



Ravine Drive Elementary School

Principal's Message

August 26, 2026

Dear Ravine Drive Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 School Year!

I hope that you have enjoyed the summer break. I'm looking forward to another great school year and can't wait to welcome back our students, families, and staff. Whether your child is walking through our doors for the first time or returning as a familiar face, we are so glad to have your family as part of our school community. There are so many exciting changes this school year. We are now a PreK-5th grade building and are all coming together as Huskies!



The [parent portal](#) opened yesterday afternoon, if you are having issues accessing your account there is a form on the portal login page you can complete. Be sure to review your contact/emergency information is up to date, complete documents/questions, and view your students schedule.

I would like to thank our Operations & Maintenance Department and Custodial Staff for all the work they did this summer to make sure our buildings are ready for students next week.

Mark Your Calendars:

Wednesday, Sept 2nd- Student Orientations

Thursday, Sept. 3rd- 1st Day of School & Early Dismissal for Students

Friday, Sept. 4th- Early Dismissal for Students

Monday, Sept. 7th- Holiday District Closed

Thursday, Sept. 10th- Back to School Night

Monday, Sept. 21st- Holiday District Closed

Sincerely,

One District. One Team. Every Student.

Back to School Information

RDES New Student Orientations

Families are invited to join us on Wednesday, Sept 2nd for school presentation, meet staff and a building tour. More information will be shared before event date.

9:00AM - 9:45AM PreK & Kindergarten

10:00AM - 10:45AM Grades 1 & 2

11:00AM - 11:45AM Grades 3, 4 & 5



Beginning of Year Information

Our first day of school is Thursday, September 3rd.

Students will have an early dismissal on **Thursday, September 3rd and Friday, September 4th.**

PreK students will dismiss at 12:55PM & K-5 students at 1:05 PM

Please review [RDES 26-27 Arrival & Dismissal Letter](#) for important drop-off and pick-up procedures.

Families can complete free/reduced lunch applications online through their parent portal account. If you need a paper copy, they can be requested through our main office. Breakfast and lunch will be available on the first day of school. Students select their lunch option each morning, menu options can be found [here](#)

MARSD K-5 Supply Lists can be found [here](#).

Attendance Matters! If your child will be absent from school, please call the main office at 732-705-5800 to let us know.

AM Kiss & Drop Loop

- Kiss & Drop is available in the mornings from **8:55 AM - 9:05 AM.**
- There is no parking allowed in the [Kiss and Drop Loop](#) during morning drop off.
- Students need to exit the vehicle from the passenger side. Please do not get out of your vehicle. If your child needs assistance getting out of the car, wait for a staff member to assist

you.

- We kindly ask that you wait in line and do not pass other vehicles dropping off.
- After 9:05AM, all students need enter through the main office.



RDES School Hours

[RDES K-5 & PreK School Hours](#)

There was a change this year to Ravine Drive's school hours. If you have a PreK student- please note that they have a different dismissal time.



RDES Back to School Night

Thursday, September 10th

6:30PM-7:30PM

Please enter the building through the main entrance near the flagpole. There will be two sessions. The first session will run from 6:30pm to 6:55pm, and the second session will run from 7:00pm to 7:25pm. You can attend either session and each session will begin in your students' HR class.

Several community organizations will have information tables present in the gym. Make sure to stop by to learn about the opportunities and resources available to our students and families.

If you cannot attend, please contact your child's teachers, who can share any information they are discussing.

MARSD Smartphone/Mobile Devices

- Smart phones and all mobile devices are not allowed to be used during the school day and should be kept in a student's backpack.
- If a student needs to communicate with a parent or guardian during the day, they may come to the office with teacher or staff permission.

Link to policy [5516.02](#)

Community Resources

Y-Kids Before & After School Care

The YMCA offers before and after school care. All of the program's information can be found through this link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact the YMCA directly at 732-566-9266 or afterschool@ymcanj.org

Ravine PTO Announcements

Joining the PTO

See [flyer](#) for information on how to join the PTO



Upcoming PTO Events

See [flyer](#) for more upcoming PTO Events.

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