



Ravine Drive Elementary School

Principal's Message

September 8, 2026

Dear Ravine Drive Families,

This week on Thursday, Sept. 10th we have Back to School Night, we hope you can make it.

As we start a new school year, we need your assistance in ensuring we have a safe and efficient drop off and pick up.

Arrival

From 8:55-9:05 the Kiss and Drop Loop is only for drop off, not a drive thru lane. Cars are to form a single lane and remain in one line, not passing other vehicles. Pay attention to the staff that are monitoring/assisting with the line, they will direct you as to where to stop. Do not drop off by the entrance to the loop as then the traffic builds behind you. Be sure to remain in your vehicle and have students ready to exit on passenger side. Please be patient and we will get there.

Dismissal

Due to number of requests, we are unable to accomodate for siblings to go to another class before dismissal. If you have more than 1 child in grades K-5 in the school, we ask that you pick up your younger child first. Exit points are close to each other. For classes exiting towards the blacktop either through Door #6 or Door #7, please keep sidewalks clear and wait for them to make it to their stopping point on the blacktop.

If you have ever have any questions or suggestions, please let me know.

Mark Your Calendars:

Thursday, Sept. 10th- Back to School Night

Monday, Sept. 21st- Holiday District Closed

Sincerely,

Lorena Carbajal

Ravine Drive ES Principal

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One District. One Team. Every Student.

RDES Information & Events



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.

Beginning of Year Information

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

Here is the link to the Sept. 2nd [Student Orientation Slideshow](#)

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 K-5 & PreK School Hours](#)

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](#).

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. [Genesis Parent Portal](#).

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**. (No Drive Thru Traffic is allowed at this time only families that are utilizing Kiss & Drop).
- 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.

K-5 Health Information

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District values the importance of partnering with families as we educate students in the knowledge and skills they need in order to lead a healthy, active life.

Therefore, we invite you to explore our K-5 Health Curriculum, and discuss this information with your child prior to the instructional units at school. Specifically, the content related to family life education. The curriculum pacing guide is available on the district website by clicking on the corresponding hyperlink below. You are also welcome to contact your child's Health Teacher to preview the lessons we will be teaching your student.

[Health Information Letter K-5 2026-2027](#)

MARSD Standardized Assessments

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7C-6.6, all school districts must, by October 1st of each year, provide parents or guardians certain information on any State assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year.

As part of the district's commitment to ensure parents are fully informed about certain information on any state assessment or commercially-developed standardized assessment that will be administered in that school year, please review the information located in the following letter:

[MARSD Parent Notification of Standardized Assessments - 2026-2027](#)

Ms. Susan Moore, RN, is Ravine's School Nurse.

Each school district shall ensure that all students are provided the opportunity to receive health screenings. The required screenings are outlined in the [Annual Screenings Information](#)

Ms. Moore's contact information: smoore@marsd.org or 732-705-5830.



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

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MOST Program

Mentoring Our Students Together (M.O.S.T)

The Matawan-Aberdeen Regional School District is proud to announce the return of [The M.O.S.T. Program](#).

Students in Grades 2-12 within the MARSD will have the opportunity to work with certified staff members and dedicated community members as we work 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](#). [Click Here to Register](#).

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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