

August 27, 2021

Dear Northeast Families,

As I am beginning my leave of absence on Monday, I wanted to provide you with a [detailed Family Handbook](#) that I created to address a variety of topics not only specific to district COVID protocols, but also general information about our school. While I do not know who the interim principal will be during my leave, I anticipate that the district will be notifying you soon. I do know that the elementary principals are to be hosting evening Zoom meetings next week to answer parents' questions about the reopening. I believe that whomever the district is appointing as the interim should be reaching out to you to host an evening Zoom event for our community as well. In the meantime, I want to assure you that our exceptional teachers and staff members are ready and excited to welcome children back to school. The teachers will be sending introductory emails to you on September 3 with additional classroom specific information.

I would like to specifically recognize and thank our head custodian, Mr. Solis, and his team, Ms. Bao and Mr. Wright, along with our secretaries, Mrs. Pugliese and Mrs. Robinson and our nurse, Mrs. Lozito, for all of their outstanding efforts throughout the summer in preparing for the opening. In addition, we have several staffing updates:

- Mr. Ames will be our school social worker on our Child Study Team
- Ms. Jorge has moved from second grade to be our Global Studies teacher
- Ms. Fuller will be teaching second grade
- Mrs. Schneiderman will be subbing for Mrs. Chmielewski in fourth grade while she is on leave from September 1 through January 3 and will then be working as a curriculum support teacher to assist students in ELA and Math for the rest of the year
- Mrs. Griffin will be subbing for Mrs. Kaczka in first grade while she is on leave for the whole year
- Mr. Crawford will be partnering with Ms. Ayres' class while Mrs. Dave is on leave from September 1 through April 12
- Ms. Maliszewski, who teaches second grade, has changed her name to Mrs. Mosca (kmosca@montclair.k12.nj.us)
- Mrs. Schragen, our school counselor, has changed her name to Ms. Kupperman (dkupperman@montclair.k12.nj.us)
- We are waiting for the district to appoint a school psychologist for our Child Study Team as Mrs. Robergeau has accepted a position in another district
- We have yet to find a librarian to fill the vacancy due to Mrs. Beesley's retirement

And finally, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. I will miss you all and wish you the very best!

Gail

P.S. Please note the following District Policies & Upcoming Dates:

- September 2: Teacher assignments will be posted in Genesis. You have to complete all of your forms in Genesis before you can access this information. Please do not reach out to the office, teachers, or interim to change class assignments.
- September 2 from 6:30-7:30 pm: Kindergarten & New to NE School Ice Cream Social (outdoor event)
- September 9: First Day of School. Doors open at 8:15 for children. Due to COVID, parents are not permitted to walk children into the building (sorry).
- September 16: District Closed for Yom Kippur
- September 19: PTA Welcome Back Family Brunch from 11-1 (outside event)
- September 23: Early Dismissal Day (1:10) & Back to School Night from 7-9 pm (virtual Zoom event)
- All adults and children must wear masks at all times (excluding lunch and snack) including recess and dismissal regardless of vaccination status.