



# Welcome to the MOSS SCHOOL REGISTRATION ORIENTATION 2023-2024

**RICK COHEN**

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT /  
PRINCIPAL OF MOSS SCHOOL**

**WEDNESDAY, February 1, 2023**

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# TONIGHT'S AGENDA

6:30: Introductions and  
Registration Information

7:00: K Parent Q & A  
Classroom walkthroughs

7:00: Pre-K Presentation  
(interested Pre-K Integrated parents)

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# Moss School

## Administrative, Teacher and Parent Leadership

- ***Board of Education Members***
  - ***Superintendent – Dr. Vincent Caputo***
  - ***Principal/Assistant Superintendent – Rick Cohen***
  - ***Director of Special Services – Dr. Tania Herzog***
  - ***Moss School Secretary – Trisch Hallas***
  - ***Instructional Staff***
  - **PTO Board Members Lauren Carpentieri,  
Marjorie Rosenberg**
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# MOSS PTO and MEF Fundraising

Thank you PTO! Gifts to Moss include:

- ▶ iPad cart
- ▶ Carpets
- ▶ Manipulatives
- ▶ Fence around our playground for recess
- ▶ Hospitality
- ▶ Graduation
- ▶ Fall Festival

Thank you MEF! Gifts to Moss include:

- ▶ Mini-iPads for Enrichment Program
- ▶ Fun with Phonics Materials
- ▶ Light Tables and manipulatives

Special thanks to all who support the Metuchen Education Foundation. Through your continued contributions, the Metuchen School District has benefited from many MEF grants.

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# Campbell / Moss PTO

The PTO provides many services for our children and schools, but we can't do it without your support!  
Please consider joining the PTO next year!

## PTO has provided:



\$100 Teacher Grants  
Scholastic Book Fairs

Family Events  
CES Go Bags

Pencil Cases for Kindergarten  
Holiday Shoppe

Back to School Teacher Gifts  
Meet the Teacher Night Treats

Moss Graduation  
4th Grade Send Off Gifts

Assemblies

Kindergarten Folders  
Teacher Appreciation Week  
& Parent Communication



[www.campbellmosspto.com](http://www.campbellmosspto.com)



Find us on Facebook & Instagram

# Moss School has fantastic Teachers, Ed. Specialists & Paras



# Moss School has fantastic Teachers and Ed. Specialists

## Kindergarten Teachers:

- Magy Naguib
- Stephanie Kandell
- Emily Sporer
- Sarah Masters

Niki Kogan

## Special Area Teachers:

- Janelle Fisher – *RtI/ESL*
- Jen Korpon – *P.E./Dance*
- Jordyn Gallagher – *Music*
- Carol Gaffney - *Art*

## Integrated Preschool & MIPP Teachers

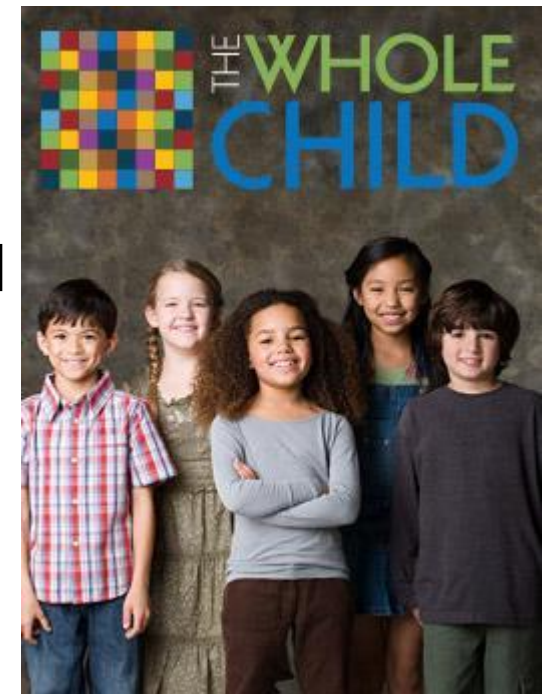
- Michele Herold/Jess Kovacs
- Katie McKenna
- Kelsee Young
- Alicia Haller

