

Moonachie Public Schools

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March 2025 Community Update

Moonachie Families & Friends,

It is hard to believe that we are at the end of March! As the sun continues to shine longer each day, new life sprouting around us, outdoor activities ramping up, and the sounds of Summer on the horizon, we just want to take a moment to send out some important items so we close out the year strong.

2024-2025 Teacher of The Year

It is with excitement to announce that our Teacher of The Year is Ms. Taylor Trause! Ms. Trause is our 6th & 7th Grade Language Arts teacher! Ms. Trause's dedication to student excellence is remarkable! This honor is much deserved. Congratulations to Ms. Trause!

2024-2025 Team Member of The Year

Our Team Member of The Year is none other than Officer Billy! Billy goes above-and-beyond every day to keep us safe, while being a positive force to our students, staff, and families. Join me in congratulating, and most importantly, Thanking Officer Billy!

NJSLA

State Testing is quickly approaching. The testing calendar will be published in the coming weeks. We will start testing on April 28th. Please encourage your child to their very best.

Students will take:

Grades 3 – 8: ELA & Math

Grades 5 & 8: Science

Recess

The weather is getting nicer. We are just getting outside after a long winter indoors. Kids need to get outside and play. It is our intention to get them outside as much as possible.

However, aggressive play is already presenting many challenges. Please speak with your students about sportsmanship and kindness at recess. We will be removing activities and access, for specific students, should aggressive recess behavior continue. If we need to contact you for this reason, please know that your child has been given countless reminders and opportunities to improve. We need your support in these conversations.

Graduation Dates – More Information is Forthcoming

PREK-4 (only students going to Kindergarten next year) – June 10th @ 10:00am

Kindergarten – June 11th @ 9:30am

8th Grade – June 12th @ 6:00pm

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Attendance Matters

If your child is approaching or is over 10% absences (18 days absent for the whole year), he/she is considered Chronically Absent by the State of New Jersey. Letters have been going home informing families of their child's attendance and setting the goal of everyone falling below the 10% by June! When your child is healthy, they should be in school. If you need help removing barriers, please let us know.

24-25 Calendar (This Year – Snow Day Give Backs)

This year's calendar will be updated at the April 22nd Board of Education meeting. For your planning purposes, it is our intention to give back all three (3) unused snow days. This will make Friday June 13th a 1-session day (1pm dismissal) and Monday June 16th a 1-session day (1pm dismissal) and the final day of school. Please plan accordingly. We will send out an updated calendar on April 23rd.

25-26 Calendar (Next Year)

We are sharing, again, the calendar for next year, 2025-2026. Please plan your vacations accordingly, as attendance matters!

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3806>

Early Dismissal Timing

Reminder: All Early Dismissals must happen before 2:40pm. If you arrive after 2:40pm, you will need to wait until normal dismissal time of 3:00pm. Thank you.

Car Line Reminders (Again...and again...and again...)

Reminders:

- 1) PREK ONLY at 2:45pm
- 2) Grades K-5 at 3:00pm
- 3) Grades 6-8 at 3:10pm.
- 4) Always pull all the way up when waiting or before loading. Please and Thank You!

Street Sweeper Slogan Winners

Thank You all for your votes. The Mayor and Council have graciously donated bikes to the winners! Congratulations to 8th Graders Andrea Kwon & Eileen Montero! Moonachie's newest machine will be host of the following slogans:

"God Bless America, My Home Sweep Home!"

"Sweeping Away Yesterday, For A Cleaner Tomorrow!"

PreK & Kindergarten Registration

PreK & Kindergarten Registration is OPEN for the 25-26 school year. See link for more information:

<https://www.moonachieschool.org/Page/3854>

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Spring Community & School Events

April 2nd @ 7pm – PTO Meeting in the Cafeteria

April 9th @ 7pm – Dr. Jonathan Ponds Dedication Ceremony

April 19th @ 10:30am – Borough & PTO Easter Egg Hunt at RLC

(Volunteers Needed – Sign Up here: <https://bit.ly/42imenb>)

April 29-30 – PTO Mother's Day Sale

(Volunteers Needed – Sign Up here: <https://bit.ly/3E6JHhT>)

May 24th @ 10:30am – Memorial Day Service - Borough Hall

Thank you, as always, for partnering with us as we continue to grow together and make our school the best in the state! And Remember.... Always Do Your Best, and You Are Special!

Best,



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