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Maurice Hawk Elementary School Weekly Update

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has created a new email system for parents and guardians. Every week you will receive our school's newsletter. This email will include school information, PTA information, district updates as well as athletics, community education, counseling information and more.

School News

Dear Maurice Hawk Parents and Guardians,

We would like to welcome all of our students and families to the 2019-20 school year. School starts soon and we are excited to greet our returning students and eager to meet the new members of our Hawk family.

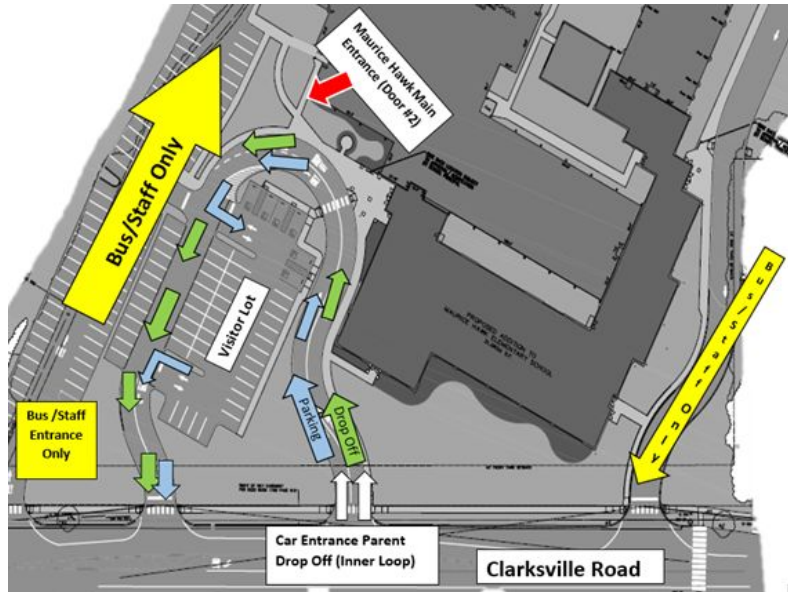
Over the summer, we have had a great deal of work done both in the building as well as on the school grounds. With these improvements comes new traffic patterns for daily student pickup and drop-off. Your patience and understanding as we all become accustomed to the new traffic patterns is much appreciated.

We strongly encourage families to have their children ride the bus to and from school each day. If it is necessary for you to drop your child off, please follow the procedures described below. **The temporary main entrance will be door #2 by the health office.** Doors will open at 8:40 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (for PM kindergarten).

In addition to staff members directing traffic every day, we will have officers from the West Windsor Township Police Department on-hand to assist parents for the first several days of school.

New This Year:

This year, school buses and parent traffic will use separate entrances. All parents will enter using the "Car Entrance" (Inner Loop). Buses and staff will use the "Bus/Staff Entrance Only" entrance. Buses will proceed to the rear of the building where students will disembark and enter the building. Please refer to the map.



Drop-Off Information:

1. Parents dropping students off must use the inner loop and stay in the right lane.
2. Students should be ready to exit the vehicle on the passenger's side of the car. Parents must remain in the car.
3. When dropping off, cars should remain in line and pull ahead only when the car in front of you moves forward. Do not go around the cars in front of you.
4. Please use the left lane of the inner loop to access the visitor lot if you are parking.
5. No cars will be permitted in the rear of the building during school hours.
6. For families walking to Hawk from the neighborhood behind the school, please proceed to the bus loop behind the school and wait for a staff member to cross you and your child. Students will enter through the back doors of the building along with bused students.
7. PM kindergarten families who are dropping off should park in the visitor lot and walk to the door. A staff member will receive your child.

Pickup Information:

1. Parent pickup begins at 3:15 p.m. and will take place in the multipurpose room (room 145).
2. Bus and car entrances are the same as morning drop-off.

3. There is no parking in the "Car Entrance" inner loop. Please park in a designated spot in the visitor lot (accessed through the car entrance loop).
4. Please use the pedestrian cross walk and proceed to door #2.
5. Remember to bring photo identification.
6. AM kindergarten pickup is at 11:30 a.m. Families should park in the visitor lot and walk to door #2.

These new traffic patterns have been designed for student safety as well as easy entrance and exit to the school for parents and guardians. Please drive slowly while on school grounds. Parking is only permitted in designated spots. Please do not park on the grass or at the curb. Do not remove traffic cones or barriers at any time.