## School Nurse:

- Nga Pham

# Moss School is Award Winning and Nationally Recognized

- ❖ Recognized by Character.org as a:
  - National School of Character
  - National Promising Practice Award Problem Solving Curriculum
- ❖ Multiple Publications for SECD
  - Published in NJEA Great Ideas column
  - Published in *Edutopia* by Dr. Maurice Elias twice
  - Published in *Educational Leadership* and *The 11 Principles of Effective Character Manual*
  - Published by Solution Tree *The Metacognitive Student*





# Linking Academic, Social and Emotional Problem Solving Processes Together into One Process for ALL

## Academic Problem Solving

	STOP
	GATHER INFORMATION
	BRAINSTORM
	PICK THE BEST ONE
	GO!
	CHECK REVISE

## Social and Emotional Problem Solving

	STOP
	GATHER INFORMATION
	BRAINSTORM
	PICK THE BEST ONE
	GO!
	CHECK REVISE

# What does one process for solving all problems look like?

## Academic Applications

## Academic, Social and Emotional Situations

### Interdisciplinary Connections

*Decoding*

*Writing: Revising*

*Science and Engineering*

*Makerspace*

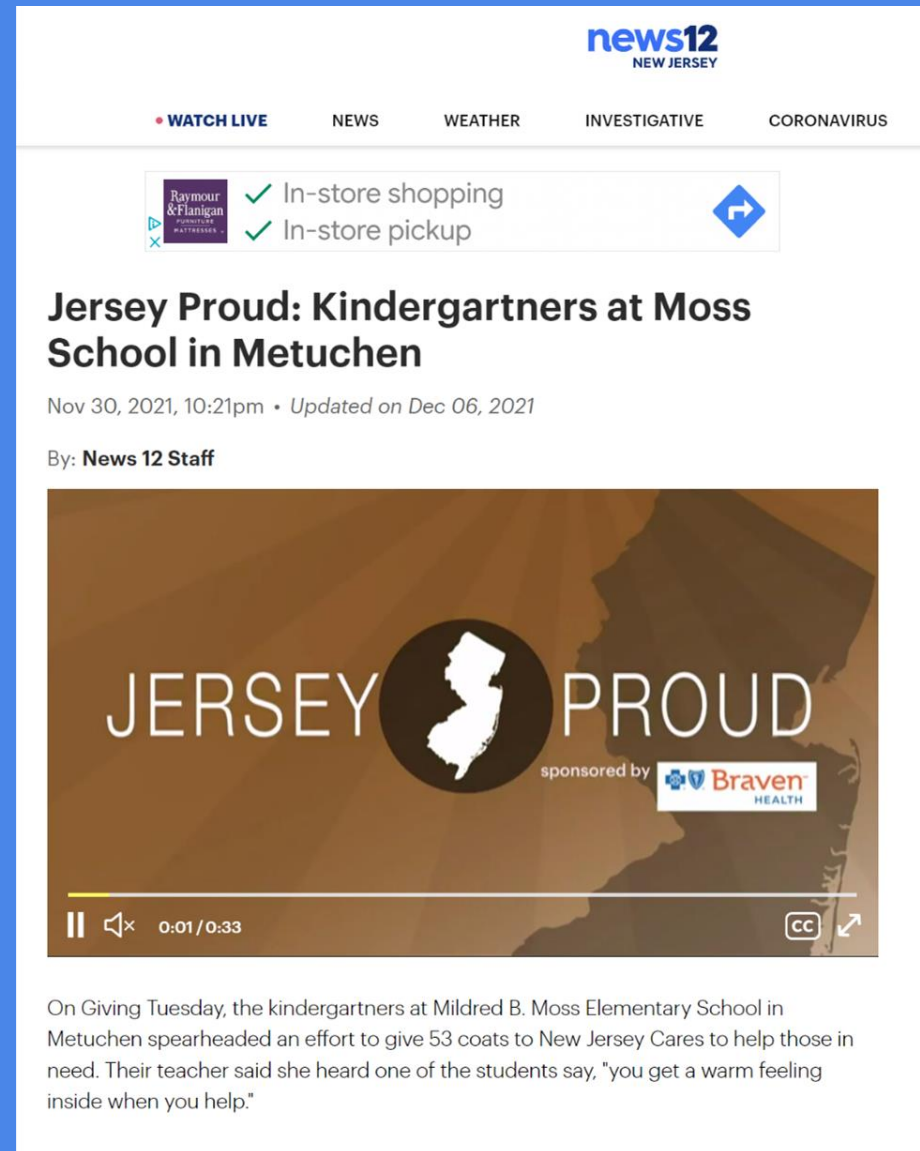
*Social Problem Solving / Social Decision Making*



