

August 25, 2021

Dear North Dover Pirates and Families,

We hope that you are having a pleasant, safe summer. We are very excited that you will be attending North Dover Elementary School, and we look forward to welcoming you in September! The school year begins on Wednesday, September 8, 2021, and our school hours are 9:25 a.m. – 3:35 p.m.

Kindergarten Orientation: Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 9:30 am through Door 14

New Student Gr1-5 Orientation: Tuesday, August 31, 2021, 11:00 am through Door 14.

**Please wear your masks :)

Staff News:

Welcome Mrs. Tracy Taylor to Grade 4!

Welcome Mrs. Jennifer Saylor to Grade 5!

Mrs. Dawn Gawalis has moved down the hall to our Interventionist/GT position.

Happy Sails to Mrs. Brown-Media, Miss Okeniewicz-PE/Health, Mrs. LeFevre-Basic Skills, and Miss Wiestz, GT/AdvM, who have moved on to other schools.

We continue to have health safety measures in place as well as daily/hourly cleanings and sanitization. As we continue to navigate these challenging times, we do appreciate your patience and understanding as the district continually receives guidance from the

state, CDC, Ocean County Health Department and our medical team with regard to COVID related procedures.

We will continue to update you via email with any change in protocol. Additional information will be forthcoming, and you may always check our district website for the most up to date information for our school year 2021-2022. We know these past months have been anything but ordinary, and we cannot wait to be with our kids again!

*The only supplies the students need to begin the school year is a backpack, water bottle, (nut free) snack, mask, and lunch. We supply what students will need. Your child's teacher will discuss supplies with you further at Back to School Night on Monday, September 20. *Although appreciated, please do not send Lysol or Clorox wipes to school for the classroom, as they are not school approved for use. We have the school approved cleaning supplies for the staff.

Please find North Dover Elementary School's Student Handbook, available at the start of the school year, on our website: <https://www.trschools.com/northdover/>

Arrival/Dismissal: If you are not using the buses we ask that parents arrive by car.

Due to heavy traffic flow, there is no parking in spots and do not walk your child to the door. Cars need to follow these directions to create a car line and remain in your car at all times. Never leave your child unattended.

- Enter North Dover via Church Road entrance, turn left into the first parking lot entryway (toward white shed) and remain in one lane; Continue west around parking spots. You will now be facing the playground area.
- Proceed toward Door 17 (backdoors) making 1 ferry lane line up to Door 17a.
- You will be instructed by staff when to allow your child to exit the car from the rear driver's side door onto the sidewalk. (Do not allow your child to exit into the parking lot). Be sure your child has his/her belongings and is masked prior to exiting your vehicle.
- When safe, our Safety Officer will instruct you to proceed out of the parking lot.

For Dismissal: Please remain in your car, and do not park in a spot.

- Please make a sign (in BIG, bold, dark lettering) for your LEFT side windshield window with Your Child's Last Name and Teacher's name
- You will follow the same driving procedures as arrival.
- Once you reach an orange cone between Door 17-17a, your child will exit the building and walk along the sidewalk to enter your car via the rear driver's side.
- When safe, our Safety Officer will instruct you to proceed out of the parking lot.

Breakfast/Lunch: All students will receive free breakfast and lunch this school year, regardless of financial status. Please refer to the Federal Lunch application below to be completed, again, regardless of financial status.

Please click to complete:

Federal Lunch Application - We are asking every family to complete this application.

[Federal Lunch Application \(English\)](#)

[Federal Lunch Application \(Spanish\)](#)

Kindergarten and New Students Only-please click below to complete:

[Technology Permission Form](#)

Please click on each link below to find:

[Clever login instructions](#) - please print. Students will be given login passwords during the beginning of school.

[Health Screening Information](#)

[Food Service Information](#)

[Ocean County Library Cards](#)

*Please contact the main office if you have difficulty logging on to the Parent Portal in Genesis, as pertinent information will continue to be available to you throughout the school year, with no hard copies being sent home.

We are looking forward to seeing you on September 8th, at 9:25 a.m., to start our year of full-day, in-person learning! Our very excited and enthusiastic teachers and staff are ready to share fun and meaningful learning experiences with you!

Your child's classroom teacher for the 2021-2022 can be found on the Parent Portal on Friday, August 27, 2021.

Enjoy the remainder of the summer with family and friends!

Sincerely,

Ms. Colleen McGrath, Principal

Mrs. Dina O'Donnell, Supervisor of Instruction