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Dear Myers Family,

With great anticipation, we await the start of the 2021-2022 school year at Myers Corners Elementary School. Your administrative team is Ms. Sydney Goldstein, Principal, and Mr. Andy Irvin, Assistant Principal. Ms. Goldstein begins her 22nd year as a school administrator in the WCSD, and this is her 12th year as the principal at Myers. Mr. Irvin begins his 2nd year as assistant principal at Myers.

As the new school year rapidly approaches, we're eager to welcome you and your children to Myers. Along with our custodial and secretarial staff, we have worked throughout the summer to prepare the building for another productive school year. Many teachers, as well as the building administrators, attended summer professional development sessions, working diligently on advancements in curriculum. 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. Last school year we began using a resource called The Positivity Project which we will continue this year and combined with our P.B.I.S (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) and a progressive approach of restorative discipline, we are able to nurture a safe and supportive environment. Our mantra, one that all of Myers embraces, 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."**

This year we will be getting additional playground equipment for our intermediate grades. We are hoping this will be installed by the end of Fall. We are thrilled that we will have more safe and developmentally appropriate activities for all of our Myers Tigers.

This year we are glad to welcome back the Healthy Kids Before and After School program(s). If you are interested in before or after school care please check out the Myers webpage and click on the Healthy Kids link or register at: www.communityfitnesscenter.com/healthy-kids-program

Another exciting announcement is that this year we are welcoming our first ever Universal Pre - K class. Amy Perrone will be teaching our youngest learners along with Tereza Michael who will be the classroom teaching assistant. Our pre - K students will be dismissed at 2:00 and all are being picked up at the school as there is no transportation being provided for our pre - K students. To accommodate this, we are asking that anyone who will be doing student pick-up at the end of the day not arrive prior to 2:30 p.m.

At Myers we strive to build and strengthen positive partnerships with our families. It is our hope that this will yield 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 other communication channels
- 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 access to television and internet/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. Sydnie Goldstein
Principal

Upcoming September Events

- Pre K Parents:** August 30th: 1:00 p.m. Picnic on the playground
- Kindergarten Parents:** August 30th: 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Snack on the playground
September 9th: **1-hour orientation 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**
(Full day for Mrs. Caruso's K class only)
- September 9th:** First Day of School
- September 14th:** *"Parents as Partners"* Night
Students in grades **K-3: 5:45 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**
Students in grades **4-6: 6:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**
- September 27th:** First PTA Meeting of the School Year - 6:00 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 emergency.

Please **DO NOT** park in the side 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 to read the District Code of Conduct pamphlet the first week of school. Please sign and return all pertinent forms at your earliest convenience.

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 or email to the teacher. 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 or a written note sent into the office.

If your child is going on a bus which is different from his/her regular bus, a note must be sent in with your child to school that day.

Absence Notification

Any student absent, requires a call or email: 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. 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 14th.