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## Mohegan Elementary School

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Dear Mohegan Families:

On behalf of the entire staff at Mohegan Elementary School, I'd like to welcome you to the 2022/2023 school year. I extend a special welcome to our kindergarten students and new families who are joining the Mohegan Family for the first time. I'm sure that you will find this to be a very special place, as I did when I first walked through the door six years ago.

I'd like to start by wishing Mrs. Rigdon, Mrs. Pasqualini and Mrs. Wang all the best in their retirements. All three have been tremendous assets to Mohegan students and families and will be greatly missed.

As we welcome the new school year, we also welcome many new faces to Mohegan. New to the Mohegan Family is Ms. Sylvia who takes over PE for Ms. McComic, Ms. LaPegna who is our new social worker in place of Ms. Alosky and Mrs. Beck, our new Library Media Specialist. Former Library/Media Specialist Ms. Peltier is now a third-grade teacher for us at Mohegan replacing Ms. Edmond who is now teaching in our first grade.

As the days continue to countdown towards the return of our students on August 29<sup>th</sup>, it is important to recognize some of the folks that helped keep Mohegan abuzz this summer. Secretary Karen Long, in addition to the custodial crew of Jessie Harvey, Stewart Smith, Jessicah Dorsett, Kalli Campbell, Becky Wright and John Plourde have all been hard at work readying the school for opening day. Kindergarten Readiness hosted approximately 32 of our youngest learners throughout August. Students worked on reading, math and social skills in preparation for the upcoming year. Thanks to Mrs. Christianson, Ms. Potvin, Mrs. LaBranche, Mrs. McCarney and secretary Pam Rodgers for providing an exceptional introduction to kindergarten for our Readiness students!

Our PTO is excited about the upcoming year. They are planning another year of exciting events for our children including family-fun days, movie nights and many other wonderful events that help bring our school together. For more information contact PTO President Jessie Harvey at [jharvey@montvilleschools.org](mailto:jharvey@montvilleschools.org)

Additional information that will help get the school year off to a great start:

- To make sure that you receive the latest Mohegan updates through text messages, please text YES to 67587. This will ensure that you get timely texts about late buses, early dismissals, school events etc. If you have questions please contact Mrs. Long in the office.
- Student drop off time is 8:30am. Teachers will be on hand to assist and supervise students from this time. We are able to unload four or five cars at a time therefore please pull up as far as possible along the main parking lot sidewalk before having your child exit the car. For safety purposes, please have your child exit on the sidewalk side of the car only. **If your child needs assistance exiting the car (help with a car/booster seat, seat belt, opening the door etc.) please pull into a parking spot in order to keep the line moving.**
- To improve traffic flow during morning drop off, please enter via PTA Lane and exit on Golden Rd.
- For parents picking up their student(s) at the end of the day, we begin calling kindergarten and first grade walkers and their older siblings to the cafeteria at 3:15. Kindergarten and first grade parents will enter the café first through the main door, pick up their child and exit through the rear door. Once the cafeteria begins to clear of kindergarten and first grade families, we then call for the second and third grade parents to enter the cafeteria and call down those grade level students to the café. The process then continues for fourth and fifth grade families.
- Students should bring a water bottle with them to school. All of our fountains are bottle fill only.
- Any medications taken in school including Tylenol, Advil, Aleve, etc. must be taken in the nurse's office and given to students by the nurse if a student has a doctor's note on file. Students may not carry medication on them.
- Students are not allowed to use cell phones during the day. If a student needs to contact a parent they are to use the office phone.
- Upon arrival at school, all students will report to the blacktop near the playground. As the weather permits, we will continue this process. Students will enter the building at 8:45 and report to their class. Students arriving late (after 8:45) will need to be signed in front foyer.
- Instruction begins promptly at 8:45am. *Students will be marked tardy if they arrive after 8:45am.* Please take this start time into consideration if you plan on having your child eat breakfast at school and have your student here early enough to finish breakfast prior to 8:45. If your child is having breakfast at Mohegan, please have them go directly to the cafeteria upon arrival.
- We no longer will have "grab and go" lunch/breakfast. All meals will be served at school. We will serve in-school lunch during early dismissal and two-hour delay days. See the Mohegan School Student Handbook for additional information about our nutrition program.
- The best way to communicate changes to the dismissal procedure of your child is to send a note in with your child. You can also email his/her teacher *AND* the Mohegan Office at [moheganoffice2@montvilleschools.org](mailto:moheganoffice2@montvilleschools.org)

### Save the date:

- **August 15:** Teacher letters to students and families will be sent out.
- **Monday August 29<sup>th</sup>:** First day of school! Welcome to the new school year! Instruction begins at 8:45am. Please have students here by 8:30am. If you plan to take pictures in the back of the school on the first day, please do not block the bus or parent drop off lane. This is a half day for students except for kindergarten. Kindergarten parents will receive a specific time from their teacher to come to the school to meet staff, tour the classroom, etc. We will also have a bus here for our new learners to practice boarding and unloading.
- **Tuesday August 30<sup>th</sup>:** Half day for all students. Dismissal begins at 12:20.
- **Monday September 5<sup>th</sup>:** Labor Day no school
- Back to School Open House: Date to be determined

Our staff continues to prepare for an exciting year and can't wait for your children to join us and begin our work towards academic excellence! Please feel free to stop by to say hello or contact me at [wklinefelter@montvilleschools.org](mailto:wklinefelter@montvilleschools.org) if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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