# MOSS SCHOOL VALUES

Perseverance  
Community  
Respect  
Honesty  
Empathy:

<https://newjersey.news12.com/jersey-proud-kindergartners-at-moss-school-in-metuchen>



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NEW JERSEY

• WATCH LIVE NEWS WEATHER INVESTIGATIVE CORONAVIRUS

Raymour & Flanigan  
FURNITURE  
MATTRESSES

✓ In-store shopping  
✓ In-store pickup

## Jersey Proud: Kindergartners at Moss School in Metuchen

Nov 30, 2021, 10:21pm • Updated on Dec 06, 2021

By: News 12 Staff

JERSEY PROUD  
sponsored by Braven HEALTH

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On Giving Tuesday, the kindergartners at Mildred B. Moss Elementary School in Metuchen spearheaded an effort to give 53 coats to New Jersey Cares to help those in need. Their teacher said she heard one of the students say, "you get a warm feeling inside when you help."



# NJDOE Kindergarten Guidelines

## Addressed during school

- New Jersey Student Learning Standards  
all except World Language
- Socio-emotional Learning (SEL)
- Character Development (CD)
- ESL, Resource and Inclusion classes for eligible students
- RtI (Response to Intervention)
- Outside Gross Motor / Recess

## Addressed outside of school

- Lunch and snack
- Free Play
- Rest
- Independent Reading Time

I will discuss Full Day K at end

# SPECIALS

- ART
- DANCE
- MUSIC
- PHYSICAL EDUCATION
  - 2 days per week
- All students attend a Special Period every day

## Unified Programming

### Special Events:

Carnival of the Animals  
Moss School Garden Project  
Service-Learning Projects  
Graduation



# The Registration Process begins with Entrance Age

## **Policy 5112: Kindergarten**

A child is eligible for entrance into kindergarten who will have attained the age of five years on or before October 1 of the year in which entrance is sought.

**No child will be admitted to kindergarten who has not met the age requirement set by this policy.**

# Registration Process:

It's as easy as 1, 2, 3

## **Step 1: Complete Online Components**

<https://genesis.genesisedu.com/metuchen/openReg?screen=welcomeScreen&action=form>

*(You will get an email confirmation of completion)*

*\*Please complete steps 1 – 3 before Feb.28th. If you do complete your online registration by Feb. 28th, you will be eligible for the AM lottery (should an AM lottery be needed). Be sure to mark on the online registration your preference for AM or PM session - see next slide.*

*this power point presentation will be posted on Moss School website tomorrow by noon 12:00 PM.*

**Step 2: Fill out hard copy registration forms** by your April appointment date (April 24-26) An email will be sent for you to schedule appt. in March

**Step 3: Come for your appointment date** to submit hard copies and complete registration process.



## REFERENDUM UPDATES

The Metuchen Public School District is excited to share our updates for the Referendum.

[CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



- MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES
- NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION**
- GENESIS PARENT PORTAL
- GENESIS STUDENT PORTAL
- HIB
- CORONAVIRUS UPDATES
- NJ STATE HEALTH GUIDELINES
- STAFF TECH REQUEST LOGIN
- OFFICE 365 LOGIN
- SUBMIT WEBSITE PHOTOS



# Online Registration Notes

When you register online before Feb. 28th, you will see a drop down menu under **Anticipated Grade Level**. Please choose;

**KA - Morning Kindergarten (8:45AM-11:40AM)**

**KP - Afternoon Kindergarten (12:25PM-3:30PM)**

If you have already completed the Online registration without the **KA** or **KP** choice, you can email Trisch Hallas and she will update your online registration.

[phallas@metboe.k12.nj.us](mailto:phallas@metboe.k12.nj.us)

This email address is on the registration page on our website.

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“Lottery?!”

We make every effort possible to meet as many preferences as we can.

**\*\*\*Imperative to get your online registration process completed before Feb 28th !!!!!!**

**LOTTERY MARCH 1ST 2022 - with oversight by the PTO**

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# In Person REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## April 24-27

**Bring with you:**

**Student present with Parent/Legal Guardian**

**Completed registration forms (online confirmation page and hard copy)**

**Child's Birth Certificate and Parent/Guardian driver's license**

**Two Proofs of Residency**

**Current Property Tax Bill OR Current Lease**

**Current Utility Bill**

**Current Immunization Record and Physical Exam**

Please make every effort to come at your scheduled time, but if you can not make it, please speak with the Moss Main Office and arrange a day and time that works.

