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2024-2025 Community Update #4

Moonachie Families & Friends,

The school year certainly moves quickly. As we close out the first month of school, we look forward to capitalizing on established routines and expectations to move through the year with academic excellence. There is a lot of information in this Community Update. Please review carefully and utilize the provided links for more information.

Mrs. Genatt Returns

Mrs. Genatt returned today from her maternity leave! We are excited to have her back with us!

Middle School – Bergen Academies High School Presentations

Next Wednesday evening, October 9th from 6:30-8:00pm at the RLC Cafeteria, we will be hosting admission counselors from the Bergen Academies. We are inviting ALL middle school families to join. Presentations will review the admissions process and programming opportunities at Bergen Academy, Bergen Tech Teterboro, Bergen Tech Paramus, and Applied Technology HS. See Flyer for more Information:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/BERGEN%20ACADEMIES%20INFO%20NIGHT%202024.pdf>

Picture Day is Coming

Picture Day is on Wednesday October 9th. Order forms & information were sent home with students. Please contact Ms. Esposito at lesposito@moonachieschool.org if your child did not get you their order form.

Week of Respect & School Violence Awareness Week

October 7th to 11th is the Week of Respect in New Jersey. As a community, we can help our students by discussing the importance of Responsible Decision-Making and Respecting Others. Please take some time to talk as a family about making positive decisions, respecting others, and how children can make responsible decisions in and out of school.

School Violence Awareness Week is October 15th – 18th. During this week, we highlight the importance of bringing students, staff, parents, and law enforcement together to be active participants in the important work of violence prevention and school safety. Please take some time to discuss the importance of violence prevention in all aspects of our lives.

See this flyer for more information on what we will be doing at the school during both the Week of Respect and School Violence Awareness Week:

https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/Week%20of%20Respect_SVA%20Week%202.pdf

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House System

At RLC we are proud of our School Wide Positive Behavior System, our House System! New house shirts were delivered this week and will be distributed shortly. Students earn points for their houses by being respectful, making positive choices, being a peacekeeper, and completing their work! House shirts should be worn each Friday for school spirit and bonus points!

Morning Tutoring & Saturday Tutoring Program

Morning tutoring is in full force. Your homeroom teacher should be communicating directly with you if your child has been identified as needing extra academic support in the mornings.

Our Saturday tutoring program will launch in November. More information is forthcoming.

Halloween Ragamuffin Parade, Trunk or Treat, & Dance – Sponsored by PTO & Borough Mayor/Council

Our Halloween Ragamuffin Parade, Trunk or Treat, & Dance is scheduled for Saturday October 26th at 10:30am. See the links below for more information.

Event Flyer:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/HALLOWEEN%20FLYER%2020204.pdf>

Sign Up to Decorate Your Trunk:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/cms/lib/NJ02201261/Centricity/Domain/4/Trunk%20or%20Treat%20Sign%20Up.pdf>

Halloween Day Information

As kids begin to pick out their Halloween costumes, please pay careful attention to these school guidelines if your child wishes to wear their costume to school:

- Costumes MAY be worn to school on Halloween, October 31st
- School Parade will be at 1:30pm. All are welcome for the parade outside.
- Costumes in school:
 - o NO Masks of any kind
 - o NO Blow-Up costumes of any size
 - o School Appropriate Costumes only. Nothing gory.
 - o NO 'prop weapons' of any kind (I.E: NO toy guns; No Toy Swords; No Toy Grim Reaper Axes; No Toy Baseball Bats, etc...)
 - o NO 'fake blood' of any kind can be displayed anywhere. This includes on their face, hands, clothing, head, etc...

PTO Pie Sale

The PTO Holiday Pie Sale is ongoing. Order forms & information were sent home with students. Please contact Ms. Esposito at lesposito@moonachieschool.org if your child did not get you their order form.

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Middle School Cell Phone Reminder

Friendly reminder that ALL middle school cell phones are to be off/silent and in lockers at all times. We have already had incidents of students using their phones inappropriately during school hours. Please remind your child to keep their phones in their lockers.

Student Behavior Reminder

We expect each student to demonstrate respect toward other students and adults in school, at all times. If your child experiences a problem with another student, in class or at lunch/recess, they should seek help from a teacher, aide, counselor, or administrator.

Verbal or social media harassment, intimidation or bullying has no place in our school, and neither does solving problems through physical contact.

October Date of Closure Reminder

Friendly Reminder that School is CLOSED on Friday October 11th and Monday October 14th.

We know this is a lot of information. Please reach out if you have any questions or require any clarifications. Have a spooky month!

Best,



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