to the public from 8:30am – 3:00 pm Monday-Thursday and 8:30am – 12:30pm on Fridays.

Teacher Assignments

Be advised, that homeroom/teacher assignments for 2026/2027 will not be available until mid-August. Once released, changes cannot be made unless for extreme unforeseen circumstances.

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Farewell & Thank You

As my journey in Moonachie comes to a close after a 10-years of service, I cannot thank this special community enough for giving me the opportunity to lead. Watching your children grow each year has been the highlight of my career. The leaders in Moonachie, the Board of Education, teachers, staff, families, and students will forever have a special place in my heart, my families' memories, and will be a part of who I am forever. I appreciate all the well wishes and understanding that this decision is best for my family.

I leave Moonachie in the best of hands and will be cheering you all on for continued greatness.

Remember.....
Always Do Your Best, And You Are Special!

Wishing everyone a happy, relaxing, healthy, and fun filled summer with your kiddos! Enjoy every exploration, sun ray, pool dip, ice cream cone, and hug.

If you need anything, please let us know. Stay well.

Best,



James S. Knipper
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