

Flemington-Raritan School District Parent and Community Newsletter

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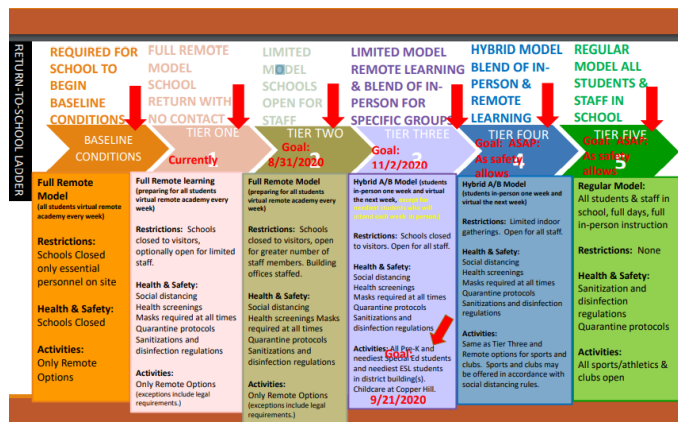
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HELLO, FLEMINGTON-RARITAN FAMILIES

As you have seen in the news and heard through friends and family in other New Jersey communities, many school districts are revising their plans for September, with several choosing to begin the year fully remote as they address challenges in different areas.

At last Monday night's Board of Education meeting, Mr. Bland and I presented an updated Return to School plan. I shared with the community the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District statement on returning with confidence to school: The Board of Education and the Superintendent believe that returning to school is an emotional topic for many families, students, staff, and faculty, especially with those hardest hit by COVID-19. I shared with the community the Return to School with Confidence Ladder to help us determine the readiness of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District to return to a regular model of education with all students and staff in school, full days for full in-person instruction.

The Return to School with Confidence Ladder indicates a goal of opening for a limited model with schools open for staff on August 31 at Tier 2. Tier 2 is a full remote model preparing instruction for students in an all virtual remote academy every week. Our schools will remain closed to visitors but open to a greater number of staff members to teach from the classroom while students are at home learning virtually.



We are working diligently to bring our neediest special education students back to school for in-person learning beginning on September 21st. We have set the goal to bring all students back for in-person learning no later than November 1, 2020.

I have received many emails from parents and community members expressing concerns about our reopening plan in a hybrid setting without in-person learning. A remote only learning plan has brought childcare complications to many families. Parents have expressed their concern that virtual learning doesn't fully meet their child's needs and the amount of screen time is concerning. Please continue to direct your frustrations to me and be kind to your principals and teachers who are working incredibly hard to create a safe and welcoming start to the school year.

I believe we all agree; the best place for students to learn is with a certified teacher who loves kids and values the process of teaching and learning. We all look forward to the day when our students are back in classrooms, and our school hallways are filled with the voices of children. I regret the tight hold that the COVID-19 pandemic has on our schools and our entire society.

FACILITIES CARE FOR QUALITY INDOOR AIR CONDITIONS

The facilities team has been working diligently this summer to keep buildings dry and humidity levels low. The dehumidifiers and air scrubbers were in all buildings this summer. Our district has spent thousands of additional dollars on replacement fans and new fans to circulate air in classrooms and around the buildings. Facilities will be adjusting air conditioners in those areas that are air-conditioned this weekend so that by Monday, areas are cool. Maintenance has monitored the moisture and humidity levels over the summer in our buildings daily using the hygrometers. A hygrometer is a handheld multifunctional meter that allows for quick and easy analysis of environmental conditions indoors and outdoors. The district purchased multiple hygrometers last summer. We certainly did not want to have to deal with mold and mildew on top of responding to the pandemic protocols and procedures!

REFERENDUM WORK CONTINUES DESPITE THE PANDEMIC CHALLENGES

Despite pandemic challenges, referendum work continued all summer. Roof work, electrical work, circuit panel upgrades, site work for sidewalks, and parking areas were all on the "to do" list this summer. Despite construction challenges as to be expected with all construction, the referendum



projects moved forward. All roofing work at our elementary schools is in preparation for HVAC work.

Robert Hunter, Copper Hill, and Barley Sheaf Elementary Schools all had significant referendum work this summer. The three elementary schools had roof work to replace roofing and exterior fascia, soffits, and metal roof-flashing. According to the architecture group, DI Group Architecture, "The new roof system is truly a "multi-layered" system, unlike that which currently exists in most of the schools." Rich Alderiso, the architect for the referendum work, explained that the cap roofing work on our schools included an insulation top and layers of roofing membrane which get adhered to over the insulation.

