

We made it! Enjoy your summer.

School re-opens for students on September 9—full days, five days a week for all students. There will be no hybrid or remote options. Specific district details will be shared throughout the summer regarding re-opening procedures.

The district calendar can be found on the district's main web-page.

June 24, 2021

Dear Northeast Community,

I offer all members of our community two small words filled with deep sincerity—thank you!

Parents and caregivers, you have endured challenges in supporting your children, family members, friends, and yourselves that have been unimaginable and exhausting. You have demonstrated great strength and lessons of perseverance and unconditional love for your children. On behalf of them and all of us, we thank you.

Thank you as well to our amazing PTA presidents, Natalie Sullivan and Adeola Whitney and all of the PTA volunteers. I know that COVID put a damper on the majority of our traditional gatherings and activities, but they found creative ways to support all of us and we are forever grateful for their efforts!

My deepest thanks to our exceptional teachers, related service providers, child study team members, counselor, paras, secretaries, custodial staff, and our nurse for their tireless efforts throughout this year. I always knew that we had an exceptional staff and this year demonstrated their commitment to children in unimaginable ways. They managed to help make connections with students and learning in creative and supportive ways all while juggling their own challenges that this pandemic placed on them as well.

And of course, my thanks and recognition to our amazing students who worked so hard in unbelievable circumstances. We are so proud of each and every one of them for their resilience and efforts. Our very best to each of them and a special congratulations to all of our fifth graders who are transitioning to the middle school.

In the end, all of you have proven to be remarkable role models and unsung heroes to the children and one another—thank you!

I wish you all a fun, restorative, and Zoom-free summer—put those laptops, cell phones, and tablets away and enjoy yourselves!

Gail

The following is information and updates for your reference:

3rd Graders Sign Up for Band (repeat information)

As many of you know, Northeast School has an amazing band program for fourth and fifth graders. Mr. Dey is looking for students who are interested in participating in this opportunity to be a part of a long standing tradition. Our students go onto middle and high school to perform in the band and other instrumental programs at the highest levels. So, please think about signing your third graders up for next year's 4th Grade Cadet Band. [This links to the detailed information along with a demo video.](#)

Chromebook Return Schedule (repeat information)

[This links to information about the collection of all district Chromebooks.](#) This is posted as a separate document on our NE School web-site: <https://northeast.montclair.k12.nj.us/>

Free National Park Passes for Fourth & Fifth Graders

The National Park Service has an ongoing program for 4th graders called "Every Kid Outdoors" that provides free entry for 4th graders and others in their party (kids and adults) throughout the national park system. Both students and/or teachers on behalf of their students can obtain the passes.

This year, due to the pandemic's impact on last year's 4th graders, the NPS has extended the program to also include current 5th graders through 8/31/21.

Links are below. The NPS does not require any personal information to be entered to generate the print-at-home passes.

Fourth Graders:

<https://everykidoutdoors.gov/pass.htm>

Fourth Grade Teachers:

<https://everykidoutdoors.gov/educators.htm>

Fifth Graders:

<https://www.nps.gov/kids/fifthgrade.htm>

School Supplies for September

Thanks to our generous PTA, they will be providing classroom supplies for each child next year, so families do not need to purchase supplies for the start of school. The teachers will be

sending reminders to students once class assignments are open in Genesis in late August and we will put a note on the NE website as well.