



Memorial School

2019 – 2020

Back to School Night



“A Tradition of Caring”



Agenda

September 19, 2019

- Welcome/Introductions
- District Goals
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- Health and Nutrition
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- Suicide Prevention
- Communication (Website, Twitter, Mobile App, Genesis)
- Meet your Child's Teacher



District Goals

- Implement Google Classroom and G suite tools in grades 1 and 2 while continuing implementation in grades 3 through 8
- Expand the one-to-one grades Chromebook initiative with the addition of 60 chromebooks for grades 1 and 2 in the 2019 – 2020 school year.
- Continue middle school (Grades 6 – 8) Vex IQ Robotics®, KNEX® Bridge building and MiniDrone® with the STEAM club coordinator and expand the 6 – 8 in-district STEAM program to grades K - 5 (aided by South Bergen Jointure Commission).
- Create the Sheltered English Instruction/ESL Professional Learning Community in collaboration with our ESL coordinator for the purposes of insuring all staff are trained in Sheltered English Instruction thereby offering support to English Language Learners.



Initiatives

- **STEAM**

- Vex IQ Robotics®, KEX® Bridge building and MiniDrone® in collaboration with SBJC (Middle School)
- Grades Kindergarten through 8 (South Hackensack)

- Google classroom and one-to-one chromebook initiative (Grades 1 - 8)

- IXL - Digital Personalized Learning

- School Gate Guardian





Initiatives

- Zensational Kids
- Sensory Pathways
- Tardiness/Attendance
- Partnership with South Bergen Jointure Commission





Initiatives


- **Grade 6 - 8 double ELA and Math periods/Elementary grade “Flex Periods”**
- **Class size reduction**
 - **Kindergarten, 3rd Grade, 4th Grade, 6th Grade, 7th Grade**
- **Extended Curriculum Services Program (ECSP)**
 - **ELA and Math tutoring services (depending on need and resource availability)**
- **Readers’ and Writers’ Workshop**





Student/Parent Handbook


Memorial School



*In the South of Hackensack
Stands Memorial School,
Bordered by the weeping willows,
Fanned by breezes cool,
All ye comrades join together,
Loud our praises sing.
May our school live on forever,
Joy and gladness bring.*

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TARDINESS/ATTENDANCE INITIATIVES

Program Goals

1. Tardiness:

- Decrease the number of tardies
- Issue discipline for students with excessive number of tardies (Grades 4-8)
- Work with parents/families to improve student punctuality

2. Attendance (*PreK to 8*):

- Decrease the number of unexcused absences
- Improve our “Chronic Absenteeism” rate
- Establish School-Wide Attendance Incentives



Student Attendance Incentive Program

Grade

PreK to 1

2 and 3

4 - 8

Incentive

Selection from the Prize Box

Homework pass

5 points added to a test grade OR
Homework Passport

ONLY STUDENTS WITH 2 OR LESS ABSENCES PER MARKING PERIOD ARE ELIGIBLE



Results...

Tardies...

2017-2018:

90 students - 5 or more

2018-2019:

48 students - 5 or more

Attendance...

(Chronic Absenteeism)

2016-2017:

12.2%

2017-2018:

11.3%

2018-2019:

9.9%



YEAR 2 OF OUR INCENTIVE PROGRAM...

- School monthly competition between all classes as a motivating factor
- The homeroom with the highest percentage will be recognized
 - *The winning class receives:*
 - The Door Banner for 1 month
 - 2 Days of 20 minutes extra recess (supervised by our Vice Principal)
 - Class picture on School Website, Twitter, and School Bulletin Board
- Continue to implement the Individual Student Attendance Incentives for each Marking Period



PEO

- **Courtney Peterson – President**
- **Elizabeth Higgins - Vice President**
- **Patricia Duddy – Treasurer**
- **Katherine Cutillo - Secretary**



Professional Learning Communities (PLC)

- English Language Arts
- Mathematics
- STEAM
- ELA/Sheltered Instruction

[For information regarding any of our PLC's please contact Mr. Chirichella or Mr. Maceri](#)



Health and the Memorial School Community:

Jennifer Zanelli RN MSN-Ed, CSN-NJ



Management of Head Lice - Policy # 8454

- South Hackensack Memorial has implemented many standards of practice over the years to prevent the spread of lice, however, parent compliance is always most important.
- During the colder months, all children are asked to put all coats, hats, scarves & gloves into their backpacks before they are hung in cubby's
- All parents, especially those parents with daughters with very long hair, are asked to keep the long hair up as to limit the hair to hair contact among students & teachers.
- If your child is suspected of having lice, the student is sent to my office, the head is thoroughly inspected & the child is sent home for treatment. The child cannot return to school until lice treatment is completed and **NO NITS OR ACTIVE LICE IS SEEN**. Proof of treatment and an examination by myself must be completed before the child is allowed back to school.



