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Dear Parents and Friends of MTES:

I hope you share in the excitement knowing the 2018-19 school year begins next week!

The district has been very busy getting ready for another outstanding school year. To begin, we proudly welcome the following new staff members:

- Ms. Chelsea Horsch: Preschool Teacher (JHES last year)
- Mrs. Amy Rivera: LDTC
- Mrs. Kim Rosenberg: 6<sup>th</sup> grade General Education Teacher
- Mrs. Laura Sadowski: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Leave of Absence Teacher for Mrs. Leanne Scheinfeld on maternity leave

Please join me in welcoming these new staff members to the MTES family.

Familiar faces, different places:

- Mrs. Shannon Brown: 5<sup>th</sup> grade General Education Teacher
- Mrs. Lisa Dolci: 6<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education Teacher with Mrs. Ashley Raywood
- Mrs. Lisa Grieco: 4<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education Teacher
- Mrs. Bonnie Hope: Special Education Preschool with Ms. Chelsea Horsch
- Mrs. Nicole Riviello: English/Language Arts Coach
- Mrs. Kathy Valeriano: 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade Special Education Teacher

What's New at MTES?

- Arrival and dismissal procedures for students being dropped off / picked up at the end of the school day will continue as implemented last year. (see back)
- The PARCC (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers) will be the standardized testing program to assess all children in the state of New Jersey in the areas of English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics. This test is aligned with the New Jersey State Learning Standards and is taken online. For more information along with sample test items, answer keys, and answer rationale please visit the following sites:
  - <http://www.parcconline.org>
  - <http://practice.parcctestnav.com/#>
- Our curriculum in Grades K-6 is aligned to the New Jersey State Learning Standards. For more information on the depth and rigor of the standards please visit <http://www.nj.gov/education/cccs/>.
- The district has purchased new science materials to support the Next Generation Science Standards. Your child's teacher will provide more information at Back to School Night, scheduled for September 13.
- On the technology front, we have Google Chrome Books for every student in Grades 3-6 and will implement various forms of technology into our daily instruction.

The education, safety, and well-being of your child are our top priorities. In addition to providing a challenging and engaging curriculum, the district implements the following procedures to ensure your child's safety and well-being:

- Conducts (1) fire drill and (1) school security drill per month as per state regulations.
  - Visitors, vendors, and parents will be permitted into the building by appointment only.
  - Parents dropping off items for their children will place the items in a drop box outside of the main entrance. The item will then be retrieved by a staff member.
  - All adults in our school are expected to wear identification badges. Parents and other visitors with a scheduled appointment are required to report directly to the Main Office upon arrival to obtain a visitor's badge which must be visible at all times.
  - All exterior doors are locked throughout the school day.
- **AM Drop Off Procedures**
    - Arrive between 8:33 AM and 8:40 AM. **Students may not arrive before 8:33 AM, as we do not have staff members to supervise students prior to that time.**
    - Pull up along the curb *as far as you can to alleviate congestion* and have your child exit the vehicle from the passenger side directly on to the sidewalk. Your child will enter the building through the doors outside of the music room. Please pull away once your child has safely exited your vehicle as we have a high volume of parents who drop off in the morning. Rest assured there are several staff members outside ensuring your child's safe entrance into the building.
    - If you arrive early, please park in the allotted spaces.
    - Students who arrive after 8:45 AM will be considered tardy.
  - **Dismissal Procedures**
    - **School dismissal begins at 3:18 PM.** Early dismissal will not occur after 2:55 PM. Please remember that for the sake of safety, the school doors are locked during the entire school day. This will hold true at dismissal as well. Prior to 2:55, you may gain access to sign your child out by ringing the buzzer and stating your intentions. After the 2:55 PM, you must report to the PM pick up location via the outside doors at the far end of the gym hallway.
    - If you will be picking up your child on a daily basis, a note will be required at the beginning of the year. Please sign him/her out at the parent pick up location which will be at the far end of the gym hallway. **Please be prepared to show identification.**
    - If you need to pick up your child prior to the regular dismissal time of 3:18 PM, or for a limited time period, please send a note with your child to his/her homeroom teacher. The note will be forwarded to the Main Office. If you are unable to send in a note, please contact the Main Office by 11:30 AM of your intentions.
    - **Students may only ride the bus which has been assigned to them.** They are not permitted to ride other buses.
    - If you are picking up a child other than your own, all parties involved must submit written documentation to the Main Office.
    - If your child rides his/her bicycle to school, he/she must wear a helmet, and you are required to submit a note to the Main Office.

Once again, our goal is to keep your child safe, and ensure your child is dismissed to the correct location. Thank you again for your help and support in keeping our children safe.

In closing, parent(s)/guardian(s) are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's educational experience. If your schedule allows, you are encouraged to volunteer to assist teachers and staff in various capacities during the school day or by working actively as a member of our Columbus Home and School Association. You may contact me personally at the address below if you have any questions on how you can become more involved at MTES or for any subject that may require clarification.

I hope you share my excitement and enthusiasm for the upcoming school year. The staff and I will work tirelessly to help provide your child with the best possible school experience. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please don't hesitate to share them with me at [gkershner@mansfieldschool.com](mailto:gkershner@mansfieldschool.com) or 609-298-2037 ext. 2310

Best wishes for a successful and fulfilling school year! It is my pleasure to work with the MTES community!

Sincerely,

*Glenn Kershner*

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