

MPE LIONS' NEWS NETWORK

APRIL 30, 2021

Monday, May 10th - Full Day, In Person Instruction Begins!!! IMPORTANT INFORMATION

We are planning for our next pivot for full-day in-person instruction. If this pivot could potentially change your child's status from remote to in-person, please contact the MPE office **BY MAY 3, 2021** to determine if space is available. Next week, we will send home a presentation with more detailed information regarding this final pivot. Additionally, we will host a webinar on May 6 at 7 pm as we know you may have questions.

Arrival will remain the same. Please be sure your child is ready to exit the car when the staff member opens the car door. Arrival will take place from **8:00 - 8:15 a.m.** Doors will open at 8:00 a.m. and close at 8:15 a.m. Students arriving after 8:15 a.m. will be considered tardy and parents will need to bring their child to the front door and ring the bell. Remote students should be online with their teachers by 8:15 a.m. Teachers will send out information about their daily schedule the week of May 3rd.

Dismissal will be slightly staggered to help with the social distancing. Students will be walked out with the teacher or staff member in a socially distanced manner. Students will be released to guardians once the teacher has made eye contact. Bus students will be walked to the bus by a staff member.

2:30 Kindergarten

K - Door #15 - Kindergarten exit

2:35 1st, 2nd, and 5th

1st - **Door #1** - front exit

2nd - Monaco and Mount-**Door #14** - side of building, second exit door

Chen/Cognetti - **Door #12** - back of building past door #17

5th - Carlin and Darst - **Door #14** - side of building, second exit door

Barbag - **Door #17** - small gym exit

2:40 3rd and 4th

3rd - **Door #14** - side of building, second exit door

4th - **Door #13** - 1st exit in the back of the building in the corner

Lunch and Recess: Each class will have a lunch and recess period. More information about procedures will be sent home next week. During recess, students will wear masks as they play on the playgrounds, fields, blacktop, and gaga pit. Classes will be assigned designated places to have lunch and recess. On inclement weather days, students will have lunch indoors. At this time, students must remain six feet apart when unmasked and eating. Therefore, we will maximize the use of the large spaces. Please send in a towel each day unless your child's teacher indicates otherwise. Parents will be able to order cold lunches through Aramark's Food Service. Additional information is forthcoming.

Snack: Some classes will still have a snack as scheduled by the classroom teachers. We encourage you to send a healthy, hearty snack to sustain your child until dismissal. Teachers will try to take students outside for snack as often as possible. Please send your child in with a beach towel so they can comfortably sit on the blacktop, socially distanced. More information will be provided next week.

Specials: All specials will take place in person. Some specials will take place in your child's classroom. More information will be provided at the webinar on May 6, 2021.

Please submit your questions below:

