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## Robert L. Craig Newsletter

October 2021

*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 19, 2021  
6:30 P.M.

### **From the Desk of Mr. James Knipper Superintendent/Principal**

Welcome back Robert L. Craig School! Wow, what an eventful first month of school! Smiles, laughter, confetti, balloons, excitement and joy filled our hallways, classrooms and outside campus. It was so great seeing everyone again, meeting our new students/families and moving forward together. Please refer to our school website [www.moonachieschool.org](http://www.moonachieschool.org) for the latest announcements and upcoming events. Thank you for a wonderful September. As always, please do not hesitate to call 201.641.5833 or email [jknipper@moonachieschool.org](mailto:jknipper@moonachieschool.org) with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

James Knipper, Superintendent/Principal

***Always Remember: Do Your Best and You Are Special!***



### **PTO News**

Welcome to the 2021/2022 school year. Thank you to those who have paid their dues to help support our upcoming events. It's not too late to pay, just send an envelope labeled PTO with your child's name and teacher on it to class and their teacher will forward it to me.

We have a lot of exciting events happening this year. We will be co-sponsoring the Halloween Family event with the town and YMCA. We are also bringing back the book fair for in person shopping at the end of October. Flyers will be going home for both events. Our next PTO meeting will be on November 3rd (class parents must attend). It will be determined closer to the date if it will be in person or virtually. If you have a question, any concerns or would like to join, please feel free to contact Linda at [LEsposito@moonachieschool.org](mailto:LEsposito@moonachieschool.org) or Brenda Garcia for Espanol at [gbrendalicia@yahoo.es](mailto:gbrendalicia@yahoo.es)



### **IMPORTANT**

Every 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. Should you need further guidance or assistance, please contact Alyssa Spitaleri at 201.641.5833 x123.



### **Start Strong State Assessment**

We will be administering the Start Strong Assessment for grades 4-8 in ELA, Math and Science. This test will have content from concepts and skills from the prior year. Students in grades 4-8 will take the ELA assessment on October 13 and the Math on October 14. Students in grade 6 will take the Science assessment on October 19. Make-up assessments will be given on October 15, 18, 20 and 21.

Please make every effort to ensure that your child is well rested, has a good breakfast and is present on their assigned testing dates.

If you have any questions regarding the Start Strong, please feel free to contact me at (201) 641-5833, ext. 110 or [dgenatt@moonachieschool.org](mailto:dgenatt@moonachieschool.org).

THE RLC  BEAT

**By Donna Gallo BSN MED RN, School Nurse**

Improving your child's sleep will improve your child's grades

Children who do well in school consistently get a good night's sleep. Sleep gives children energy, focus, and the ability to recall information as well as problem solve. School success requires children to manage their emotions and behavior, both of which require reliable healthy sleep. Kids who are sleepy have problems concentrating and staying awake in class. Sleepiness can even cause their grades to go down. Children ages 3-5 should get 11-13 hours of sleep each night. Children ages 6-13 should get 9-11 hours of sleep each night. Here are some suggestions on how your child can get more sleep. Stress the importance of sleep in your home. Control your child's screen time before bed. Keep TV's, phones and video games out of your child's bedroom. Turn off smartphones, tablets and other screens about 1 hour before bedtime. Stick to a bedtime routine that includes time for your children to relax so that their minds and bodies will know it's time for bed. Be consistent-even on weekends. <https://www.webmd.com/parenting/raising-fit-kids/recharge/features/kids->



**Robert L. Craig School Picture Day**

Please be advised that School Picture Day is scheduled for  
**Thursday, October 21, 2021.**

Pictures can be ordered online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) with  
Picture Day ID: EVTW4QG4D

If you have any questions, please contact Alyssa Spitaleri at  
201.641.5833 x123 or [aspitaleri@moonachieschool.org](mailto:aspitaleri@moonachieschool.org)



**Meadowlands Area YMCA  
Nita M. Lowey**

**21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center**



On Wednesday, September 1, 2021, our area was flooded due to remnants of Hurricane Ida. The Metropolitan Mobile Homes on Moonachie Road were hit the hardest with families losing their belongings and destruction to their homes. The Meadowlands Area YMCA, the Robert L. Craig School and the Borough of Moonachie assisted in providing these families with food, hygiene and school supplies. If any further assistance is needed please contact Borough Hall or the RLC School.



We had a wonderful 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on September 10, 2021. Thank you Mr. Facendola and Ms. Schmidt for organizing this event. We are so proud of 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Nicole Youhana for reading a speech and reciting a poem that she wrote about 9/11.



Please contact Mr. Facendola at [pfacendola@moonachieschool.org](mailto:pfacendola@moonachieschool.org) or (201) 641-5833 to register for our YMCA After School Program. Remember: Grades 3-8 are Free from 3pm-6pm. Grades 1-2 are tuition based (financial assistance is available).



We would like to **CONGRATULATE** the following students for being chosen as the September Students of the Month!

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|--------------|--------------------------------|
| PreK         | <b>Sophia Smith</b>            |
| Kindergarten | <b>Annabella Mariluz</b>       |
| Grade 1      | <b>Ryan Olivares</b>           |
| Grade 2      | <b>Amy Cabrera</b>             |
| Grade 3      | <b>Diana Velecela Ludizaca</b> |
| Grade 4      | <b>Eva Fernandez</b>           |
| Grade 5      | <b>Dominik Seyben</b>          |
| MS Science   | <b>Isaiah Colon</b>            |
| MS ELA       | <b>Hailey Friedman</b>         |
| MS Math      | <b>Timothy Velez</b>           |
| Spanish      | <b>Prince Patel</b>            |