

Memorial School



**PARENT SURVIVAL GUIDE FOR
THE START OF THE SCHOOL
YEAR**

2022-2023

*WELCOME TO THE MEMORIAL
COMMUNITY!*

Memorial School Webpage

The Memorial School webpage is updated daily and has many resources and information for parents.

[Memorial School Webpage](#)

Opening Day September 8th Arrival

On the first day of school, each homeroom teacher will stand outside the entrance doors with a sign indicating their last name. Teachers will communicate the location and drop off information over the summer. We want parents to be able to put a face to the name of their child's teacher. Please be sure to check Genesis for your child's homeroom teacher so that they get in the correct line for day one. This first day will be an early dismissal day for the entire school and district. The day will end at 12:20 pm.

Junior Explorers Aftercare Program

Students will be walked down to the small gym and handed off to the Aftercare staff at the conclusion of the school day. Pick up takes place at the Memorial School side entrance closest to the playground. An Aftercare staff member will be there to assist you.

[Junior Explorers Before and Aftercare Program Details](#)

District Calendar 2022-2023

 [District Calendar 22-23.docx](#)

District Calendar of Events 2022-2023

 [Events Calendar 22-23](#)

Travel During the School Year

The school calendar has many different breaks built into it for potential travel. We do not recommend long extended periods of travel as it disrupts the routine and education of our youngest students. If traveling overseas for an extended period of time your child will have to disenroll from Memorial School and re-enroll upon return.

Student Morning Entrances & Dismissal:

Entrances are different for each grade level here at Memorial School. The entrance points are located below. Dismissal will also occur at these same locations. We have staggered dismissal times to make the process easier.

Kindergarten: Big Gym

Grade 1: Main entrance

Grade 2: Entrance closest to the playground

Grade 3: Teacher entrance/ramp next to driveway near playground

Drop & Go (PLEASE READ)

Memorial DROP & GO Guidelines:

- Please do not get out of your vehicle to assist your child to their entrance. Remain in your vehicle and do not park in the drop and go lanes. Maywood Police reserves the right to ticket any violations.
- If you do decide to park on a side street or on the Memorial Park side of the street, please use the crosswalks where crossing guards are located. Do not cross the streets in between other cars. At this time there is no crosswalk down by the kindergarten entrance.
- Please do not double park in the street. Maywood Police reserves the right to ticket any violations.
- Please let your child out on the passenger or sidewalk side of the street.
- Please pull between the white lines which are the "Drop and Go" lanes. If the sidewalk is yellow you cannot stop there. Maywood Police reserves the right to ticket any violations.

Helpful Hint: It may be a good idea to practice the drop and go procedure with your child so they become familiar with how to exit the vehicle, particularly with their backpacks. This is a team effort and we need everyone to cooperate if we are to keep our kids safe.

Afternoon Dismissal

Students may be picked up in the same location in which they were dropped off. At this time parents may park their vehicle and exit it. Students will only be released to those who are on the designated list to pick up. We also have staggered dismissals of 2:40 pm and 2:45 pm to lessen traffic on both Grant Avenue and Fairmount. This information can be found on our Memorial School webpage. Teachers will communicate this information to you.

Contacts

Each student will have a homeroom teacher and that will be provided via the parent genesis portal on August 30th, so it will be important to make sure you activate your account and make sure your information is current and correct.

Website

<https://www.maywoodschoools.org>

Principal

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Main Office Assistant

Mrs. Huss

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School Nurse

Mrs. Fugnitti

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Guidance Counselor

Mrs. Byrnes

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Attendance

Students are expected to be on time on a daily basis. Memorial start time is 8:05 am., as staff will be available to supervise. Between 8:05-8:15 am, students may enter to line up by homeroom with the assistance of staff. At 8:15 am the first bell will ring and school begins. At this time, homeroom teachers will pick up their students and proceed to their classrooms. The late bell will sound at 8:20 am, indicating that homeroom has begun. ***Any student arriving late after 8:21 am, must report to the main office for a pass.*** The state of New Jersey has strict tardy and truancy rules in place that we never want to have to implement. Please be diligent in getting your child or children to school on time. We thank you for your efforts.

[District Attendance Policy](#)

[District Tardiness Policy](#)



Electronic Devices

Memorial is now a 1:1 Chromebook school, meaning each child has a personal chromebook device, including kindergarten. This chromebook will come with a case and will need to be charged nightly and returned to school with students each day. There is a \$35 dollar technology fee for each child and can be paid through our school website. The link is listed below.

[Annual Technology Fee | Maywood Public Schools](#)



Genesis

Memorial School has a parent portal available for all parents through Genesis. When it is set up parents will be able to see student homeroom teachers, attendance, and report cards. Please make sure your contact information is correct and up to date. If you have trouble or any questions please call our main office for assistance.



Blackboard Connect

The district believes strongly in the communication process, therefore it is important to view messages sent from our blackboard connect platform. This is how we communicate with hundreds of parents all at once about what is taking place in individual classrooms and throughout the District.



Tree Nut & Peanut Free School

Students will be provided time for snacks each day to break up the learning process. Please have your child attend school each day with a healthy snack. We are a tree nut and peanut free school, so please be cautious of what you provide your child for both snack and lunch.

Lunch will not be served on the first day of school. It will begin on the following day Friday, September 9th. Of course your child can bring a bagged lunch if he/she prefers. Students will eat lunch here at Memorial between the hours of 11am and 1pm. Each grade level also has a 25 minute recess period.



School Supplies

Students should bring school supplies on day one. Remember that Memorial students have storage spaces or cubbies for their belongings. Teachers will notify each class as to what will be needed prior to the start of school.

Parent Entrance To School

Please note that anyone entering the building must enter through the main office. At the end of the day students leave the building via multiple doors but parents cannot enter through those doors. Parents interested in meeting with a staff person should schedule an appointment for a convenient time for both parties.



Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be Thursday, September 29th @ 6:00 pm. We do encourage parents to attend and meet your child's teacher.



Memorial School PTO

If interested in being a part of our PTO or volunteering for any of the PTO events please contact our President Erin O'Neill.

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