Robert Hunter had significant site work with new concrete sidewalk replacement, stormwater piping installations, and asphalt repaving work. Lighting supplies were ordered and installed for the front office at Robert Hunter. The installation of a new exterior canopy outside of the front door was installed. If you drove past Robert Hunter this summer, you saw quite the assortment of construction vehicles. Dump trucks, pavers, cranes all were part of the work at Robert Hunter. The roof work required gravel embedment. Therefore the dump truck and paver were present many days. Even a crane was used to support the work on the rooftop of Robert Hunter Elementary. Metal roof-flashing, exterior soffits, and rainwater downspouts were installed around the perimeter of the roof.

In addition to roof and site work, Barley Sheaf Elementary School had existing light fixtures removed and exterior walkway and main entrance work. There were new motion-activated L.E.D.



light fixtures that were installed. Barley Sheaf also had exterior entrance canopy light fixtures replaced.

Copper Hill's roof work continues on the weekends to install gravel on the rooftop. Some metalwork will occur on weekdays and also on the weekends.

All schools in the district had electrical work to install the new 21st Century communication system using the technology of Data Comm. Staff will notice new telephones installed in classrooms. Electrical work in all schools required exterior underground conduits and cables. The district is using partnering with JCP&L for other electrical work. As with all outdoor construction projects, almost all work is weather-dependent. Fortunately, long-range forecast (aside from the rain on the 29th) looks favorable for good weather.

STUDENT SCREENING FOR COVID-19

SYMPTOMS

As part of the New Jersey Road Back to Recovery and reopening our schools, all school districts must adopt a policy for safely and respectfully screening students and employees for symptoms of and history of exposure of COVID-19. As part of the employee screening, all employees must use a link provided by the individual school for staff and through Genesis for students. Parents must submit the screening questionnaire each day before sending students to school. I encourage you to set a reminder to help establish a new routine that we must all become accustomed to as we learn to live and work in our new normal. As we get closer to September 21st with our first group of students set to return to school, more information will arrive to parents about the procedure.

Remember, masks must be worn all day when coming into school. Prepare your children for this practice by helping to set routines as you move about the community.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

GUIDANCE ON SERVING MEALS WHILE

SCHOOLS ARE DELIVERING HYBRID AND

FULLY REMOTE INSTRUCTION

New Jersey's Governor released [Executive Order 175](#) released on August 13, 2020, which lifted the State's requirement that schools remain closed to students for in-person instruction. On Saturday, the New Jersey Department of Education released additional guidance regarding the reopening of schools. The guidance document includes the requirements for compliance with EO 175, with directions for Superintendents to complete a Statement of Assurance and Health and Safety Status Form ensuring that schools can open safely.

One highlight from the order provided more information on the distribution of food during hybrid and remote learning instruction. The New Jersey Department of Education requires all school districts to participate in the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs to offer the required meals to all children, regardless of eligibility, when the school day involves at least four hours of in-person or remote instruction.

The Flemington-Raritan School District is prepared to offer food to all students beginning September 8, 2020. Please review the documents that are included in this newsletter. The information is from Maschio's, our Food Service Provider.



**IMPORTANT
NOTICE
REGARDING
SCHOOL LUNCH**

**First Pick up Date will be the
First Day of School
*TUESDAY September 8th *
Beginning week of September 14th,
pick up will be on Mondays!**

**If you would like to participate in the
school lunch program while learning at
home virtually, please view the
following information:**



- Main Pick Up Location
 - Reading-Fleming Intermediate School
 - 11:30am - 3:00pm EVERY MONDAY
- Pick Up also Available at
 - Copper Hill School
 - 2:00pm – 2:30pm EVERY MONDAY
 - Barely Sheaf School
 - 2:00pm – 2:30pm EVERY MONDAY
 - Francis A. Desmares School
 - 2:00pm – 2:30pm EVERY MONDAY
 - Robert Hunter School
 - 2:00pm – 2:30pm EVERY MONDAY

PRE-ORDER FORMS ARE REQUIRED

- You must fill out 1 form weekly in order to receive meals.
- Please click here to complete the form: [Flemington-Raritan Weekly Pre-Order Lunch Form](#)
- You can also print the pre-order form and hand it in at any food pickup location.
- The order form is due by Friday at 8:00 a.m. for the following week
 - i.e. – Week of Sept 7th will be due by 8:00 am on September 4th

Our Cashless payment system is a safety measure to help prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus and to eliminate the handling of cash exchange. This option also allows for parents to access purchase history and minimizes “lost” lunch money. Quick and easy way to pay for your students’ lunch or breakfast via credit card! Go to

www.payforit.net

If choosing to not pay by credit card, and prefer to pay by check, please make checks payable to: **Flemington-Raritan BOE and can be dropped off or mailed to any school**

