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Robert L. Craig Newsletter

October 2020



Every Child. Every Day. Every Chance.

Board of Education Members:

Mr. David Vaccaro
Mr. James Campbell
Mr. Charles Pallas
Mr. Edmond Monti
Mr. Matthew Vaccaro

Meeting Dates:

October 13, 2020
6:30 P.M.

From the Desk of Mr. James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal

Welcome back Robert L. Craig School! First and foremost, THANK YOU! Thank you for your patience, flexibility, and understanding during this challenging time. Please know that the health and safety of our students and staff is the utmost concern of our administration and leadership team. While we navigate this new instructional environment of serving both "Live" and "Remote" students at the same time, there will be technological hiccups. There will be frustrations and moments of confusion and panic. This type of learning environment has never been done before. There is no roadmap, there is no textbook. However, I am confident that our staff and teachers will work tirelessly to remedy any situation that will arise. As a result, I ask for patience and kindness from everyone. Let us model for our young people how to be kind to each other during a time of unrest, unknown, and uncertainty.

Sincerely,

James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal

Always Remember: Do Your Best and You Are Special!



PTO News

Welcome back Moonachie families! The school year has begun and we are so excited to get back to work for our students! We hope all in person families received their PTO folders and all virtual families can find our forms on the Moonachie School webpage under the PTO section. If you're interested in becoming a class parent, please submit those forms as soon as possible. We also set up a PTO Venmo account to pay your dues this year. Our apparel choices have been updated and we have some new products you may be interested in. Please check it out. We will be updating information about Halloween but safely following CDC guidelines. Please stay tuned for any upcoming events or fundraisers. Looking forward to a safe and exciting year ahead.



Reminder

Every 'Live Student' MUST check-in for school, each morning, via the MyMedBot Application. This series of questions, the same each day, will be the parent/guardian certifying that their child is COVID-19 symptom free. The Check-In will get 'pushed' to your phone beginning at 6:45 am each morning. It will remind you every 15-minutes until you complete the form. Your student will NOT be allowed to enter the building without checking in. Upon arrival at school, your student will go through a non-contact temperature screen. Should you need further guidance or assistance, please refer to this document for support: <https://www.mymedbot.lu/app-user-guide>



- 10/2 School closed - teacher in service
- 10/9 Progress reports distributed
- 10/12 School closed - Columbus Day
- 10/13 BOE meeting 6:30 P.M.



PRE-KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS MUST HAVE THE FLU VACCINE PRIOR TO DECEMBER 31, 2020 TO CONTINUE WITH SCHOOL IN JANUARY 2021. IT IS THE LAW!! Turn in your paperwork now to avoid missing school. Please contact Ms. Gallo with these or any other health concerns regarding your child.

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THE RLC BEAT



By Donna Gallo BSN MEd RN, School Nurse

Welcome back to the school year like no other !! The CDC recently released some guidance regarding Halloween in a COVID world. Here are some highlights:

- > Low-risk Halloween activities include the following: Carving pumpkins with your immediate family, Virtual Halloween costume party, Watching a Halloween-themed movie with your family
- > Traditional "trick or treat" or "trunk or treat" activities are considered high risk for COVID and should be avoided.
- > Crowded indoor Halloween parties are also considered high risk.

Halloween guidance from CDC can be found at the link below, separating various activities at low, moderate, or high risk so you can make the best plan for your family. Have a safe and healthy Halloween.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/holidays.html>
<https://covid19.nj.gov/pages/testing#test-sites>

We would like to **CONGRATULATE**
Julian Trelles, Erick Romero and
Gianna Eaddy for being chosen as the
September Students of the Month!



PARENT'S GUIDE TO DISTANCE LEARNING
DISTANCE LEARNING TIPS

The guidance below can help us all make the best of new and sometimes unfamiliar distance learning environments.

1. Establish routines and expectations

It is important to develop good habits from the start.

2. Choose a good place to learn

Set up a physical location that is dedicated to school activities. Make sure it is quiet and free from distractions.

3. Stay in touch

Teachers will mainly be communicating through online platforms and virtual learning environments. Make sure everyone knows how to find the help they need to be successful.

4. Help students own their learning

Provide support and encouragement and expect your children to do their part.

5. Begin and end the day by checking-in

These brief grounding conversations matter. Checking in students to process instructions they received from their teachers, and it helps them organize themselves and set priorities – older students too.

6. Establish times for quiet and reflection

For families with children of different ages, and parents who may also be unexpectedly working from home more often, it's good to build in some time for peace and quiet.

7. Encourage physical activity and exercise

Living and working at home, we will all need some room to let off steam. Moving is vital to health, wellbeing, and readiness for learning.



Meadowlands Area YMCA

Nita M. Lowey

21st Century Community Learning Center



Registration for the After School Program is open to students in grades 3-8. The program offers in person and virtual tutoring, STEAM programs, enrichment programs and chess program. To participate, please go to the Robert L. Craig School website and you can find the registration link under the YMCA After School Program page.

In person programming started on September 10, 2020 from 1pm to 4pm.

Saturday Virtual Tutoring and chess will be starting on Saturday October 10, 2020.

October Program Closings:

Friday, October 2, 2020

Monday, October 12, 2020

For further information you can contact Project Director
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