



August 24, 2023

Dear KRS Parents/Guardians and Students:

Hello KRS families! I hope that you are well and enjoying the summer of 2023! We are looking forward to beginning a new school year on September 5, 2023. The fabulous KRS educators and staff have been busy preparing the school and classrooms and we are looking forward to a great year. **There will be a classroom visitation for all students and their families on August 31, 2023 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM, when you and your child may visit your child's new classroom and meet the teacher.** We are excited to announce our theme for the school year is **KINDNESS LIVES AT KRS (Kindness, Respect, Special)!** During the school year, there will be assemblies and activities related to our theme of kindness. Please read this communication carefully for important information.

Great Thanks!

It requires a great KRS building team to prepare for a new school year! Thank you to Mrs. Guzewicz for her hard work and dedication to ensure that we all have what we need for the first day. The KRS building is ready for the students and teachers, thanks to the KRS custodian team of Mr. Alfano, Mrs. Matthew, Mr. Albanese, and Mr. Therasmond. Thank you to the teachers for taking time away from their own families to set-up their classrooms, answer emails, participate in meetings, and engage in important district curriculum work. Great thanks to the PTO leadership of Mrs. de Freitas and Mrs. Zurich for their support and preparation. Also, thank you to the district central office team of professionals and the Board of Education members.

Important Dates: Please mark your calendar!

- **August 25, 2023** - Important forms for parent completion will be available on Genesis and additional information on the KRS webpage.
- **August 25, 2023 - 3 PM** Class placements will be available for viewing in Genesis.
- **August 31, 2023 - 1:30 - 2:00 PM**
- **August 31, 2023** - Class Meet and Greets **2:00 - 3:00 PM**
- **September 5, 2023** - First Day of School
- **September 14, 2023** - Back-to-School Night **7:00 PM**
- **September 19th and 20th, 2023** - Picture Days



KRS Staff

Welcome to the new and returning KRS staff members! Please see below for information about staffing changes:

- Mrs. Samantha Garita will join the kindergarten team as a kindergarten teacher.
 - Ms. Eileen Obermeier will begin in Madison as an art teacher at KRS and TJS.
 - Mr. Alex Locke will assume the role of the KRS/TJS media specialist.(Beginning in October)
 - Third grade teacher Ms. Jennifer Raneri will now be referred to as Mrs. Jennifer Vargas.
 - Fourth grade teacher Ms. Emily Derrico will now be referred to as Mrs. Emily Voucas.
 - Ms. Gabrielle Piggot will join the second grade team as a teacher.
 - Mr. Joseph Therasmond will join the custodial team as the head custodian.
- Pictures and biographies of the new KRS staff are featured in [this link](#).
- District K-8 coaches Mrs. Shelly Emann, Mrs. Tina Smith, and Mrs. Stacy Snider, will have offices at Kings Road School this year.

Grade level teachers are as follows:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Sally Lembo, Ms. Meghan Manaut, Mrs. Samantha Garita

First Grade: Mrs. Victoria Koehler, Mrs. Jessica Yurecko

Second Grade: Miss Alyssa Fine, Mrs. Kathy Goodbread, Ms. Gabrielle Piggot

Third Grade: Mrs. Jennifer Vargas, Mrs. Gina Sloginski

Fourth Grade: Mrs. Emily Voucas, Mrs. Laurie Schaefer

Fifth Grade: Mrs. Julia Nicolette, Miss Hannah Smith, Mrs. Rebecca Sullivan

School and District Goals

Moving into this school year, a continued district goal is to further implement and refine our comprehensive Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) to meet the needs of students across the learning continuum. We will continue to prioritize ways in which we can create a more inclusive learning community. Post-pandemic there has been an increased need for us to continue to enhance and support the social-emotional learning needs of our elementary students. To continue



to stay up-to-date on school-wide initiatives and instructional programs, parents/guardians are encouraged to read the weekly Principal Newsletter which is shared each Friday of the school year.

Chromebooks

The students will be using their own district issued chromebooks in their classrooms. For information about chromebooks, please look at the Madison School District's webpage [Chromebook Information](#).

Google

Your child's teacher(s) will utilize Google Classroom to post instructional materials, directions, lessons, and assignments. Please refer to this excellent resource for information about Google Classroom - [A Parent's Guide to Google Classroom](#). For parent access to certain Google features, it would be very helpful for at least one parent of every student to establish a Google email address.

Class Placements

Class placements will be available in **Genesis on August 25, 2023 at 3:00 PM**. Please remember there are many factors that are considered for class placements.

Six-Day Elementary Letter Day Schedule:

The Madison elementary schools will continue to follow a 6 day (A to F day) schedule. The schedule provides many benefits, such as consistent grade level schedules, teacher planning time, and a dedicated intervention period for each grade. It is important that all families take note of the [2023-2024 Elementary Letter Schedule](#) that maps out all the letter days for the entire school year. Parents are encouraged to print the letter day schedule as a reference, as it will be helpful once your child's teacher shares with you the class specials schedule. This way, parents/guardians will be prepared to know what letter days to send your child(ren) to school with library books or to wear sneakers for physical education class.



