



ORADELL PUBLIC SCHOOL



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A Note From the Principal

“Why, Mama?” is a question I’ve been asked thousands of times in my 15 years as a parent. At three years old, my child would ask, “Why do I have to nap?” At six, I heard, “Why is that bug orange?” Now in the teen years, it’s “Why do I have to do it your way?” All parents are tempted to respond to the many questions we receive on a daily basis with “Because I said so” or “I don’t know”; however, these “wonderings” are an essential way for our young people to learn about the world they live in.

This type of exploration in a classroom is called “inquiry-based learning,” and it drives your child’s academic learning experience. At Oradell Public School, we also recognize another vital component of growing up is learning to be kind to oneself and others.

This year’s OPS theme focuses on both inquiry/wonder and kindness, because they are equally crucial to students’ lives. *OPS Grows When Kindness and Wonder Are Planted* will help us focus on our community’s commitment to acceptance and curiosity.

On September 6, 2022, our students will walk into Oradell Public School to continue discovering how to practice kindness and how asking questions can help them grow. They will spend time in their classrooms working to be strong students and compassionate community members. With the support of our new STEM program, they will be guided on a discovery of why things happen and how to explain them. Students will investigate their community and world through our exciting new Social Studies curriculum and materials. Of course, we will also continue striving to establish a love of reading, writing, and math.

School will be in session on September 6th from 8:30-12:30 PM. In the meantime, please visit the [Current Week’s Notices](#) tab on the OPS website for important information. Looking forward to seeing you and your child!

~ Michelle Hawley

Preparing for 9/6/22



Please complete the following forms on paper. You can print them [here](#).

- * Annual Health Update*
- * Dismissal Permission*
- *Milk Order (if needed)*

The following need to be completed in the Parent Portal:

- * Media Release*
- *Student Handbook Sign-Off*
- *Emergency Contacts Update*

Please make sure to list all people who can pick up your child from the Nurse! Please make sure you choose the options for how you would like to be contacted. If you click every phone number listed, all of those numbers will receive “Snow Day Announcements.” If you do not click text, you will not receive text blasts.

Important Reminders

- The letter of our A-F specials schedule is always on the [front of the website](#). Your child’s teacher will inform you of the special area class schedule.
- Please sign up for the PTA at oradellpta.org. Join the PTA Back to School Breakfast on the front lawn at 8:30 on 9/9.
- There will be no PTA lunch options until October.
- Please notify the main office when your child is absent by going to the [link](#) on the front of the OPS website or calling the OPS absence line (201)261-1180.
- All classrooms, except Kindergarten, are nut-free. There is nut-free seating in the lunch room; however, the room is not nut-free.
- Save the Date! Back to School Night for Grades Pre-K-3 is 9/8 and Grades 4-6 is 9/14.



