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Community Update #3

Moonachie Families and Friends –

I hope this message finds you and your students well, although probably exhausted following the completion of our first week of school. We had such a wonderful week of smiles, wonder, laughter, and sharing of summer adventures. While there were also plenty of tears and anxiety by parents, students, and staff alike, everyone demonstrated positivity and resilience! Now, we can all settle into our new routines!

A couple of points to close out our week that need addressing or reminding.

Dismissal – Car Line & Walkers Update

First, I appreciate everyone's patience this week while we work through some new procedures. As I have shared in previous community updates, for security reasons we must keep the front horseshoe clear of parked cars until we are ready to dismiss. As you all know, we do not have extra parking spots either. We all must follow dismissal procedures to ensure not only a smooth and quick dismissal, but most importantly, a safe dismissal and campus. If we **ALL** follow these points, wait times and the line length will dramatically decrease.

- 1) **ONLY PRE-K** families are permitted to arrive at 2:45. This allows for our youngest students, who require car seats, extra time to safely load. (12:40 on half-days)
- 2) Grades K-5 cars may begin at 3:00pm. Always pull all the way up. Stay in your car. Load from the right side. Move as quickly as possible. (12:50 on half-days)
- 3) Grades 6-8 will NOT be called. If you are picking up a Middle School student, arrive after 3:10pm. Middle School students are in class until 3:05 and will not be dismissed early. Between 3:05-3:10, students are going to their lockers and securing their laptops. There is no reason to arrive before 3:10. If you are waiting for a MS student, please pull out of the car lane and wait on the opposite side. (1:00 on half-days)
- 4) If you have students in multiple grades PK-5, please arrive during the 3:00-3:10pm time frame for all students.
- 5) If you arrive before your assigned time, you will be asked to leave and come back.
- 6) Do not worry about, "Being early so you're not late". We have plenty of staff to supervise the children.
- 7) Walkers will be called first. If you are walking, you may arrive at any time and wait on the side walk for dismissal to begin at 3:00.

Early Dismissals – ****NEW****

2:30pm will be the cut off for early dismissals. No early dismissals will be permitted after 2:30. If your family experiences an emergency requiring pickup between 2:30-3:00, please call the main office first.

Entrance

This is going very well! Thank You All!

Reminder: Cars should never be left unattended. The entrance doors close at 8:50am. If you arrive after 8:50, your student must enter through the main entrance and the student will be marked late.

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Back To School Night & Wellness Fair – Wednesday, September 14th

Doors Open at 6:00pm for our Wellness Fair in the Gymnasium. Classroom visits begin at 6:30pm. Please enter via the Main Entrance.

PK-5: Your teacher will send you the room number & any important information early next week.

Middle School: Your teachers will send a schedule & room numbers early next week.

Throughout the evening, thanks to our partnership with CarePlus, we will be hosting a Wellness Fair for families. Please review the informational flyers below:

- Wellness Fair Information (English): [CLICK HERE](#)
- Wellness Fair Information (Spanish): [CLICK HERE](#)

REMINDER: Reporting Absences

All student absences must be reported to the Attendance Officer, Ms. Lucrezia Maurin by 9:00am on the day of the absence. You can submit via phone (please leave a voicemail) or email:

- Call: 201-641-5833, Option 1 or dial Extension 120
- Email: lmaurin@moonachieschool.org

REMINDER: After School YMCA Registration & Information (Grades 3-8)

The YMCA After School Program began on Wednesday, September 7th and runs daily from 3:05-6:05pm. This program is available to all students in Grades 3-8 and remains free. You may register [HERE](#).

REMINDER: After School SACC Program Registration & Information (Grades K-2)

The SACC After School Program for Grades K – 2 is tuition based and financial assistance is available if you qualify. For more information on this After School Program, please see links below:

- SACC Grades K-2 Information (English): [CLICK HERE](#)
- SACC Grades K-2 Information (Spanish): [CLICK HERE](#)

REMINDER: Free & Reduced Application

You can also access the application via our website or in the RealTime Parent Portal. Please submit to Ms. Sandy Diaz: sdiaz@moonachieschool.org or drop off at the main office.


- English Application Link: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3747>
- Spanish Application Link: <https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3748>

Finally, as we remember the victims of September 11, 2001 this weekend, our thoughts and prayers are with all of the victims and their families. In memoriam, our 8th grade students wrote poems about this tragic event in our history. They did a wonderful job honoring each American life lost 21-years ago.

Have a restful weekend and as always, please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Best,

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