Welcome to the MOSS SCHOOL REGISTRATION ORIENTATION 2020-2021

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 2020
TONIGHT’S AGENDA

7:00 – 7:15  Introductions and Registration Information

7:15 – 7:40  Pre-K Presentation
             Kindergarten Presentation

7:40 – 8:00  Kindergarten classroom visits and Open House
Moss School
Administrative, Teacher and Parent Leadership

- Board of Education Members
- Superintendent – Dr. Vincent Caputo
- Principal/Assistant Superintendent – Rick Cohen
- Director of Special Services – Dr. Tania Herzog
- Moss School Secretary – Trisch Hallas
- Instructional Staff
- PTO Board Members
Moss School provides Award Winning, Nationally Recognized Whole Child Education

- Social and Emotional Learning
  - Embedding NJ SEL Competencies with NJSLS
  - Published in NJEA Great Ideas column
  - Published in Edutopia by Dr. Maurice Elias

- Recognized by Character.org as a State and National School of Character and

- National Promising Practice Award for curriculum

- New Jersey Standards Review Committee
Moss School
Integrated Preschool Program

Presented by: Michele Reed - Integrated Preschool Teacher
What is Integrated Preschool?

Children who are classified with disabilities who have Individual Education Plans (IEP), and typically developing children who are not classified and are general education students learn and play in the same environment with the same curriculum.
Thank you PTO! Gifts to Moss include:

- iPad cart
- *My Big World Childrens’ Monthly Magazine*
- Carpets
- Manipulatives
- Fence around our playground for recess
- Hospitality

Thank you MEF!

**Mini-iPads for Enrichment Program**

Special thanks to all who support the Metuchen Education Foundation. Through your continued contributions, the Metuchen School District has benefited from many MEF grants.
Registration Process

**Step 1:** Complete Online Components
https://genesis.genesisedu.com/metuchen/openReg?screen=welcomeScreen&action=form

**Step 2:** Print out Confirmation Page

**Step 3:** Fill out hard copy registration forms

*Please complete steps 1 – 3 before Feb.24th*

**Step 4:** Come to appointment on your scheduled day
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Bring with you:

Student present with Parent/Legal Guardian
Completed registration forms (online confirmation page and hard copy)
Child’s Birth Certificate
Two Proofs of Residency
  Deed/Property Tax Bill
  Utility Bill
Immunization Record and Physical Exam

Please make every effort to come at the scheduled time, but if you can not make it, please speak with the Moss Main Office and arrange a day and time that works.
Entrance Age

**Policy 5112: Kindergarten**

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten who will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought. **No child will be admitted to kindergarten who has not met the age requirement set by this policy.**
Moss’s Curriculum and Instruction links critical thinking and problem solving skills inherent in coping skills

ACADEMIC

- ELA
- Social Decision Making
- Growth Mindset
- Grit and Perseverance
- Creativity

SOCIO-EMOTIONAL

- Self-Awareness
- Self-Management
- Social Awareness
- Responsible Decision-Making
- Coping Skills
We teach the children social emotional learning through:

**Self and Social Awareness:**
- Literature and Writing

**Character Development:**
- Teaching character traits

**Self-Management:**
- Breathing techniques, yoga, calming corners
- Zones of Regulation
**Linking Thinking and Problem Solving Processes**

### Academic Problem Solving and Critical Thinking Skills

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<th>Social Problem Solving and Social Decision Making</th>
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<td>(identify the problem: feelings)</td>
<td><strong>STOP</strong></td>
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<td>Step 2: Gather Information</td>
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<td>(identify picture clues)</td>
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<td>Step 3: Brainstorm</td>
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<td>(list possible strategies)</td>
<td><strong>PICK THE BEST ONE</strong></td>
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<td>Step 4: Pick the Best One</td>
<td><strong>GO!</strong></td>
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<td>(evaluate, which is best?)</td>
<td><strong>CHECK</strong></td>
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<td>Step 5: Go (persevere)</td>
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<td>(ask and answer, self-reflect)</td>
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Opportunities to practice and transfer to various contexts

Opportunities for transfer

Interdisciplinary Connections

Decoding

Writing: Revising

Science and Engineering

Makerspace

Social Problem Solving / Social Decision Making

Student application of one process across a variety of situations

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rk8vMjP9QS8&feature=youtu.be
SPECIALS

• ART
• MUSIC
• PHYSICAL EDUCATION (2 days per week)
• MEDIA CENTER
  All students attend a Special Period every day

Enrichment Program for all:
Coding

Special Events:
Carnivale of the Animals
Moss School Garden Project
Service-Learning
Graduation
NJDOE Kindergarten Guidelines

**Addressed during school**
- New Jersey Student Learning Standards all except World Language
- Socio-emotional Learning (SEL)
- Character Development (CD)
- ESL, Resource and Inclusion classes for eligible students
- RtI and I&RS/504
- Outside Gross Motor / Recess

**Addressed outside of school**
- Lunch and snack
- Free Play / Choice Time
- Rest and Independent Reading Time

http://www.nj.gov/education/ece/k/hqktoday/
HOURS OF OPERATION

REGULAR SCHOOL DAYS

▶ AM Kindergarten 8:45AM-11:40AM
▶ PM Kindergarten 12:25PM-3:20PM

* Arrival/recess is 15 minutes before start time

** We do not offer bus transportation, but do have a very friendly valet service for arrival (not dismissal).

*** Private before and after-care options available
Indicate at registration which session you prefer, **AM** or **PM**. We make every effort possible to meet as many preferences as we can.

****Imperative to get your registration process and all required documents completed before May!!!!!!!
Parent Engagement

For opportunities to be engaged at school, please speak to:

- PTO members here tonight
- Classroom teachers

Read to your child at home 5 - 10 minutes every night!!!
Kindergarten Classroom Visits

Classroom visits are for parents to get a sense of what the rooms look like and the fun and engaging materials we have to facilitate learning. You are encouraged to ask teachers questions about curriculum, instruction and assessment.
THANK YOU FOR COMING!

Please enjoy speaking with representatives of visiting displays and visiting the Kindergarten wing. Question and Answer
See you and our future Moss students at the June 8th Student Orientation!