

NUTLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone to the 2021-2022 school year. School opens for students on **Tuesday, September 7th**. Please review the important items below:

- Tuesday, September 7th is a full day. Arrival and dismissal times are as follows:
 - All students enter the building at **8:30 a.m.**
 - Lunch begins at **11:25 a.m.**
 - Students who choose to leave for lunch must return at **12:25 p.m.** Parents of students in K-4 must pick up their child if they are leaving the building for lunch.
 - Dismissal at the end of the day for Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade students is **3:15 p.m.**
 - Dismissal at the end of the day for 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students is **3:20 p.m.**

- Entrance and dismissal:
 - **Students in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades will enter and dismiss through the doors on the North side of the building.** (Blacktop to the left when you are facing the building on Yantacaw Place.)
 - Students will line up (socially distanced) on the blacktop by class. Teachers' names will be posted to identify where students will line up on the blacktop.
 - Students should wear masks while waiting in line prior to entering the building.
 - Temperatures will not be taken at the school prior to entering the building.

 - **Students in Grades 4 and 5** will line up (socially distanced) in the gymnasium. This process is the same as last school year.
 - Temperatures will not be taken at the entrance door.
 - Students should enter the building through the back doors near the gymnasium. The back gymnasium door will open at **8:20 a.m. ONLY** for grades 4 and 5 students and they will line up in their socially distanced location.
 - Masks must be worn while in the building.
 - Students will line up by class. Teachers' names will be posted to identify where students will line up in the gymnasium. Tape has been placed on the gymnasium floor for each class to ensure proper social distancing.
 - Students will be dismissed at **3:20 p.m.** through the South doors (trailer side blacktop). Please leave the school grounds promptly at dismissal.

- **Students in Grade 6** will line up (socially distanced) on the blacktop on the South side of the building (near the trailers).
 - Students will line up by class. Teachers' names will be posted to identify where students will line up on the blacktop.
 - Students will enter the trailers at **8:30 a.m.** Social distancing must be observed at all times and masks must be worn.
 - Temperatures will not be taken at the school prior to entering the building.
- Parents are not permitted to enter the building with the children. Teachers will meet their classes at the designated locations.
 - If older siblings plan to meet their younger sibling at dismissal, we ask that the older sibling go to the younger sibling's assigned location.
 - **Only 1 parent/guardian may enter the blacktop area with their child to limit the number of people gathering in this area.**
 - Students and staff are required to wear a mask at all times when in the building. Movement within the building will be limited whenever possible. We will continue to provide daily outdoor mask/movement breaks for students.
 - All students must have the health screening form completed prior to the start of the school year. This is a one-time form that must be completed in the parent portal. **Students will not be permitted into the school building on the first day if the health screening form is not completed.**
 - Please be sure to answer the Parent Questions in the Parent Portal.
 - **Please follow the normal stop, drop, and go and pickup procedures along Yantacaw Place and Brookfield Avenue.** Parking on the right side of Yantacaw Place is prohibited. If you must exit your car, please do not park in the yellow lined traffic lanes on Yantacaw Place. Please park in appropriate locations and walk with your child to the school. Please follow the same procedures for pickup. This also applies to parking procedures on Brookfield Avenue.
 - Please do not park, drop off or pick up your children in the teachers' parking lot. For safety reasons, children should not be walking through a lot in which cars are pulling in and out.
 - Additional Lunch information:
 - Grab and Go meals will be provided **ONLY** for students remaining in the building for lunch. There is no cost for the lunch meal. Lunch menus are posted with the item being served that day on the Nutley Public Schools website under "Parents" and "Food Services."
 - The district has provided outdoor tents for each school. This will allow for more spacing of students during the lunch period.
 - Students will eat lunch in either the cafeteria or under the tent depending on their

scheduled day. Students will rotate daily. For example, a student will eat under the tent on Monday and then in the cafeteria on Tuesday.

- Students may bring in their own lunch.
 - A note must be provided if a student is going out for lunch. If a student does not have a note for permission to go out for lunch, the student will stay in and be issued a school lunch.
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- The Extended Day Program will begin on the first day of school. If you have any questions regarding the Extended Day Program, please call 973-661-8845.
 - Please note that children will not be permitted to call home for forgotten items. If a child has forgotten a lunch, he or she will be provided with a school lunch.
 - If your child will be absent from school, please leave a message on the Absence Phone Line **before 8:45 a.m. at 973-320-8311**. Please state your child's name, homeroom teacher or grade, and reason for the absence.
 - All classroom expectations and protocols will be communicated by your child's teacher.

Please check our website often for news and updates on upcoming events, and also feel free to phone or email me with any questions. Please note, further information will be provided regarding our virtual Open House.

The staff and I are excited to begin the new school year and we look forward to working with you and your children.

Sincerely,

Frank P. Francia
Principal
Yantacaw Elementary School