

From the Schoolhouse to Your House

Notes from the Superintendent, Theresa J. Pollifrone-Sinatra

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Welcome Back to School, September 2005 Terri Sinatra, Superintendent

Special Points of Interest

- Welcome to our new and returning staff members
- Transportation information
- Back to School Nights

As Superintendent of Schools, I am committed to the success of all our students. I pledge that our district will stand as a model of excellence in education. We will maintain high expectations for classroom achievement and behavior, while providing assistance for those students who need alternative approaches.

Parents play an essential role in their children's academic success. We ask you to set high expectations for your children's academic success. A parent's expectation of success becomes a propelling force to motivate a child. There are many ways to do this, such as by supervising homework, fostering reading at home, limiting TV and video games, and talking with your child about the importance of education.

We welcome your involvement, support, and even your criticism, which, when constructive, can help us to improve. We encourage you to get involved with your children's schoolwork and tell us right away about any possible problems. Get to know your child's teacher and form a partnership.

We look forward to working with you to achieve educational excellence. The staff and I look forward to welcoming students back to school for the 2005-2006 school year.



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Money Matters for Parents

Now that school is in session, you may be asked to send in money with your students to cover the cost of field trips or other special events. Since we have been advised that we can no longer accept cash, please send any payments in the form of a check or money order. You should make the check or money order payable to the Metuchen Board of Education and forward it to your child's school office. I thank you for your cooperation with this request.

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8:45 a.m. — 11:22 a.m. / 12:12 p.m.—2:49 p.m.

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New Staff Member

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Learning Consultant
Special Education Teacher

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New Staff Members

Beverly Espuga
Basic Skills

Staci Gil
Grade 1

Pat Lee
Secretary

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Bruce Heline, Head Custodian

New Staff Members

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School Media Specialist

Jennifer Mc Hugh
5th Grade

Laura Nemer
Spanish

Sharon DeLair
Special Education

Claire Henderson
Middle School Language Arts

Adele Rackley
Guidance Secretary

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8:30 a.m. — 2:45 p.m.

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Bob Koob , <i>Head Custodian/Night</i>		

New Staff Members

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School Media Specialist

Charlene Nicholls
Media Center Secretary

Christine Cassidy
English

Anna Girin
French

Scott Gallagher
English

Ellen Park
ESL

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8:30 a.m. — 4:30 p.m.

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Transportation
732-321-8700 Ext. 1010

All district transportation services are handled directly through the Administrative Offices of the Board of Education. The Middlesex County Educational Services Commission (MCESC) solicits all of our transportation bids and handles some of our out-of-district Special Education bus routes. The Commission does not handle any questions or problems involving the Campbell and Edgar bus routes. Please direct any calls about transportation to Transportation Coordinator Terrie Entrup at 732-321-8700, Ext. 1010.



The school principals, with the assistance of staff, coordinate and oversee transportation and other safety issues at their individual schools. Parents who drive their children to school are expected to follow correct drop-off and pick-up procedures.

The safety of all our students is paramount. A safe and efficient transportation system requires the cooperation of staff, parents, students, and the community at large.

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**Back to School/
Meet the Teachers Night**

Back to School/Meet the Teachers Nights will take place at all Metuchen Schools during mid to late September. At this time, parents are invited into their child(ren)'s school(s) and classrooms to meet the teacher(s) and hear an overview of the program for the upcoming year. Parents of students who have more than one teacher will follow their child's schedule and move from classroom to classroom. Parents will receive either a course outline for every class their child takes or a scope and sequence outline for a specific grade.

Back to School/Meet the Teachers Nights are scheduled on the following evenings:

MHS, Thursday, September 15, 7:00 p.m.

Moss School, Wednesday, September 21, 7:00 p.m.

EMS, Thursday, September 22, 7:30 p.m.

Campbell School,
Thursday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.