Infection & Germ Spread Control

- **South Hackensack Memorial School take germs very seriously. Students that are sick CANNOT learn. For this reason, we have implemented practice standards to keep our students and faculty healthy and coming to school. Some of those standards include:**
 - **All classrooms are stocked with Purell Hand Sanitizer, & Disinfecting wipes. Classroom tables, chairs etc are wiped down throughout the school day and every night.**
 - **Flu shot are encouraged for ALL students and faculty, but MANDATORY for ALL PRE-Kindergarten students.**
 - **During the months of October-December, the Boo to the Flu campaign runs for all students. If proof of a flu vaccine is presented to me, the student receives a special, non-food, treat! This campaign has proven to be exciting for the students, especially the middle school students who are rewarded with a homework pass!**



SH Memorial School/NJ State Health Policies & Regulations

- It is **MANDATORY** that a student be fever free for 24 hours **WITHOUT** the use of medication **BEFORE** he/she returns to school. **NO EXCEPTIONS**
- It is **MANDATORY** that a student **NOT** be sent to school vomiting or with diarrhea. Students cannot learn if they are not feeling well.
- It is **MANDATORY** that **NO** student carry any medication on their person. This includes cough drops, medicated creams (Benadryl) and nasal sprays. This is for the safety of **ALL** SH Memorial students.
- Should your child test positive for flu, strep throat, pink eye, cox sackie virus or any other highly contagious disease, please notify me **ASAP**.
- We take the health and wellness of our students and faculty seriously. Please, if your child is not feeling well, keep them home.
- All guidelines for health schools can be found on the New Jersey Department of Health website.



Keep Teeth and Children Healthy

- To assist in keeping our students healthy, we ask that high sugar containing drinks, such as soda, not be given during school hours.
- Please, avoid fried high carbohydrate, high fat snacks and lunches for your children. This includes McDonalds, Wendy's, Burger King and other fast foods. Students are eating these meals and feeling sick after playing at recess.
- Please remember, **NO FOOD TREATS ARE ALLOWED TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN CLASSROOMS.** This includes goody bags containing lollipops, gums, fruit snacks etc. If food is found in the goody bag, they will not be distributed. This is to protect our students with allergies.
- Candy is prohibited in school.





Together, We Can Keep Your Children Safe, Happy & Healthy!





Child Find

- **Early intervention provides services for children under the age of three who have been identified as eligible. Eligibility centers around developmental delays in the area(s) of cognitive, communication, motor, social and/or adaptive skills**
- **The resident district is responsible for providing services for children between the ages of 3 – 21 who have been determined eligible for special education and related services**
- **Ms. Tricia Smith (Child Study Team Supervisor) can provide more information**



Suicide Prevention

- September 9th - 13th recognized as Suicide Prevention Week
- According to a recent report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention the suicide rates for adolescent boys and girls have been steadily rising since 2007, and the rate of suicide deaths among children between the ages of 10 and 14 has doubled in the U.S.
- Links to the Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide site can be found under the *Family Resources* section of the Child Study Team page on Memorial School's website.
- [The Society for the Prevention of Teen Suicide](#) has the [Not My Kid](#) video in its entirety. The site also provides valuable information about warning signs, talking to your children about suicide, resources for parents and answers to parents' frequently asked questions.



Communication

- www.shmemorial.org
- **Memorial School App**
 - download via smartphone app store
- **Twitter (@sohackms)**
- **Genesis**
 - Online access to report cards, progress reports and attendance
 - Important for the school to have updated email addresses



Reminder

- **Book Fair**
 - Open tonight in the faculty room with Mrs. Turtoro