

Dr. Koop's Welcome Back Newsletter

Friday, September 3, 2021

Welcome back!

Welcome back to school to our students, families, and staff! What a great feeling it is to hear the sounds of the students and the staff in the building! During this first full week, we are gradually acclimating to the school routines and our new classes. Highlighted in my first newsletter are some of our special area teachers who will be teaching your child throughout the school year. **Please remember that schools are closed on Monday, September 6th for Labor Day and Tuesday, September 7th for Rosh Hashanah.** I am looking forward to the many days of learning to come! Have a WONDERFUL weekend!

Sincerely,
Dr. Kathy Koop

Important Dates

Monday, September 6, 2021 - Schools Closed for Labor Day

Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - Schools Closed for Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 9, 2021 - Magician/Reading Assembly for Students

September 14th and 15th - School Pictures

September 21, 2021 - Back-to-School Night - 7 PM

PAW PRINT - PTO Newsletter

The PTO organization is instrumental in supporting our school and is an organization that proactively communicates important PTO and school information. The PAW PRINT is a newsletter that will be sent to you every Sunday and will also be available within my weekly newsletters on Friday. Please see [this link](#) for the latest edition of the PAW PRINT



T-Shirt Spotted During Our First Fire Drill Today

Message from Music Teacher Mrs. McEachern (Miss Ward)

My name is Mrs. McEachern (formerly Miss Ward) and I am thrilled to be back at KRS teaching music for the 2021/2022 school year! I teach general music to all students grades K-5, direct the KRS chorus, and I also direct the fifth grade musical. Music class at KRS combines music theory, music history and culture, movement, and the development of improvisational skills in a way that is fun and accessible for students. While my personal focus is in vocal music, students will learn both how to sing and how to play a variety of instruments throughout their time at KRS, including Orff instruments for all ages, recorder for third grade, and ukuleles for fourth and fifth graders. My hope is that the KRS students develop will confidence and kindness through learning about music!



Message from Physical Education Teacher Mr. Abbondandolo

Hi my name is Mr. A (Angelo Abbondandolo). Yes, it is a tongue twister and that is why I am known as Mr A. :) I have been teaching physical education for 22 plus years and have had the privilege to be in Madison for 20 of them. My philosophy is for the children to have fun while learning and to be safe doing so. I have an open door communication policy whether it be a student or parent and can be reached by contacting the main office or via email. Otherwise you most likely will see me in the morning greeting the students as they are arriving for school. Have a wonderful year.

Message from New Media Specialist Ms. Thomas

My name is Ms. Mary Thomas and I have been a librarian in the district for the past 17 years. This, however, is my first year full time in the elementary school, and I couldn't be more excited! When I'm not at KRS I'll be at TJS. And if not at TJS, I'm probably watching crazy cat videos with my 8th grade son; or cuddled up with one of my own cats reading; or outside tending my garden; or perhaps at the gym building my book-carrying arm muscles.

Library is off to a fun start to the year! We spent time introducing ourselves and learning a little about the books and stories we love. Read alouds will always be the foundation of our lessons, as no one is ever too old to be read to. In the next few weeks we will introduce and reinforce book care in K, 1, & 2.

In the older grades we will learn about different genres and begin creating reading goals and lists of specific books that we'd like to read.

Ms. Mary Thomas
Librarian



Message from School Counselor Mr. Levine

I would like to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. I am so excited to be starting my 3rd year here. I am planning for a great year with lots of activities to support our students.

Once again I will be pushing into each class approximately every other week to conduct guidance lessons on such topics as emotion management, problem-solving, and empathy. Additionally, I hope to have some small group "lunch bunches." I will also be the advisor to the juggling club; student council, peer leadership, and the Chess Club.

Please feel free to reach out to me with any questions, comments, or concerns.

I can be reached at 973-593-3178 x7665 or at levineb@madisonnjps.org.

Brett Levine
School Counselor



Message from Art Teacher Mr. Thompson

Hi everyone!

My name is Mr. Thompson and I will be your art teacher for the school year! I am very excited to get started this year with a lot of fun projects. This is my third year in the district, previously I have taught in Sparta, East Rutherford and Chatham. I received my BA in Sculpture from Lycoming College in Pennsylvania and my Masters in School Administration from Centenary University. In my spare time I love to read, go on hikes with my family and coach my children Aselin and Finnegan in sports. You can follow our art projects on instagram at artwith_mrt I will be posting works in progress as well as the finished product. I look forward to meeting our new students and reuniting with our returning students! If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to me, my email address is thompsonsg@madisonnjps.org. Have a wonderful weekend!

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Message from STEAM teacher Ms. Berger

This is my second year at Kings Road School and I am so excited to be starting off the school year with STEAM in the classroom! To start off the year, our kindergarteners will be learning about computers and how to navigate their chromebooks. First grade will be starting to learn about coding on code.org! Second and third grade will be brushing up on the Google App skills. Fourth grade will be creating projects on Scratch and our fifth graders will be starting a 3D printing project. I can't wait to have a great year with everyone!



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.