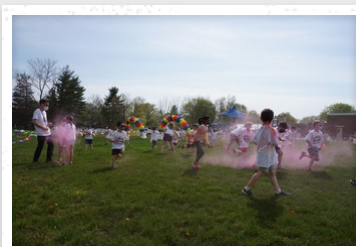
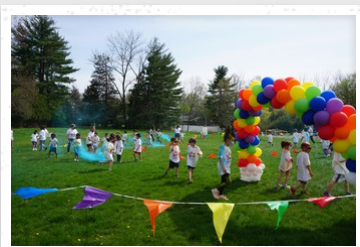
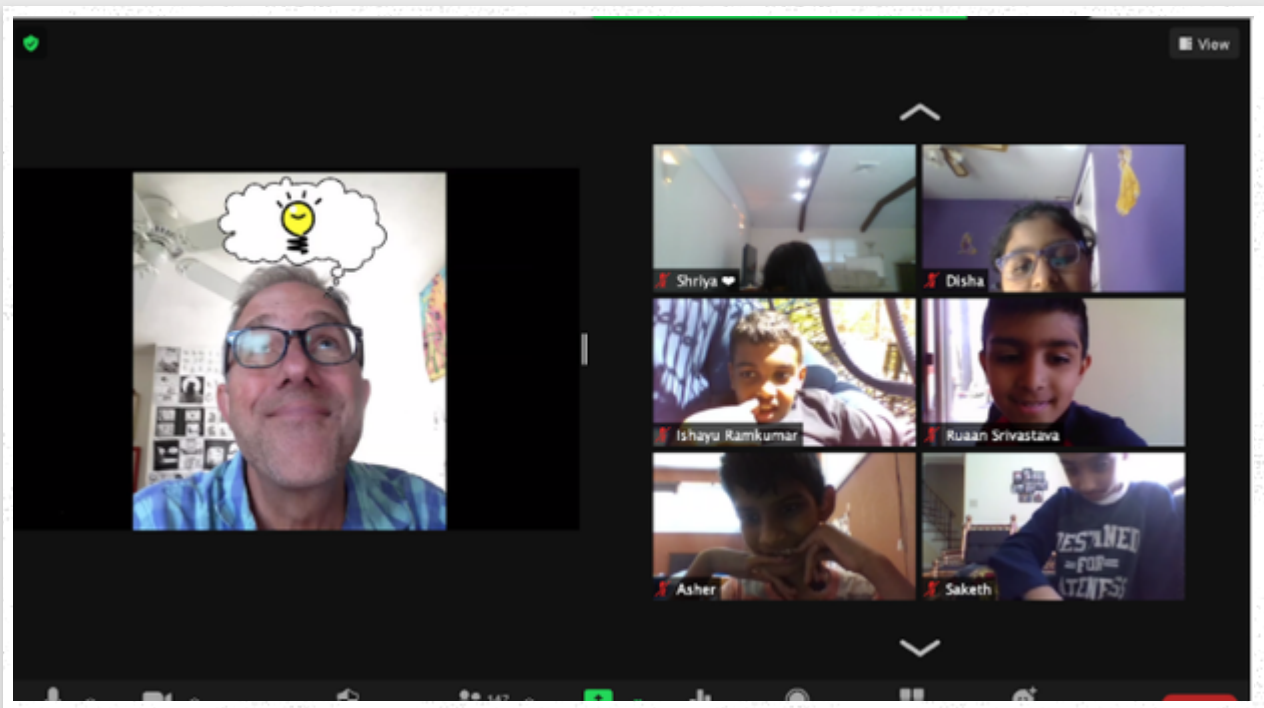
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**NO AFTERNOON SMALL GROUPS WITH
CLASSROOM TEACHERS ON MAY 3, 2021 AS
WE PREPARE FOR MAY 10, 2021**

This Week at MPE...

- **Virtual Author Visit** - Thanks to our PTA, MPE hosted a virtual visit from author/illustrator David Biedryzcki on Monday April 26th. It was a wonderful event!! Thank you to Mrs. Piccoli too!!
- **State House Tours for Grades 3-5** - Our students in grades 3-5 attended a virtual tour of the NJ State House in Trenton, NJ. Using an interactive PowerPoint presentation, students explored the State House's history and architecture while learning about the legislative process, state symbols, how a bill becomes a law, and the citizen's role in government. Thank you to Mrs. S., Mrs. Bach, Mrs. Piccoli and Mrs. Kelner for hosting.
- **5th Grade Picnic and Ice Cream Social** - 5th grade students had a wonderful time having lunch and ice cream with their classmates!
- **Color Run** - No one went home clean from MPEs first ever Color Run!!! Even Dr. Block and Mr. Stern joined in the fun. A fabulous time was had by all!
- **Parent/Teacher Conferences** - Thank you so much for taking the time to meet with your child's teacher this week. It is a team effort and we appreciate all of you continued support as we finish the 2020-2021 year strong.




Parent University Wednesday, May 5, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Leala Baxter, Pre-K - 6 ELA Supervisor, will host a parent session on English Language Arts Instruction on **Wednesday, May 5 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** See the flyer for more information and zoom link.

