



# RAVINE DRIVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



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Dear Ravine Drive Elementary School Parents and Guardians:

This is an early welcome back to returning families and a warm welcome to new families! Below are a few updates as we look ahead to the start of school on Wednesday, September 6th. I look forward to continuing to work with our families, students, and staff. As always, please reach out with any questions, suggestions, or concerns.

### **District calendar with early dismissals and days off noted**

The district's 2023-34 school year calendar can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

### **School supply lists**

General school supply lists for each grade level are posted on the [Ravine Drive School website](#).

### **Preschool and Kindergarten Orientations**

We have an in-person orientation set for our incoming Preschool and Kindergarten students on Tuesday, September 5th. Parents should enter through our breezeway and report directly to classrooms.

9:30-10:00: Preschool                      10:30-11:00 Kindergarten

Our students and parents have an opportunity to meet the classroom teachers and assistants as well as tour the school and classroom. The primary focus of the orientations is for students and parents to meet the teachers, see the classrooms, and learn about the most important information to get the year started. More detailed learning and curriculum details are shared at Back to School Night, scheduled for Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30pm. We look forward to meeting you and your child on September 5th!

### **Parent portal opening with students' schedules, etc. for 2023-24**

The Genesis parent portal is scheduled to open on Friday, September 1st, with information for this coming school year. Our central office will share portal access information soon with all new families.

*Fostering a safe and equitable learning environment that celebrates our diverse learners, and provides the necessary resources and supports to prioritize the social-emotional and academic development of all students.*

**School hours**

Our Superintendent, Dr. Majka, shared a [district update](#), including school hours for all schools in an emailed letter on August 1st. The Ravine Drive hours have not changed for 2023-24. Click this link ([School Hours 2023-2024](#)) to see school times. Ravine Drive arrival begins at 9:10, homeroom starts at 9:20 and dismissal is 3:35.

**Immunization reminders for Preschool and Kindergarten from our Nurse’s Office**

Nurse Moore is sending a reminder to preschool and kindergarten students for the following:  
**Preschoolers need:** 3 & 4 year old up to date immunization records and influenza vaccination  
**Kindergarteners:** Up to date 5 year old vaccinations and an updated physical  
If you have any questions, you can reach out to Nurse Moore by phone at 732-705-5830 or email [smoore@marsd.org](mailto:smoore@marsd.org).

**Full time building assistants or substitutes**

The district has openings for full time teacher assistants and building based substitute teachers. The positions are daily positions and through our substitute service ESS. If you or someone you know may be interested in a full time assistant or building based substitute position you can apply through this link [HERE](#), which is to an ESS information flier with their application link. Required qualifications for both positions are:

<p>Teacher sub:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Have at least 60 credits to apply for a Substitute Teacher Credential.</li> <li>-Complete a criminal history background clearance.</li> </ul>	<p>Teacher assistant/Paraprofessional:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Minimum of a high school diploma or GED</li> <li>-Valid NJ criminal history letter</li> </ul>
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**Dates to Keep in Mind**

- Friday, September 1: Genesis parent portal opens with 2023-24 school year info,
- Tuesday, September 5: 9:30 Preschool orientation 10:30 Kindergarten orientation
- Wednesday, September 6: First day of school
- Wednesday, September 13: Preschool early dismissal (PreK has 1 early dismissal per month)
- Wednesday, September 13: Back to School Night (Details to be shared soon)
- Monday, September 25: No school: Yom Kippur

**YMCA Before and After School Care**

The YMCA is again offering before and after school care for the 2023-24 school year. All of the program’s information can be found through this link [HERE](#).

If you have any questions about the program or registration, please contact the YMCA directly at 732-566-9266. If you will need the program, it is important to register as early as possible because it usually takes some time for the full registration process to be completed. This program is held in our school before and after school.

Sincerely,

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