

# SEPTEMBER



## MACKAY SCHOOL TIMES

### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Hello Everyone!

Welcome to the 2016-2017 School Year! I hope the first few days of school were as exciting for you as it was for your children and their teachers. Even today, as I walked down the hallway, the tears have already subsided and the daily routine is underway.

This is the first Monthly Newsletter of the school year. Each month, I will be publishing a school newsletter with important bits of news and information.

#### A Couple of Reminders....

- There is no double parking on the Virginia Street.
- Once school starts, our teachers are teaching and away from the computers. If you have an urgent message for your child, please call the main office rather than email the teacher.
- The circle drop is a moving line. If you have to get out of your car to help your child, please park your car and walk him/her to school.

#### Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, (19<sup>th</sup>) - First full day of Kindergarten
- Thursday, (22<sup>nd</sup>) - Back to School Night
- Wednesday (28<sup>th</sup>) - HSA Meet and Greet

Thank you,  
Ms. Yoo

### LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome back! I am looking forward to a fantastic year of learning at Mackay School! September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries nationwide join together to remind parents, caregivers and students that signing up for a library card is the first step towards academic achievement and lifelong learning. A public library card is a ticket to free educational resources and activities such as homework help, digital workshops for all-ages, STEAM programs/activities, book clubs, family storytimes and game nights. If you haven't been to The Tenafly Public Library lately, September is a great time for a visit. During the months of September and October, we will be reading as many books by Helen Lester as we can in anticipation of her October 14th school visit. Helen Lester has written many hilarious and popular picture books, including the Tacky the Penguin series and Hooway for Wodney Wat. Please be on the lookout for a book order form coming home around the middle of the month if you would like to purchase a signed book by Helen Lester. Signed books make a great gift!

For more information about our guest author, please visit her website at [www.helenlester.com](http://www.helenlester.com).

### COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome Back Mackay Families! My name is Mrs. Angerson. Some of you know me as a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher but this year, I am proud to be the school counselor! I am very excited about this new adventure, and look forward to getting to know everybody! We have many wonderful activities planned throughout the school year. The first one we will be launching is our School-wide Compliment Box. I'll be going into the classrooms to teach students how to write and/or say meaningful compliments to one another. I look forward to a positive and successful school year!

Mrs. Angerson [jangerson@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:jangerson@tenafly.k12.nj.us)

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR NURSE

Welcome back to the new school year here at Mackay. I hope you had a good summer! I am available Monday through Friday from 8:10 am until 3:20 pm, and can be reached by calling 201-816-7703.



Some important reminders:

- If your child will be absent from school, please remember to call the number above and leave a message before 9:00am. Please do not call the main office to report your child's absence. You can also email me at [blyons@k12.nj.us](mailto:blyons@k12.nj.us)
- Please alert me about any medications that your child takes on a regular basis. And remember that medications can only be taken by your child in school, when administered in the nurse's office and with doctor's orders. Please contact me with any questions or concerns regarding medications.
- If your child has a bee sting or food allergy that requires Benadryl or an EpiPen, please contact me as soon as possible.
- Please be sure to review proper hand washing technique with your child. Our school is making every effort to decrease the transmission of germs and illness, and hand washing is the single most effective way to accomplish this! I suggest viewing this cute video with your child on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oBltd8DQRtU>
- Finally, please be sure to keep a child with a fever home for 24 hours after the fever has gone. This has been the policy in the past and we will continue to enforce it.

And as always, please feel free to speak with me about any health concerns you may have regarding your child.

Barbara Lyons, MS, RN, NJ-CSN.

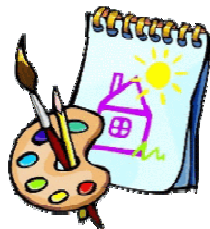
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**\*OCT 5th is International Walk to School Day!! We are registered to walk with thousands of children across the globe. So please make arrangements for your children to walk to school that day!!\***

## ART NEWS

Welcome back! I look forward to working with your children and am always impressed and amazed to see how they grow, change and create over the course of the school year. I hope you will always feel welcome in the art room and enjoy all the masterpieces that the 2016-2017 school year will bring!

Mrs. Stevens



## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN KINDERGARTEN

Wow! The kindergarteners are off to a great start! They are so busy learning about Mackay School and new classroom routines. New friendships are blossoming. The kindergarten teachers are so proud. The students are having so much fun that they cannot wait to begin their first full day on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>.