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Dear Myers Family,

We are incredibly excited to embark upon the 2018-2019 school year at Myers Corners Elementary School. Your administrative team is comprised of Ms. Sydney Goldstein, Principal, and Miss Amy K. Fazio, Assistant Principal. Ms. Goldstein begins her 19th year as a school administrator in the WCSD, and this is her 9th year as the principal at Myers. Miss Fazio begins her 2nd year as AP at Myers, with 17 years prior teaching experience.

As the new school year rapidly approaches, we're eager to welcome you and your child to Myers. Along with our custodial and secretarial staff, we have worked throughout the summer to prepare the building for another amazing school year. Many teachers, as well as the building administrators, attended summer professional development sessions. We have worked diligently on advancements in curriculum and classroom management. It is our goal to continue to develop students' academic and social growth utilizing research-based practices and current data.

Our mission at Myers is to maintain a culture where all children succeed academically, socially, and emotionally. Through our use of enhanced P.B.I.S (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) and a progressive approach of restorative discipline, we are able to nurture a safe and fair environment. Our mantra, one that all individuals of Myers embrace, is: **"Tigers P.A.W.S Before We Act!"** So please be sure to model and encourage your child to **"Practice the P.A.W.S: Practice Respect, Accept Responsibility, Work Hard, and Stay Safe."**

At Myers we strive to build and strengthen positive partnerships with our families, and this yields academic and social growth for all of our children. Parent involvement plays a critical role in our students' success. Here are some ways to support and increase your child's academic success:

- Make ATTENDANCE a priority and limit tardiness
- Communicate with your child's teacher(s)
- Stay informed through our school's web page, individual teachers' web pages, and Twitter
- Ensure your child reads a minimum of 20 minutes and practices math facts daily
- Consider involvement in our P.T.A, and/or other opportunities to support children
- Limit television and social media - encourage outside play
- Be mindful of information shared on social media. Instead, we hope you'll have dialogue directly with individuals for the betterment of our school culture.

It is our privilege to be part of the Myers Corners Elementary School Community. We encourage you to contact us with any questions/concerns. Enjoy the remainder of your summer and we will see you soon.

Sincerely,

Ms. Sydney Goldstein -Principal

Miss Amy K. Fazio -Assistant Principal

## Upcoming September Events

**September 6th:** First Day of School: Grades K-6th

**Kindergarten Parents:** August 28th: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Snack on the playground

September 6th: 1 hour orientation 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

(Full day for Mrs. Caruso's K class only)

**September 13th:** "Parents as Partners" Night

Students in grades **K-2: 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Students in grades **3-6: 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**September 18th:** First PTA Meeting of the School Year - 6:30 p.m.

## Building Safety, Parking, & Hours

The building will be open for students at 8:25 a.m., and dismissal pick up begins at 3:05, with buses departing by 3:25. Please make appropriate child care accommodations, if needed.

**Student safety is our top priority. When visiting our building at any time during the school day, I.D. is required.** We will be conducting various safety drills throughout the year.

This is necessary to prepare our students and staff for any circumstances that may necessitate an actual school emergencies.

Please **DO NOT** park in the side or front lot. The back loop is for a.m. drop-off and permanent parent pick-up at dismissal only, not for parking. There are *visitor* parking spots on the right as you enter the school grounds, as well as the front parking lot. Handicapped spaces are for authorized drivers only. Please be mindful to drive slowly, as our students walk across the parking lot to the playground.

***Be sure read the District Code of Conduct pamphlet, sent home with your child the first week of school. Please sign and return all pertinent forms at your earliest convenience.***

## Healthy Kids Child Care

The Healthy Kids Program (before and after school childcare at Myers) starts at 6:30 a.m. with pick-up by 6:30 p.m. Register at: [www.communityfitnesscenter.com/healthy-kids-program](http://www.communityfitnesscenter.com/healthy-kids-program) or visit our main office for more information.

## Transportation -School or Parent/Guardian

Parents may drop their children off at the back entrance of the school between 8:20 a.m -8:35 a.m. Drive into the back loop, remain in vehicles, and pull up to the back door when it's your turn. An administrator &/or teacher will escort the child out of the car. After 8:35 a.m., students need to enter through the front lobby.

Student pick-up requires prior notification. Parents/guardians may send in this permission via: written note, email, or fax a note. The Myers' website provides a "*Note to Teacher Form*" under the "*Headlines*" tab.

Permanent student pick-up, parent transportation in lieu of district/bus transportation, requires a form to be filled out **each** school year. This form is available in the main office or downloaded from the Myers' website. Unless it is an emergency, we require that the office is notified regarding unplanned pick-ups via phone call, email/fax, or a written note sent into the office. If your child is going on a bus which is different than his/her regular bus, a note, email, or fax must be sent in with your child.

### **Absence Notification**

Any student absent, requires a call, fax, or email: [myers.attendance@wcsdny.org](mailto:myers.attendance@wcsdny.org) regarding the reason for the absence. Please reach out to your child's teacher as well, to ensure their missed work is sent home. If you are unable to contact the school the day of the absence, please send a note with your child when they return. Please provide documentation, such as doctor notes, when possible. If your child is tardy, a note stating the reason should also be brought to school.

### **Item Drop-off**

When dropping off any item for your child, please be sure to write their name, teacher, and room number on the item and leave it at the Welcome Desk near our greeter.

### **School Communication Resources**

**Blackboard Connect:** Prompt and regular communication between school and home is vital for student safety and success. School Messenger automatically rolled over to a Blackboard Connect account. New families to Myers are encouraged to join the Blackboard Connect Notification System. This provides you with important news via text and/or email. Register by visiting the district website and clicking on the "Parents" tab on the top menu bar. Then click on "Parent Resources." Click on Blackboard Connect on the left side, to sign up.

**Parent Portal:** This is how the district provides parents/guardians with secure online access to information about their children. Information includes: emergency contacts, daily attendance, course schedules, progress reports, report cards grades, and New York State Assessment scores. Access to Parent Portal is restricted to those parents/guardians that have been cleared through an I.D. verification process. Stop by the main office during school hours with your I.D., to sign up if you haven't yet. You may also sign up on "Parents as Partners Night" on September 13th.

**Other forms of tech. Communication include, but are not limited to:** *Twitter, Myers' Webpage, and Remind 101*

### **Other Resources**

Please visit the main office for information regarding: Free and Reduced Lunch, Backpack Program, and other services/items that your child may need.