Lunch Price - \$3.00

Breakfast Price - \$1.50



Paper Menus, Order Forms, and copies of the Free and Reduced Lunch Application will be available at each pick up site, every school and on the district's website www.frsd.k12.nj.us

Free and Reduced Lunch Applications [Free and Reduced Lunch Packet](#)

and completed pre-order forms can be brought back to any location that you are picking up food or any of the school's main offices

Any questions, please contact Nadine Schnappauf, Food Service Director of Maschio's Food Services
nschnapp@frsd.k12.nj.us



SEPTEMBER

Flemington Raritan School District Breakfast

MONDAY

*Available Daily Whole Grain
Breakfast Cereal with Whole
Grain Graham Crackers*

TUESDAY

1

No School

WEDNESDAY

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No School

THURSDAY

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No School

FRIDAY

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No School

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Labor Day - No School

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- Bagel with Cream Cheese
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

9

- Assorted NutriGrain Bar with **Graham Crackers**
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

10

- Assorted Muffin with **Graham Crackers**
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

11

- Bagel with Cream Cheese
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

14

- Assorted Breakfast Kit
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

15

- Bagel with Cream Cheese
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

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- Assorted NutriGrain Bar with **Graham Crackers**
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
- Milk Variety

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- Assorted Muffin with **Graham Crackers**
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- Bagel with Cream Cheese
- Assorted Fresh or Chilled Fruit or 100% Fruit Juice
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- Assorted Breakfast Kit
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- Bagel with Cream Cheese
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No School

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Breakfast and Lunch Prices

- Student Lunch: \$3.00
- Reduced Lunch: \$0.00
- Adult Lunch: \$3.50
- Student Breakfast: \$1.50
- Reduced Breakfast: \$0.00
- Adult Breakfast: \$2.00

Menus are Subject to Change Please note Maschio's Nutrislice carbohydrate counts are calculated using an average of our most used products. Maschio's Food Services nutrient information is based on the most updated manufacturer's food labels available and may be subject to change without warning. For Carbohydrate Counts for food items, please visit www.maschiofood.com for the most up to date Carbohydrate Count List of Common Foods. This list is updated on a monthly basis and as needed. Carbohydrate Counts for items are based on Nutrikids Analysis of Maschio's Recipes and may vary based on product availability. These calculations are not intended for medical use.

EOE Statement Maschio's Food Services, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

Nutrition Info K-5. Our well-balanced lunches available for the week, average between 550-650 calories, with less than 10% of total calories from saturated fat and 0 grams of trans fat. Menus are Subject to Change. Please note Maschio's Nutrislice carbohydrate counts are calculated using an average of our most used products. Maschio's Food Services nutrient information is based on the most updated manufacturer's food labels available and may be subject to change without warning. For Carbohydrates Counts for food items, please visit www.maschiofood.com for the most up to date Carbohydrate Count List of Common Foods. This list is updated on a monthly basis and as needed. Carbohydrate Counts for items are based on Nutrikids Analysis of Maschio's Recipes and may vary based on product availability. These calculations are not intended for medical use.



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QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS?

Please call us at (973) 598-0005 to speak to one of Maschio's registered dietitians.

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Healthy meals grow
healthy kids!

2020
HEALTHY
MEALS



SEPTEMBER

Flemington Raritan School District Virtual Learning Lunch Pick Up

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

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- Cheesey Ciabatta Sandwich
- Corn Salad

- Beef Rotini
- Goldfish Crackers
- Sauteed Broccoli

- Cheese Pizza 🍕
- Freshly Prepared Romaine Salad

- Breaded Chicken Mini Twin Sandwiches
- Cucumber Coins

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- Turkey Ham & Cheese Croissant 🥪
- Baby Carrots

- Cheeseburger Mini Twin Sandwiches
- Corn Salad

- Italian Combo Sandwich 🍔
- Freshly Prepared Three Bean Salad

- Cheese Pizza 🍕
- Freshly Prepared Romaine Salad

- Chicken, Turkey Ham and Cheese Wedge Sandwich
- Cucumber Coins

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- Three Cheese Cavatappi
- Heartzels Pretzels
- Baby Carrots

- Cheesey Ciabatta Sandwich
- Corn Salad

- Beef Rotini
- Goldfish Crackers
- Sauteed Broccoli

- Cheese Pizza 🍕
- Freshly Prepared Romaine Salad

- Breaded Chicken Mini Twin Sandwiches
- Cucumber Coins

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- Cheeseburger Mini Twin Sandwiches
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- Italian Combo Sandwich 🍔
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