Communication

The district utilizes a system of integrated communication platforms. Please consider the following:

- Our district student information system is Genesis. Please ensure that your most current contact information is in Genesis.
- The district has a communication tool called Apptegy. Our website can be downloaded as an app and we will utilize this app to push out notifications, such as alerts, newsletters, and important announcements. Please visit the Madison School District website for more information.
- Our KRS social media forms of communication include Instagram #kingsroadschool, and X (Twitter) @krsprincipal.

Back to School Paperwork

There are several forms that need to be completed before children return to school.

Available on August 25th.

<p>Genesis - Mandated Forms</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Demographic Information/Emergency Form ● Computing Device Responsibility Form ● Health Insurance ● Media Parental/Guardian Consent Form ● Computer/Internet Contract Form ● Medical Update & Permission Forms
<p>Kings Road School Webpage KRS Webpage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Arrival/Dismissal Forms ● Other Beginning of School Information

Designated Entrances and Exits

To decrease the congestion that usually occurs during arrival and dismissal times, we request the students use the following doors to enter and exit during arrival and dismissal times. Staff members will be placed in designated areas to assist and supervise.

<p>Kindergarten</p>	<p>The kindergarten students and their escorts will arrive by traveling up the sidewalk, past our front door to the kindergarten playground. The students will enter through one of the doors adjacent to the kindergarten</p>
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	playground. During dismissal, the KRS staff will ensure that the kindergarten students dismiss safely.
First Grade	The first grade students will travel up the sidewalk, and will enter the building through the front door (lobby) of the school. The first grade students will be dismissed from our back door and travel down the hill to meet their parents.
Second Grade Third Grade Fourth Grade Fifth Grade	The second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students will walk up the hill and enter the building from our backyard to the first door upon entering the playground or to the door with the overhang. They will be dismissed from these doors at 3:15 PM and travel down the hill to meet their parents.

Arrival Procedures

The students will arrive at school no earlier than 8:30 AM and proceed to their classrooms. Staff members will be outside to greet the students. There is no supervision prior to the 8:30 AM school start time.

Dismissal Procedures

The students will be dismissed directly from their classrooms to the car line, to walk home, or to meet an adult. **Once the adult maintains contact with the child, it is imperative that they leave the school property immediately to avoid the congestion that usually occurs with dismissal. Please do not leave your car in the pick-up line.** Staff will be available to ensure that your child enters your vehicle safely. Student walkers should also leave the school property immediately and not congregate at the bottom of the hill.

Bus Students

The bus students will be dropped-off at KRS for arrival to school and then proceed to their designated entrance. At dismissal, the students will be supervised by a staff member until the bus arrives and the staff member will escort the students to the bus. Bus students are expected to follow the bus rules at all times.



Visitors/Drop-Off Items

If you have to pick up your child for an appointment or have to change arrival/dismissal you will need to contact the main office. Any drop-off items should be placed in the container outside the front entrance of the school. Please inform the office when you drop-off items, so that your children may receive the items in a timely manner.

Meet and Greet

We are excited to offer an opportunity for students to meet their teacher. **The KRS Meet and Greet experience will be on Friday, August 31, 2023 from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.** School supplies that were ordered through the PTO will be distributed during the Meet and Greet time.

Food Consumption: (Snacks and Lunch)

A designated snack time is included within every class schedule. Snacks should be nut free and carried to school in a disposable bag or container. Within every student's schedule, is a 30 minute lunch period. Students may bring lunch or purchase food from the district food service company Pomptonian. **You may lock your child's account if you do not want your child to purchase food and beverage items.** Please call the school office if you require assistance.

Garden

The KRS garden is a focal point of our school. Thank you to parent Mr. Chris Then for his leadership of the KRS garden and to the additional garden parent volunteers. For the 23/24 school year, the KRS garden community is looking for parent volunteers to assist with garden maintenance and assist with the leadership role. Children are more than welcome to assist with their parents during off school hours. Duties will include the weeding, watering, and general upkeep of the garden. Contact the Kings Road School office to volunteer.

Kings Road School Student and Parent Handbook - Very important!

Please review the information within the [Kings Road School Parent and Student Handbook](#) carefully. Included in the handbook is very important information about the Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying law. The handbook will also be posted on the Kings Road School webpage and included in future newsletters.

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Thank you in advance for your review of this important information. We are dedicated to making this school year a successful experience for everyone and we are looking forward to seeing you during the Meet and Greet event.

Sincerely,

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Principal
Kings Road School

 *Kings Road School*
KIND ~ SUPPORTIVE ~ WELCOMING ~ CREATIVE ~ INCLUSIVE

OUR MISSION

We guide all children in becoming lifelong learners who develop into productive, resilient, and compassionate members of the global community.

OUR VISION

We create an inclusive community that nurtures students in their social/emotional development by fostering empathy, respect, and a strong sense of individuality.

We are committed to creating a supportive environment where we build each other up by giving each student a voice and helping them recognize their strengths.

We are dedicated to building an innovative classroom where students are striving to achieve high levels of learning by reflecting on their learning and exploring creative ways to problem-solve with resilience.