

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the greatest elementary school in Montclair. It was a joy for me to meet all the new faces of children and of course this parent body. The feeling of exhilaration permeated the atmosphere these last two days. I consider it a privilege to be of service to the Northeast community.

Tomorrow, September 11, 2021, please take some time to reflect upon the tragedy we all experienced 20 years ago. I recall as a young administrator the helpless feeling I experienced as I welcomed children into the school building smiling through my tears. A week or so later the Superintendent, myself and the Assistant Principal attended five memorial services on the same day sharing our condolences to the families. Our school lost five fathers in the tragedy. Let us continue to remember and embrace the beauty of our democracy. Think of your fellow man and give him a helping hand, put a little love in your heart. This is what we must continue to teach our children.

On the first day of school after a few welcoming announcements, I shared this song with our students and staff. Take this song with you by the late Bob Marley,

Three little birds. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zaGUr6wzyT8>

Have a peaceful weekend and please note the following information.

Michael J. Chiles Sr.

Upcoming Dates:

9/16 District Closed-Yom Kippur

9/23 Back to School Night at 7 pm-Information forthcoming

Please note:

A parent observed yesterday that there are some classrooms/office space with open windows and some classrooms/office space with closed windows. The rooms with open windows have portable air purifiers working in concert with the open windows. Those rooms that have working mechanical ventilation do not need to have their windows open.

However there is a district phase plan that has been posted on the district website. For further information, please contact our Buildings and Grounds Department at 973-509-4048.

Morning Drop Off/Car line:

As a reminder, please be sure to adhere to the following drop off procedures.

- If you want to accompany your child to the front door, you must park your car legally (not on Grove street) and then walk your child to the front door.
- The morning drop off/car line is a drop and go. Please do not park or leave your car along Grove Street leading up to the school and in the front circle.
- As you enter the front of the school in your car (right side), please pull up to the furthest point, do not get out of your car.
- Students should exit on the sidewalk side while adults remain in the car, they should never exit on the street side.
- At 8:00 staff will be outside instructing students and helping students line up for the front door.

***Most notably*

(1) No one is to park along Grove Street in the block leading up to school

(2) No one is to be stopped in the circle in front of school before doors open

[Here is a note from our art teacher,](#) Karma Cloud.

Danielle Kupperman, our school social worker [would like to share some information with you](#) about herself and her role in the school.

[This is a note from our school nurse,](#) Patricia Lozita. It includes some COVID-19 guidance from "The Road Forward" from the NJ Department of Education and the NJ Department of Health.

[And our Northeast PTA would like to remind you of their upcoming events.](#)