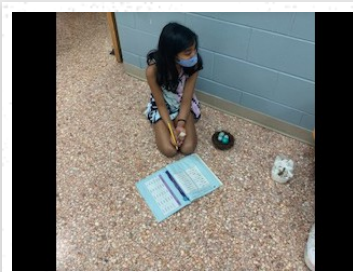


ELA K-2 Parent Night Flyer.pdf

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430.5 KB

5th Grade Student Pizza Lunch, Thursday, May 6

We are excited to announce that in conjunction with the MPE 5th Grade Committee, we will be hosting a 5th Grade Student Pizza Lunch. Please send a drink to school with your student on Thursday, May 6th. Students will stay after dismissal at 12:35 for the pizza lunch. Kindly plan to pick up your 5th grader at 1:30 pm on the blacktop. The rain date for the pizza lunch is May 7.



Our Student Version of the LNN

<https://www.smores.com/9r01v>

Parent Webinar - Full Day Pivot - May 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Save the date for our Parent Night on **May 6, at 7 p.m.!!!** The meeting will include information on the Full-day Pivot!! A link will be mailed out early next week with detailed information about the May 10th full day pivot!

REMEMBER THAT STUDENTS SHOULD BE IN THE BUILDING BY 8:15 AM



Very Important Reminders

Water and Snack must be sent in each day

Unfortunately, we have had children come to class without water and snack. It is really important that they bring these items from home. Children can refill their water bottles but they cannot use the water fountains in the traditional manner.

Please send water with your child each day. As the warmer weather comes, we want to keep our children hydrated!! We do not have extra water bottles or snacks for students. I am very sorry but it is important that they bring them from home.

Social Distancing and Mask Protocols

As students arrive on school property and enter the building, they must maintain appropriate social distancing and wear a mask. All students and staff will be required to wear masks throughout the instructional day both inside the classroom and during transit in the building. It is expected that parents will provide masks for their children. **Students should wear clean masks each day and bring extra masks in their backpacks.**

Please remind your students of the importance of social distancing even during snack and lunch. We are also mindful of the 6 feet especially when masks are off.



For Earth Day the fifth grade students participated in a National Geographic virtual ocean field trip and did a choice board. Kayli Chan, pictured, chose to make her own recycled crayons!



Mrs. Chang's class is learning how to take care of another "living creature" as they practice nurturing.



Nurse Cullen keeps us safe and healthy!

SAVE THE DATES - for these year end activities!

- **June 14** -Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony - 9:00 - 9:30 - Mrs. **Alterman's** Class
- **June 14** - Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony - 9:45 - 10:15 - Mrs. **Fiore's** Class
- **June 15** - Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony - 9:00 - 9:30 - Mrs. **Raje's** Class
- **June 16** - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 9:00 - 1:00 a.m.
- **June 17** - Raindate for Grade 5 Moving Up Ceremony
- **June 24** - 5th Grade Clapout - Time to be determined

Upcoming Events

May 5 - ELA presentation with Mrs. Baxter

May 6 - Webinar with Dr. Dolan and staff members to discuss the new pivot

May 6- 5th-grade pizza party 12:45-1:30 pm

May 11 - PTA General Meeting

May 12 - National School Nurse Day

May 13 - Multicultural Experience during the school day * this is a change

May 15 - MPE Car Wash

May 20 - Last Community Meeting of the school year

May 26 - Tentative Sports Day- outside - grade 5 versus staff.

June 2 - Field Day (This is a change!) Rain date June 3.

June 3 - New K Parent Orientation

June 8 - New K student screening

June 14 - Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony for Alterman , 9:00 a.m. and Fiore, 9:45 a.m.

June 15 - Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony for Raje 9:00 a.m.

June 16 - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony - 9:00 a.m. (Rain date June 17)

June 23 - 5th grade Yearbook signing and Ice Cream

June 24 - 12:00 p.m. 5th grade student clapout

To view this version of the LNN on the website

<https://www.smores.com/fbw0c>

