



MAMARONECK AVENUE SCHOOL

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

Stronger Together — MAS Tigers!



Welcome, October!

Dear MAS Families,

Happy October! We hope your family is enjoying a wonderful start to the school year. September was filled with new beginnings, building relationships, establishing routines, and creating a strong foundation for learning. Our students and staff have been working hard to make MAS a welcoming, safe, and engaging place for every child.

As we move into October, we look forward to continuing to grow together as a school community. Thank you for your ongoing partnership and support. Together, we can make this a successful and memorable school year for all our MAS Tigers!

♥ Citizen of the Month:

Being Helpful

Our October Citizen of the Month theme is

BEING HELPFUL!

Being helpful means looking for opportunities to make someone else's day a little easier. At MAS, we encourage our students to recognize that even small acts of kindness can make a big difference in our classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, playground, and community.

Throughout October, we will encourage students to:

- Help classmates who may need assistance.
- Follow directions and classroom routines.
- Include others in games and activities.
- Keep our school clean and organized.
- Offer kind words, encouragement, and support.
- Take responsibility for their actions and belongings.
- Look for opportunities to help without being asked.



Family Conversation Starter:

Ask your child, "What is one helpful thing you did for someone today?" You can also encourage your child to find one way to help at home each day.

Remember, being helpful is a choice we can make every day!



October School Lunch Menu

Click the link below to view the October lunch menu for White Plains Public Schools.



View the October Lunch Menu

<https://www.whiteplainspublicschools.org/district-offices/food-services/menus>



Parent-Teacher Conferences

October is an important time to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their progress, celebrate successes, and identify opportunities for continued growth.

Every MAS family should have a parent-teacher conference this month.

These conferences provide a valuable opportunity to strengthen the home-school partnership and work together to support each child's academic, social, and emotional development.

Our designated conference dates are:

- **Thursday, October 8** – Afternoon conferences; noon dismissal.
- **Tuesday, October 13** – Afternoon conferences; noon dismissal.
- **Thursday, October 15** – Evening conferences.

Please be sure to schedule a conference with your child's teacher. We look forward to connecting with every family and continuing to work together to help our MAS Tigers thrive!



Unity Day – Wednesday, October 21

On Wednesday, **October 21**, MAS will celebrate **Unity Day**, a day dedicated to promoting kindness, inclusion, acceptance, and positive relationships.

We are asking all students and staff to **WEAR ORANGE** to show our commitment to creating a school community where everyone feels welcomed, valued, and respected.

Throughout the day, each class will participate in activities with their buddy classes, focusing on building strong, healthy relationships, encouraging kindness, celebrating differences, and strengthening connections across grade levels. By working together, we can create a school culture where kindness matters, friendships grow, and everyone belongs.

*Wear Orange. Stand Together.
Choose Kindness!*



Save the Dates – October at MAS!

Please mark your calendars for these important dates and upcoming events.

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Early Dismissal Drill

All students will be dismissed 15 minutes early. Please plan accordingly.

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Picture Day

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Noon dismissal; afternoon conferences.

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Schools Closed

Columbus Day.

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Parent-Teacher Conferences

Noon dismissal; afternoon conferences.

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Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences

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Spooktacular!

Rain date: October 25.

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Unity Day

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30**

Halloween Parade

9:00 AM, weather permitting.



Safety First at MAS

Student and staff safety remains a top priority. Throughout the school year, we practice safety drills and review procedures to help our students understand how to respond appropriately during an emergency. We appreciate our students' cooperation and our families' support as we continue to reinforce these important routines. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and supportive learning environment.



October Reminders

As the weather begins to change, please remember to:

- Send your child to school dressed appropriately for cooler temperatures.
- Label jackets, sweatshirts, lunchboxes, and other personal belongings.
- Encourage your child to practice independence with their belongings.
- Notify the MAS office of any changes to your child's dismissal plan as early as possible.
- Review school communications and the district



Please remember that consistent attendance and arriving at school on time help students begin each day ready to learn.



Thank you for all you do to support our students, staff, and school. We are proud of our MAS Tigers and look forward to another wonderful month of learning, friendship, and growth!

Let's make October a month filled with helpful hearts, kind words, inclusion, and positive choices!



With Tiger Pride,

Mr. Janowitz
Principal

