



MONTCLAIR PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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BRIONY CARR-CLEMENTE
Principal

September 16, 2022

Good afternoon Edgemont families,

What an amazing **Back to School Night** we had! It was lovely seeing so many families join us, as well as community organizations and team members from Central Office. Thank you all for your kind words, support, and positive energy. We have an exciting year ahead!

September 15- October 15 we celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month**. We are excited to celebrate, explore and recognize Hispanic culture and community, which is a fundamental part of American history. Interesting background information: "Each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15, by celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America. The observation started in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period starting on September 15 and ending on October 15. The day of September 15 is significant because it is the anniversary of independence for Latin American countries Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively."

<https://www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov/>

International Peace Day is Wednesday, September 21. We have been studying and exploring the meaning of International Peace Day, and will continue to do so over the following weeks. A separate attachment is included that shares details about our Peace Dove Parade on Wednesday at 1:45PM!

<https://www.un.org/en/observances/international-day-peace>

Some of you have asked about the school **Lunch Menu**. Lunch menus can be found on the MPS Website (Parents→ Food Services→ "See this week's menus"). Or here:

<https://www.fdmealplanner.com/>

Please note, our building is **peanut and tree nut aware**. We have children in every grade with severe allergies to peanuts and tree nuts, as well as other food items. **These allergies can be life threatening if the child were to be exposed to any of these allergens.** Please be mindful of the food you send in with your child for lunch. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience, but hope that each of you will take care when sending in food with your child. We thank you for your ongoing cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Nurse Alfaro at galfaro@montclair.k12.nj.us.

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In the morning, please allow our BUSES to enter the circular driveway **before** cars. If you choose to use the circular drive for morning drop-off, please drive all the way to the end of the driveway so we can accommodate as many cars as possible. Morning drop-off in the circular drive must be quick and safe.

During arrival and dismissal, please do not double park, block driveways, nor park on the right side of Edgemont Road. Our buses have an extremely difficult time turning off of Edgemont Road onto Berkley Place when cars are illegally parked at the end of the block. Our children have a difficult time crossing at crosswalks because of illegally parked cars.

This past week we conducted 2 drills- a Fire Drill and a Lockdown Drill. All students and staff followed the appropriate protocols and procedures and remained calm throughout the drill.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Take care,



Briony Carr-Clemente
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Important Date/Reminders:

Our doors open at ***8:10AM***.
Drop-off takes place between ***8:10AM-8:20AM***.
Dismissal is at ***2:35PM***.

Thursday, September 22- Curriculum Thursday, Abbreviated Day @ 1:10PM

Monday, September 26 & Tuesday, September 27- District Closed