

Happy Friday parents/guardians,

As you should be aware by now our district has lifted its mask requirement to OPTIONAL. To this end, I want to invite parents/guardians of kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, and new parents to walk their children into the building at 8:10 am. An announcement will be made at 8:20 to exit the building. Please note the following measured manner that we will follow as the virus has not been lifted:

**Monday, March 7:**

K-Falco, 1-Baskin, 2- Assuntino  
Fuller  
New parents

**Tuesday, March 8:**

**Schools are closed**

**Wednesday, March 9:**

K-Garvey, 1-Griffin, 2-

**Thursday, March 10:**

K-Rebelo, 1-Damiano, 2-Mosca

**Friday, March 11:**

Grades, 3, 4, 5

Please be reminded that this opportunity is not a Parent Teacher Conference, but simply a welcome back to a first day of school experience that we all missed. Parents, once you say goodbye to your child, please exit the building when you hear the announcement to exit. Additionally, please resist conversations with neighbors and friends until you reach outdoors.

Thank you.

On Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>, Northeast School will be presenting a concert at 9:15 entitled, "Many Voices, One World". Our K, 1 and 2 students will be performing. Wait for it...☺ All parents of K, 1 and 2 students who will be participating are invited to this concert. From 8:45-9:05 you can only enter the building through the door on Windermere Road which will be open. If you come to the building after 9:05, you must enter the building through the door marked letter H (on the other side of the building) near the blacktop at the back of the building where a handicap ramp is visible. Please bring tissue for tears as this will be a historic beginning for you. [Here is an announcement regarding the concert](#) from Mr. Dey and Ms. Jorge. Because of this potential large group of possibly over 300 in a small space, the Superintendent is requiring that you bring a mask to use if the attendance exceeds 300.

Also, I will be discussing with staff regarding parent volunteers that are now permitted. After our discussion on March 14<sup>th</sup>, teachers will be communicating with you directly on the procedure for volunteering in classroom.

Our news channels have been saturated with the attacks that are taking place in Europe. Take some time to listen to the voices of these children as they sing the Hit song, By Michael Jackson, "Heal The World" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2LCFnIxfb3g>

Please have a discussion with your child (ren) regarding your decision for their mask wearing.

Finally, all other protocols will be updated from the superintendent's desk.

Mike Chiles

**REMINDER: UPCOMING SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGES:**

All Montclair Public Schools will be closed on Tuesday, March 8, 2022, for the Board of Education special election. Additionally, in accordance with Federal Law, Juneteenth National Independence Day Act, schools and offices will be closed on Friday, June 17, 2022 instead of the original date of Monday, June 20 as approved by the Board at its Feb. 23 meeting. This holiday recognition will always occur on the 3rd Friday of June. *The Montclair Public Schools*

**UPCOMING DATES:**

**Tuesday, March 8 Schools closed**

Thursday, March 17 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm

Wednesday, March 30 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm-evening parent conferences

Thursday, March 31 Early Dismissal at 1:10 pm-afternoon parent conferences

**FROM THE PTA:**

Please [join us for an all-are-welcome PTA meeting this Wednesday](#), March 9 at 7PM. Upcoming event chairs will be in the audience. Ask your questions here.

Today is the [last day to register for the Northeast Soccerthon](#). Let's do this Northeast! It's a memorable event, and every participant gets a T-shirt.

One more week to register to be in the [Talent Show!](#) Get your acts signed up today.

Missing a hat? Gloves? Pants? Please have your child **check the lost and found for winter items**. Our pile floweth over. Missing items will be donated next month if not claimed.