

MPE WEEKLY ROAR

SEPTEMBER 24, 2021



MPE VIRTUAL BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT ON OCTOBER 7TH!

Introduction

6:10 - 6:30

Welcome Back with Principal Dolan, Nurse Cullen and School Counselor Galluzzo

Meet the Specialists and Special Teachers

6:30 - 6:45

Related Arts, Resource Room, Reading Interventionist, BSI Teachers, School Counselor, ESL, and Related Services. (link will be sent by the main office)

6:45-7:00

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Meet the Classroom Teachers

Session One: 7:00 - 7:25

Visit your child's teacher via Zoom (Link will be sent to families directly from the classroom teacher)

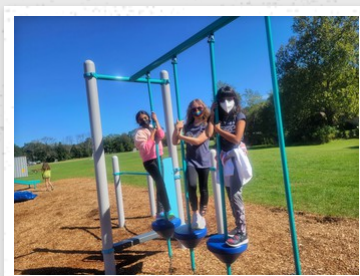
Session Two: 7:35 - 8:00

Visit your child's teacher via Zoom (Link will be sent directly from your classroom teacher)

**Please note: "Meet the Teacher" sessions are intended for you to get to know the teacher and find out more about your children's learning environment. This is not an opportunity to ask specific questions about your child. Fall conferences will take place November 1-3, 2021.*

TECHNOLOGY HELP

The link is <https://livingston.incidentiq.com>. This page can also be accessed through Livingston.org, then selecting Technology HelpDesk from the Technology drop-down menu. Once in, the parent can simply select all the necessary criteria for the issue and the system will automatically direct it to the appropriate technician, based on the selections made. Thanks!



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE FIRST
MPE GENERAL PTA MEETING OF THE YEAR
ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AT 7 PM. CLICK HERE
FOR ZOOM LINK**

WALK-A-THON

We will be holding a student-only walk-a-thon on October 8th. The children will walk with their class around the complex. Parents are invited to make donations to sponsor their child's efforts. The charity we are supporting this year is Livingston Neighbors Helping Neighbors. Please look for the notice that was sent home on Wednesday, September 24, 2021. There is also a copy attached to this newsletter.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM NURSE CULLEN: IF YOUR CHILD(REN) ARE NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE KEEP THEM HOME.

Don't ever hesitate to call ext 8142 or email mcullen@livingston.org to discuss any concerns. I am here for all of you!!!!

While our region remains in a moderate risk matrix:

Any student that has 2 or more second tier symptoms or 1 primary tier symptom is considered presumptive for COVID 19 and will need to get a PCR test. A negative result will allow a return to school. Siblings of such students will also need to remain home. (even if they are not exhibiting symptoms)

*****PCR tests are required when symptomatic ******

Second tier symptoms are: runny nose/congestion, headache, sore throat, muscle aches, chills, nausea/vomiting, stomachache/diarrhea, fever greater than 100.4F

Primary tier symptoms are: cough, difficulty breathing , shortness of breath, new loss taste/smell.

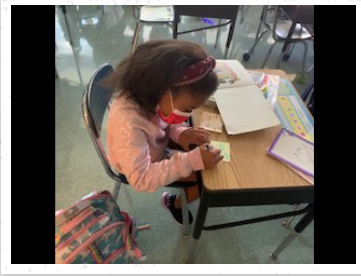
Quarantine for a confirmed positive COVID 19 individual is 10 days from the test date or start of symptoms, returning on day 11 as long as the individual is feeling well enough to engage in activity.

Quarantine for a direct contact (as long as this individual can isolate from the confirmed case) is 10 days from last exposure, returning on day 11 OR 7 days, returning on day 8; if this individual tests on day 5,6 or 7 from last exposure & receives a negative test result

Direct contacts are defined as being unmasked, unvaccinated and less than 3 feet for 15 mins or longer.

Students will need to be 24 hr fever free (elevated temp is 100.4F or greater) without the use of fever reducing medications prior to returning to school.

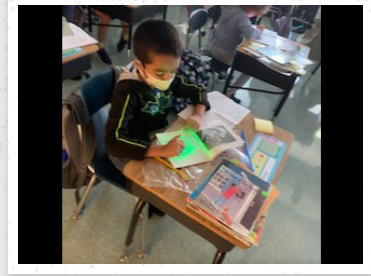
Students will need to be 24 hr from any episodes of vomit or diarrhea prior to returning to school.



