

# *Moonachie Public Schools*

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Moonachie Families & Friends:

I just want to take a moment to update everyone as Covid-19 guidance continues to be updated and as our Live Student population increases.

## With Regard to Updated CDC Mask Guidance Announced on Thursday 05/13

The CDC has announced that vaccinated individuals do not need to wear a mask while indoors or outdoors. This is GREAT news for our country! However, please remember we follow NJ Department of Health Guidance, not CDC. As of this writing, nothing changes in New Jersey Schools or RLC. I will update the community if this guidance in New Jersey changes.

## With Regard to Field Day

We are excited to bring back Field Day this year! May 28<sup>th</sup>, will be Field Day! It is a 1pm Dismissal. We have organized a day that ensures Covid-19 mitigation procedures are followed and the students have a great time! Remote Students are welcome to join, OR there will be an Asynchronous Remote Field Day Option. If you wish to join as a remote student, please inform Ms. Spitaleri by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Please review the published flyer and let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

## With Regard to Live Students Attending Daily Live Instruction

As we continue to increase our Live Student Attendance, we are also seeing students/families choosing to stay remote on individual days, without Office Approval. Please remember, that if your child is a LIVE student, the expectation is that he/she is in school, unless approved by the Office Staff, Nurse Gallo, or MyMedBot. Teachers need to be notified of Daily Remote approvals so that we can appropriately prepare instruction and student work. If we don't approve these daily changes and communicate them with teachers, it makes it very challenging on our teachers. Thank you for your continued support and communication of your family needs.

## With Regard to Summer Programming

I know the Registration Packet listed certain grade levels and may have been confusing. Please know that the Summer Program is open to **ALL** Students of the Robert L. Craig School, regardless of grade level. Please contact Mr. Phil Facendola or the Main Office with any questions.

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## With Regard to Student Mental Health

If you are observing any concerns at home with your student's mental health, please let us know so we can work to get supports for your child or family. It has been a very challenging 15-months for everyone, especially our children. Please let us know of any challenges or concerns you observe.

## With Regard to Dismissal

As we continue to increase our LIVE Student population, it is a large undertaking to safely dismiss almost 300 students in a 20-minute period. If you are in the car line, we ask that you pull all the way up before stopping. This will help expedite the dismissal process. Also, please stay in your vehicle, unless you are loading children into car seats. We will continue to deliver the students to your vehicle. We appreciate your continued patience during dismissal while we safely dismiss all students before 3:05pm.

Thank You for your continued diligence and partnership in keeping our school community safe this year! Please continue to communicate with us your individual family needs and we will continue to work with each family and student in any way we can! Stay well and enjoy the beautiful weather!

Best,



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