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# MOSS SCHOOL

(KEDS)KINDERGARTEN EXTENDED DAY



The Metuchen Branch Y Kindergarten Extended Day Program (KEDS) strives to offer a quality extended day program to compliment your child's Kindergarten day with an academic program that encompasses NJ Core Curriculum Standards. The KEDS program is led by a certified teacher and all of our teachers and teacher aides are trained in First Aid and CPR.

The purpose of the program is to provide a safe and educational environment for the children during out-of-school time. We work together to build strong personal, social and life skills through the Y core values of Honesty, Caring, Respect, and Responsibility.

## PROGRAM HOURS

Morning Care  
7am-8:45am

AM KEDS 8:45AM-11:40AM  
PM KEDS 12:45AM-3:20PM

After School Care  
3:20pm-6:00pm

contact us now

Metuchen YMCA

KEDS Held At Moss School



### CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION

Gabriella St. Fleur  
School Age Child Care Director  
METUCHEN YMCA  
65 High St. Metuchen, NJ 08840  
(P) 732-548-2044 EXT 2255  
(E) [gabriella.stfleur@ymcaofmews.org](mailto:gabriella.stfleur@ymcaofmews.org)  
(W) [www.ymcaofmews.org](http://www.ymcaofmews.org)

# Referendum Updates

**Full Day K Projected to start 9/2025**

**Construction Schedule**

**Q&A**

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# Moss School

## Integrated Preschool Program



**Presented by: Jess Kovacs - Integrated Preschool Teacher  
and Kelsee Young - MIPP  
Teacher**

# What is Integrated Preschool?

Children who are 3 and 4 years old who are classified with disabilities and have Individual Education Plans (IEP), along with typically developing children who are not classified and are general education students learn and play in the **same** environment with the **same** curriculum.



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Metuchen, New Jersey 08840



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Principal/Assistant Superintendent

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FAX (732) 321-8710

**METUCHEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
INTEGRATED PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

**PARENT ORIENTATION FEB 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 @ 6:30**

The Integrated Preschool program takes place at Moss School, a recognized State and National School of Character and recipient of the National Promising Practices for Problem Solving award. Within the preschool program, Social-Emotional Learning competencies are infused into daily instruction and Kindergarten readiness is achieved through play-based learning and intentional teaching. Preschool classes are taught by a highly qualified NJ certified teacher with an expertise in early childhood education. The program follows the Creative Curriculum, an NJ DOE recommended curriculum for preschool.

All children who will be 3 or 4 years old as of September 6, 2023 and reside in Metuchen are eligible for the Metuchen Public School's Integrated Preschool program. Times for the classes are as follows:

Half-day sessions: 9:10–11:15AM or 11:55-2:00PM  
Full-day session: 9:10 am to 2:00 pm

- Classes meet 5 days per week and follow the Metuchen School District calendar
- Half-day tuition is \$295.00 per month and full-day tuition is \$590 per month
- Checks should be made payable to the **Metuchen Board of Education** - cash cannot be accepted.
- Students must be potty trained
- Student registrations are accepted until the program is full
- Transportation and before/after care services are NOT available
- Classes are mixed ages and ability levels

**TO SECURE YOUR SPOT SEND YOUR DEPOSIT TO; Metuchen Board of Education  
16 Simpson Pl. Metuchen NJ 08840**

**Attention Trisch Hallas please note student name and AM/PM/Full day request.**

- Deposit Payment of first and last month's tuition (\$590.00 for half day & \$1,180 for full day)

We will complete registration April 24-27 2023 by appointment. An appointment scheduler will be sent Apr 6.

Registration forms, linked below, are available at [Metuchenschools.org](http://Metuchenschools.org) under [New Student Registration](#).

Complete online portion of registration [here](#).

If you have specific questions about the integrated pre-school program, please call Dr. Tania Herzog at 732-321-8700, x1006.



# THANK YOU FOR JOINING!

See you and our future Moss students at the Student Orientation in June (TBD)!

I will be in Kindergarten Hallway for Question and Answer

Read to your child at home 5 - 10 minutes every night!!!