Thank you again for your patience and attention to these changes. We are looking forward to a great start for the 2019-20 school year.

See you soon,
Patricia M. Buell
Principal

Useful links: [Student Handbook](#) | [Supply List](#)

Reminders:

- Follow Maurice Hawk School on [Twitter!](#)
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PTA News

The Hawk PTA is very excited for this upcoming year with plenty of events and activities for all!

We are looking for volunteers for the first few days of school to help with bus arrival/dismissal and also there are several committee chairs needed for the 2019-20 year.

- **Sept. 4:** Back to School Ice Cream Social on the Hawk Playground from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Come join other students and their families on the Hawk playground as we get ready to head into the new school year! Please remember: This is a SUNSHINE ONLY EVENT. In the case of rain or inclement weather, the social will be canceled. Please check Facebook and email for updates! Also, during this

event there will be NO ACCESS to the building, so "GO BEFORE YOU GO!"
Contact us at backtoschool@hawkpta.org with any questions and use the following link for further details

<http://www.hawkpta.org/back-to-school-social-2019/>

- **Sept. 5-10:** Bus Volunteers Needed. Click [here](#) to sign up.
- **Committee Chairs** are needed for the 2019-20 school year. If interested, click [here](#).

We thank you for your time in advance.

Maurice Hawk PTA Executive Board

Useful links

This is your PTA and we want to hear from you. Reach out to us with any comments or questions!

[Website](#) | [Email](#) | [PTA Calendar](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Donation Information](#)

SEPTSA

- **SEPTSA Meeting and Membership** - (Sept. 10, 9:15 a.m. at Community Middle School) Help reduce the anxiety that often comes with adjusting to the new school year by meeting other parents with students facing challenges. The Director and Supervisors of Special Services will be introduced and provide a brief overview of recent happenings/news within the department. Assistant Superintendent, James Earle will also be introduced at this meeting. This is our first PTSA meeting of the year, but please review our [meeting/membership flyer](#) for other meetings and consider supporting our PTSA with membership and/or donation. Contact Kathleen at KKZ4@Verizon.net for any questions.

Useful Links: [WWP SEPTSA Facebook Page](#) | [WWP SEPTSA Website](#)

District Updates

- Each week we will upload all flyers and a PDF version of this email to the [website](#).

Useful links for the district: [District Website](#) | [Academic Calendars](#) | [Events Calendar](#)

WW-P Board of Education

- Check out the upcoming [Board of Education Meetings](#).

Counseling

- Check out the upcoming [Parent University Events](#) for the 2019-20 school year.

Community Events

- Looking for programs, clubs and things to do around WW-P? Check out the [community event section](#) on the district's website!
- **Community Education Program & Event Reminders**
- **Kindergarten Extension** - limited spaces are still available. To register for Kindergarten Extension, [click here](#).
- **Extended Day Program (EDP K-12)** - Registration for the second week of school will open on Thursday, Sept. 5. Click [here](#) to register.
- **After School Enrichment** - After school programs for grades 1-5. Registration closes Oct. 2, 2019. Download the brochure [here](#).
- **One Day Wonders (for EDP participants only)** - registration is open until 3 days before the scheduled occurrence. Register [here](#) through Community Pass.
- **Family Fun Fridays** - programs for school age children and parents during October and November available. Register through Community Pass under 2019-2020 Adult & Youth. Check out the programs offered in the 2019 Fall Guide. Download the brochure [here](#).
- **Kings & Queens Chess Event** - a free family event, will be offered on Friday, September 27, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Millstone River School. Click [here](#) for registration information.
- **Python Programming for High School Students** - Online class offered through CodeWizards. Click [here](#) for more information.
- **SAT Programs** - through Kaplan, Princeton Review, and Lentz & Lentz offered throughout the school year at both high schools. Find the right program for you and register online at:
 - www.kaplan.com
 - www.princetonreview.com

- www.lentzsatprep.com

Food Services

- Check out the lunch [menus](#) for September!
- Reminder: Please make sure to pay your lunch balances. Click [here](#) to check your balance and pay online or checks may be made payable to “WWP Cafe” to school.

Make sure to follow the district on WW-P’s official social media pages.

[Twitter](#) | [Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)