



MACKAY SCHOOL TIMES

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Happy Fall!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for a smooth start to the school year. Beginning of the school year is filled with excitement but it can also be hectic as we all learn to become familiar with the routines. The students have adjusted well to their new routines, classroom schedules, and teachers. We are looking forward to a great year!

Thank you to those parents who attended Back To School Night. I hope you found the evening beneficial and gained some understanding on the academic experience your child will encounter this year.

During the month of October, Mackay will be celebrating the Month of Respect. To celebrate diversity and to promote "Bully-Free" environment, we will be engaging in various activities. The kick-off assembly, "Power of One," is scheduled for this Friday.

October is a busy month for us. October 7th is International Walk to School Day. Please take this opportunity to encourage your child to walk to school to be a part of this day. Students who participate, will be given a sticker to acknowledge their participation.

Halloween is coming! Our annual Halloween Parade and Halloween Dance are both scheduled for Friday, October 30th. I will be sending out more detailed information as we get closer to the date.

Always check out website to see what is happening here at Mackay.

Thank you for your support.

Brenda Yoo

LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back! I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning at Mackay School! During the month of October and continuing throughout the year, we will be sharing stories focusing on social responsibility, friendship and being kind. Stories and activities will lead up to New Jersey's Respect Week. Respect Week brings awareness to New Jersey's strong stance against school violence. For more information please visit:

<http://www.stompoutbullying.org>
<http://www.preventbullyingnow.org>

A MESSAGE FROM MR. K

Please make sure students are not wearing jewelry on days they are supposed to have physical education. Earrings that hang off your child's ears are not safe, and we will kindly ask your child to take them off.



SHOUT OUT TO OUR HSA

Thank you for generously donating...

- Fans in each of the classrooms
- Area rugs
- Bookshelves
- Books to support the classroom libraries
- School-wide assembly for the Month of Respect.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NURSE



Welcome back to a brand new school year here at Mackay. I hope you had a wonderful summer! I am available Monday through Friday from 8:10 am until 3:20 pm, and can be reached by calling 201-816-7703. Some important reminders:

If your child will be absent from school, please remember to call the number above and leave a message before 9:00am. Please do not call the main office to report your child's absence.

You can also email me at blyons@k12.nj.us

Please alert me about any medications that your child takes on a regular basis. And remember that medications can only be taken by your child in school, when administered in the nurse's office and with doctor's orders. Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding medications.

If your child has a bee sting or food allergy that requires Benadryl or an EpiPen, please contact me as soon as possible.

Please be sure to review proper hand washing technique with your child. Our school is making every effort to decrease the transmission of germs and illness, and hand washing is the single most effective way to accomplish this! I suggest viewing this cute video with your child on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBltd8DQRtU>

Finally, please be sure to keep a child with a fever home for 24 hours after the fever has gone. This has been the policy in the past and we will continue to enforce it.

And as always, please feel free to speak with me about any health concerns you may have regarding your child.

ART NEWS

Welcome back and I'm happy to be back! For those of you who don't know me, I'm the Art teacher at Mackay. (I was on maternity leave all of last school year.) We're off to a great start and our students are busy creating amazing works of art! Please provide your child with a smock to prevent any unwanted spills. The BEST smock is an old, oversized t-shirt or button down shirt. Thanks!



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KINDERGARTEN

Wow!!! Can you believe the month of September has already come and gone? We are so proud of how our kindergarteners have made the transition to Mackay School. So far we've worked hard on learning both Mackay School's and classroom rules. We are having fun sharing information about ourselves and how unique yet different we all are. We will be taking our seasonal class trip to go pumpkin picking, and details will follow. HAPPY FALL!!!