**WHAT IS
YOUR
FAVORITE
PART? BE
READY TO
SHARE!!**



**WE LOVE TO
READ!!! WE
ARE
READING!!!!**



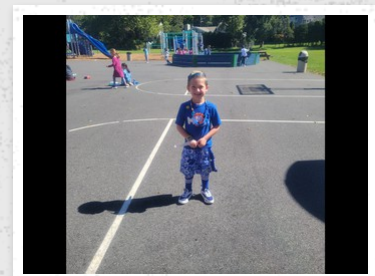
**FLASHLIGHT
FRIDAY!!
READING IS
FUN!!!**

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DOLAN

Happy Friday. The past few weeks have been extremely busy and rewarding. Our students are becoming more confident and independent. As they stride through the front door, they are excited to see their teachers and friends. Thank you for all of your hard work behind the scenes to get your children to school on time, prepare their backpacks and help them with their school work. Our children are very polite and kind. We thank you for instilling those values. Regardless of how busy the schedules, please do not forget to have your child reading for at least twenty minutes a day. There is significant research to support this practice. Have a wonderful weekend!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Miss Galluzzo is so excited to be part of the MPE family this school year! She will be filling in as the school counselor and has been eagerly going into the classrooms to introduce herself. If you would like to contact Miss Galluzzo for your child's needs please call 972-535-8000 x6900 or email her at dgalluzzo@livingston.org.



SAFETY PATROL

Safety Patrol is a great way for your child to be involved at MPE! Members set the example for the school by modeling proper behaviors around the school, monitoring community areas (ex: hallways, playground, blacktop) to ensure all students are safe, and providing a helping hand!

Safety Patrol also allows your child to build responsibility, by making sure they attend meetings (usually during lunch or recess) and knowing their job location for the month. If your child would like to be a Safety Patrol member this year, please have them complete the form below by October 1. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

<https://forms.gle/yvt9AdQEzbDK2WpYA>

COVID TESTING

LPS Staff, Students and Families: Voluntary Covid PCR testing will be offered every Tuesday from 3:30-5:30 p.m. in the Riker Hill Media Center. **APPOINTMENTS REQUIRED.**

The District is partnering with [BacktoWork Solutions](#) which offers the highest quality PCR testing available at no out-of-pocket-expenses and has a quick 24-48 hour turnaround.

Testing is a 2-step process:

Step 1: [Click here to register for a quick Telemed Evaluation.](#)

Step 2: Follow email instructions to print out testing prescription and make a testing appointment.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 24 - School Picnic

September 28, 29, 30 - Scholastic Book Fair - outside under tent

September 29, 30 - Teacher Read Alouds Under the Tent - 3pm - 3:30 pm

September 30 - New Parents Meet with the PTA under the tent - 6:30 (Registration required)

Week of October 4 - Week of Respect

October 7 - MPE Back to School Night .

October 8 - MPE - Walk-a-thon (During the School Day)

October 8 - 5th grade committee blacktop sales - 2:37 p.m.

October 11 - No school for students - PD for staff

October 12, 13, 14, 15 - Start Strong Assessment for Grades 4 and 5 only

October 19 - First Community Meeting at MPE

October 20 - BNL School Pics - grades 3-5

October 21 - BNL School Pics - grades K-2

Week of October 25 - Red Ribbon Week

October 29 - Halloween Parade

Grades K-2 1:15 pm - 1:40 pm

Grades 3-5 2:00 pm - 2:25 pm



_Walk-a-thon Flyer 2021.pdf

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WORLD SMILE DAY AND MORE

Note for World Smile Day-

This year at MPE we are celebrating World Smile Day! World Smile Day is the first Friday in October every year. This year it will be celebrated on Friday, October 1st. Leading up to this day we are challenging our amazing MPE Lions to do an act of kindness and to help one person smile! Fun fact: did you know that Harvey Ball created the smiley face in 1963?

Throughout the month of October, MPE will be participating in developmentally appropriate activities and lessons that relate to the Week of Respect, School Violence Awareness Week, and Red Ribbon week. This year, our school theme is "One Team, One Dream" which emphasizes that by working together we can make a difference.

MPE will be participating in The Week of Respect from October 4th-8th. In the classrooms our students in kindergarten through second grade will be reading the book, *The Fruit is Mine*, by Anuska Allepuz. Grades third through fifth will be reading the book, *Packs: Strength in Numbers*, by Hannah Salyer. Both picture books emphasize the importance of working together and teamwork! Additionally, we will have our Walk-a-thon and teachers will teach the children about the importance of helping those in need. During School Violence Awareness Week classes will work together to create a kindness chain to demonstrate ways to show kindness to one another. We will wrap up the month of October with themed-dress up days throughout Red Ribbon Week. This year the theme is, "Drug Free Looks Like Me". There will be a school wide activity that will be completed and displayed to symbolize the student's commitment to be drug-free! We will also host our first community meeting in October. Stay tuned for more details.



START WITH HELLO CONTEST

Start with Hello Week is a program led by Sandy Hook Promise. During this week our students were encouraged to include others and find ways to make connections with their peers.

Sandy Hook Promise wants to hear from student voices from across the county! We are asking our amazing MPE students to submit their original writing, artwork, and/or musical performances for a chance to win a \$100 prize, recognition on Sandy Hook Promise's website, and sharing of your original work on Sandy Hook Promise's social media channels. Students may submit art, essays, poems, and performances that inspire the Start With Hello message to go out to help others in order to build socially inclusive and connected communities. For more information, feel free to visit the Sandy Hook Promise's website.

<https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/>



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