

## Northeast News: September 12, 2022



### What's New:

- **Back to school!** What a wonderful first week we have had! It is so amazing to meet the children, see their smiles, and watch them in action with their teachers in their classrooms! I have particularly enjoyed seeing and joining some Morning Meeting where children are developing their classroom communities! Children also read about and engaged in great activities about Bucket filling this week!
- **Bucket Filling:** For new families to Northeast, our Northeast philosophy is based on positive reinforcement. Our Northeast students (and staff are Bucket Fillers! See more about Bucket filling on our school webpage [here!](#)
- **Northeast Arrival Procedures:** Please remember to follow the Northeast procedures for dropping off children in the morning, specifically:
  - **Safety** at Arrival and Dismissal: For the safety of all children, please follow these guidelines during drop-off and pick up:
    - Cross children only at the crosswalks.
    - Do not leave children unsupervised at the school before 8:00 am (Grove St. entrance only).
    - Park your car and walk your children to the front door.
    - There is no parking on Grove Street in front of the school on either side of the street. **The MPD will ticket cars that are parked on Grove St.**
    - At all times, watch out for other children.
    - Do not use the school's parking lot for drop off or pick up.
    - Do not block the entrance to the staff parking lot at any time.
    - Do not park in the front semi-circle after 2:15; buses arrive and need access.
    - At all times, follow posted parking signage.
  - **Car Line:** There is a car line staffed by teachers and assistants beginning at 8:10 in the front semi-circle. Please pull up to one of the staff members who will help your child out of the car. **If you use the car line then you should NOT get out of your car.** Use caution as you re-enter the traffic flow on Grove Street-only right hand turns during drop-off. There is no car line when there is inclement weather. You may still pull-up to drop off, but staff will not be present.
- **Food guidelines:** Please refer to [District Regulation 8505](#) for Wellness/ Nutrient Standards for Meals and Other Foods. Please note that:
  - No food is allowed for [birthday parties](#) or other individual student celebrations
  - [Snacks](#) in the classroom may be eaten only during a snack time designated by the teacher or administrator. All snacks must be tree nut and peanut free.

- **Class placements:** Thank you all for your understanding that, as I detailed in my welcome letter, I have not accommodated any requests for placement changes.
- **Music with Mr. Dey!** Attention musical parents of Northeast School. Mr. Dey has put out a request for any volunteers who have an instrumental background to come and help out a few Fridays. Our 4<sup>th</sup> grade Cadet Band has the largest enrollment numbers we've seen in several years! The kids will be coming to the music room each Friday to learn how to blow into their flutes, put on their clarinet reeds, buzz their trumpet and trombone mouthpieces, and strike the correct glockenspiel keys. If any of this brings back fond memories of your own time in the band and you'd be able to help out, please email Mr. Dey at [sdey@montclair.k12.nj.us](mailto:sdey@montclair.k12.nj.us) Thank you so much!

All the Best,  
Jill McLaughlin

#### **District-Wide Updates**

- **Digital Backpack:** Please click [here](#) to view community and organization events in town.
- **Housekeeping:** Please check the district website (<https://www.montclair.k12.nj.us/>) for district policies and school procedures (In our Parent Handbook on our website).