

Moonachie Public Schools

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Moonachie Families & Friends –

Please review this community update with some new information, regarding social distancing in schools, and some calendar reminders.

First, a HUGE Congratulations to our Inductees of the Robert L. Craig Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society! Also, Congratulations to the RLC STEAM TEAM for earning a spot in the STEAM TANK Regional Competition! Please join me in celebrating the wonderful accomplishments of our students!

In Regard to the Positive COVID-19 Case Reported on Monday March 22nd

This case was Contact Traced to an outside School Exposure. As of this publication, there is no evidence of in-class or building spread to students or staff. The individual who tested positive reports to be feeling well.

In Regard to Social Distancing & Masks

The NJDOH issued guidance on Wednesday, in line with the new CDC recommendations. Grades K-5 are now permitted to move to 3-feet of social distance in classrooms. This guidance allows our students and teachers to engage in more intimate small group instruction, interventions, and peer learning groups. However, during lunch students must return to 6-feet of social distance.

As we are still in 'Orange' (High Risk), Middle School (grades 6-8) must remain at 6-feet, at all times. Nothing will change for Middle School students until we move to 'Yellow' (Moderate Risk) or 'Green' (Low Risk).

Masks remain a mandate. Social Distancing of 6-feet in all other areas in the building remain unchanged.

In Regard to Ventilation

Now that the weather is warmer, classrooms windows are open all day. The fresh air component is proven to greatly decrease possible COVID-19 particles in the air. As mornings can be cooler than afternoons, please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate attire. Students will also be outside for classes, PE, and Recess as much as possible. Additionally, we continue to run the HVAC system, which continues to use the upgrade MERV-13 filters.

In Regard to Spring Break Travel

Please refer to the infographic on our website for guidance on required quarantine if you are traveling outside of NJ, NY, DE, CT, or PA. It can be found on the Red Pop-Up Window AND on the homepage under 'Announcements'. If a student must quarantine following Spring Break, they will be a Remote Learner. Please inform Nurse Gallo or Mr. Knipper by Tuesday March 30th of any anticipated travel plans.

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In Regard to Spring Break Dates

Thursday April 1st is a ONE-SESSION Day. Dismissal is 1:00pm.
Friday April 2nd – Friday April 9th – School (Live and Remote) is closed for Spring Break.

In Regard to State Assessments

We received notification from the Department of Education that NJSLA (formally PARCC) in ELA, Math, & Science for grades 3-8 are proceeding. Remember, we are mandated by the State and the Federal Government to Administer these tests.

The Assessment window has moved to May 3rd through June 11th. Mrs. Genatt and I have a training next week, where the Department of Education is set to offer further guidance. Once we know more information, in regard to schedules, length of tests, and logistics, I will communicate it immediately.

In Regard to Easter Drive By Celebration

We are excited to host a COVID friendly Easter Celebration Drive By Event on Saturday April 3rd, from 11am-1pm, in partnership with the Borough of Moonachie and our PTO! Come get some treats and see the Easter Bunny!

In Regard to the 2020-2021 Calendar


Please review the updated calendar for this year on our website, under the 'School Information' tab. We were able to give back our Snow Days by utilizing the Remote Learning Option this year! The last day of school is now June 17th! Enjoy the Early Summer Break!

In Regard to Technology on Loan

Our staff is making contact with any family in possession of a district device to check on its overall health, performance, and physical state. If there is anything wrong with a district device in your home, please inform us immediately.

On behalf of the Administration, Teachers, Staff, and Board of Education, we wish everyone, who celebrates this season, a Happy Easter and Happy Passover!

Please be safe & enjoy your family time.

Best,

James S. Knipper
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