

# Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends-

I just want to take a moment to provide some Reminders and Updates as we progress into the Spring months!

## In Regard to the COVID-19 Case Reported on Monday 03/08

The individual reports that he/she is feeling well. There remains no evidence of in-building spread!

## In Regard to Updated Bergen County Health Department Guidance

We were informed this week that we no longer have to close for 14-days for two (2) unrelated cases. If two unrelated cases occur and they can be contact traced to an out-of-school exposure, we will continue with the practice of quarantining the individual classes, but this may not result in a full-building closure. As always, each case is collaborated with the Bergen County Department of Health and we will follow all of their recommendations as we contact trace each individual event.

## In Regard to April Instructional Calendar

I understand how important it is for early communication of Remote Days, when planning for coverage of your children. While transmission rates of COVID-19 remain low, case rates are still high and Bergen remains in 'Orange' – High Risk. We are planning to maintain our current Live Programming, of a Full-Remote day on Monday's for all students in April. A final decision will be made next week and a Calendar released on Friday 03/19.

## In Regard to the 2020-2021 Calendar

As we were able to use Remote Days during the snow storms, we did not utilize any Snow Days! As is past practice, we will be amending the calendar to give back those three days and get an early Summer Break!!! The final day of school will be: **Thursday 06/17/21**

## In Regard to Remote Students Returning to Live Instruction

If you wish for your child to return to live instruction, please contact the Main Office and we will create an individualized time frame for your return.

## In Regard to Spring Break Travel (April 2 – April 9)

As of this publication, New Jersey is still strictly following travel quarantines, should anyone travel outside of: New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, and Delaware. If you are planning to travel to any other state during Spring Break, please communicate with Nurse Gallo as soon as you can, so we can advise of necessary quarantine upon return. Should the NJ Department of Health update this guidance before Spring Break, I will communicate it immediately.

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## In Regard to Outside Instruction

As the weather gets nicer, our staff has been advised to teach outdoors as much as possible. Our WiFi extends significantly into our campus. When this occurs, remote students will either continue to learn Synchronously, as teachers will bring their laptops, OR they will be assigned Asynchronous activities, aligned with the academic lesson occurring with the Live Students.

## In Regard to Spring State Assessments

We have yet to receive notification from the NJ Department of Education if Spring NJSLA (formally PARCC) Assessments will be administered. Once we receive notification, an Assessment Specific Notification will be sent to all families.

## In Regard to an Update from the PTO

The PTO is actively planning outdoor activities for the Spring semester. They will be inclusive of both Live and Remote students/families. If you would like to volunteer as a PTO Partner and support our efforts, please reach out to PTO President, Ms. Linda Esposito @ [Lindae33@aol.com](mailto:Lindae33@aol.com)

## In Regard to Staff Vaccinations

School staff are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 Vaccinations. Many of our staff members are receiving appointments! Time slots are provided, not chosen. We are working collaboratively to accommodate each appointment and ensuring minimal disruption to Instructional Delivery and Time. I thank you in advance for your understanding and flexibility, should coverage be needed for your student's class to accommodate the Vaccination process.

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As we mark 1-year from the State Lockdown and our School Closure, I want to take a moment to reflect on our journey. This pandemic has impacted every family differently. Your perseverance and love for each other, has afforded Moonachie to come together during this difficult time, lend a helping hand to each other, and push towards the dim light at the end of this long tunnel. Let us never forget the lives lost during this pandemic, the lessons learned, and the goodness demonstrated by so many.

If your family is in need of anything, please let us know so we can route resources to you; whether it is food security, mental health services, or academic support.

Have a wonderful weekend and give your babies an extra hug this weekend! We are almost there!

Best,



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