



# OAKLYN SCHOOL DISTRICT

*Shaping Lives for the Future*

## WEEKLY COMMUNITY UPDATES

September 24, 2021

Thank you for your continued patience and grace as we focus on the safe return to school this year. There are so many positive things to share with our unique school community and we will continue to identify opportunities to celebrate student learning and highlight educator practice.

### CELEBRA EL MES DE LA HERENCIA HISPANA



National Hispanic Heritage Month is September 15 to October 15. To discover documents, exhibits, films, blog posts, and more, please visit the [National Archives](#) or the [NJ Latino & Hispanic Heritage Commission](#).

Please also join us as we celebrate the tremendous contributions our families and staff bring to our diverse school communities.

### PRESCHOOL/ EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

A little rain didn't stop the learning in preschool this week! Instead, it sparked conversations about weather and the silly things we can do in the rain during centers. In other rooms across the district, some friends built Legos, some took care of babies, and some created masterpieces on their own!





## NUTRITIONAL SERVICES



As a reminder, this year school meals are available for all students at no cost; regardless of eligibility status. Our dedicated food service staff is working diligently preparing meals for the students to enjoy which provides the essential energy to focus in class. Menus will change monthly and we will continue to expand our selections. Please feel free to visit the food service [website](#). Nutri-Serve [Breakfast & Lunch Menus](#) will provide you with nutritional information on the items available for students.

## BUILDINGS & GROUNDS

Renovations are underway in Room 105 at Collingswood HS to modernize our Digital Production Studio. Buildings & Grounds Staff are working on demolition of old cabinetry and electrical upgrades. Stay tuned for updates.



## OAKLYN SCHOOL

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They have only been in kindergarten for a few weeks, but you would never know it after observing these students. Mrs. Gotthelf's students are super excited to read the books from their book boxes daily! She is so proud of how much her students love to read! They might not know all of the words just yet, but her students have already learned some of those important emergent reading skills, like using the illustrations to help them tell a story.



## COUNSELING/ COLLEGE READINESS

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**NATIONAL MERIT.** We'd like to congratulate senior, Ava Ostrem on being named a semifinalist in the [2022 National Merit Scholarship Program](#). She is one of 16,000 seniors who is vying for an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,500 National Merit Scholarships to be offered next spring. We wish Ava luck as she applies to be a scholarship finalist!

**SEL UPDATE.** From calming corners to Zones Boards, the elementary counseling program is spreading Social Emotional Learning (SEL) awareness throughout the district!



## ATHLETICS

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### Collingswood Education Association "taking pride in education one student at a time"



The Collingswood Education Association is excited to be back to in-person learning and we hope that this trend continues! To help us

achieve this goal the Collingswood School District, the Collingswood Business Association, and the New Jersey Department of Health have partnered with the CEA to host a pop-up vaccination event. Students ages 12 and older are now eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine (parental permission needed for those 12-17 years old); latest numbers illustrate that 76% of our Collingswood youth ages 12 -18 have been vaccinated. While this is a great start, this pop-up vaccination event gives us the opportunity to reach 100%!

Join us at our #BetterTogether event on October 1, 2021! Come out to cheer on the Collingswood Panthers AND get vaccinated! All those that receive their vaccine that night will be guests of the Collingswood Education Association and receive **FREE** admission into the game. Those that get vaccinated that night will receive **\$25 in Collingswood Cash**, sponsored by the Collingswood Commission's COVID Recovery Committee. Collingswood Cash can be used at most retailers in town including hair salons and barbers, pizza shops, some convenience stores, and specialty shops. Any individual who receives their vaccination on October 1<sup>st</sup> will be provided with the Collingswood Cash that evening as well as the information of how to obtain their second dose of the vaccine.

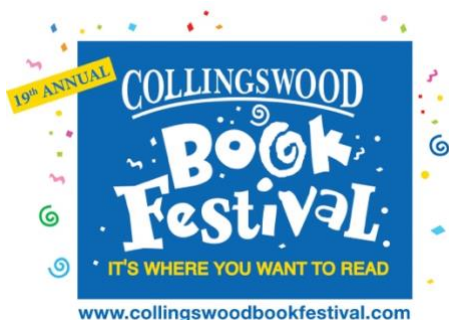


**Vaccinations (choice of: Moderna, Pfizer, or J & J) will take place 6-8PM in the CHS cafeteria.  
The football game starts @ 7PM on the CHS field.**

Bring your friends, bring your neighbors from surrounding areas - participants do not have to be limited to just Collingswood residents! Various giveaways and discounted admission opportunities will be available from the Collingswood Education Association. Remember we are all #BetterTogether!

Email: [brodgers@collsk12.org](mailto:brodgers@collsk12.org) with any questions.

## COLLINGSWOOD MIDDLE SCHOOL



Middle school ELA is gearing up for the 2021 Collingswood Book Festival, including an author talk for grade seven, and an all-class read of *Truth As Told By Mason Butte* for grade six. Please join us on Saturday, Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## CMS JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY: NATIONAL DAY OF SERVICE

CMS National Junior Honor Society members deliver "thank you" treats to first responders as part of the CMS participation in the National Day of Service.



## COLLINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL



Several Collingswood High School students and staff involved with the Theater Department performed at the annual Collingswood Porchfest this past weekend. Thank you to our Theater Department for your contributions to this community event.





## SUPERINTENDENT'S NOTE

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### I HAVE A QUESTION, WHO SHOULD I CONTACT?

In an effort to be responsive to the needs of students and their families, we wanted to provide contact information to the community. Please refer to the list below to address all questions or concerns to the appropriate staff member or administrator.

**Teachers:** The primary point of contact for questions or concerns related to your child's school is their classroom teacher. Our educators are standing by to address the ongoing learning needs of all students.

**Principals:** Please direct unresolved questions or concerns related to your child's school to the appropriate building leader.

School	Building Leader	Email	Phone
Preschool/ Early Childhood Center	Ms. Jennifer Johnson-Floyd	<a href="mailto:jfloyd@collsk12.org">jfloyd@collsk12.org</a>	856.833.5291
Garfield Elementary	Mr. Mark Wiltsey	<a href="mailto:mwiltsey@collsk12.org">mwiltsey@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5705
Newbie Elementary	Mr. Steve Smith	<a href="mailto:ssmith@collsk12.org">ssmith@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5706
Sharp Elementary	Mr. Doug Newman	<a href="mailto:dnewman@collsk12.org">dnewman@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5707
Tatem Elementary	Mr. Brian Kulak	<a href="mailto:bkulak@collsk12.org">bkulak@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5704
Zane North Elementary	Mr. Tom Santo	<a href="mailto:tsanto@collsk12.org">tsanto@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5703
Oaklyn School	Ms. Jennifer Boulden	<a href="mailto:jboulden@oaklynschool.org">jboulden@oaklynschool.org</a>	856.858.0335
Collingswood Middle School	Dr. Jack McMullin	<a href="mailto:jmcmullin@collsk12.org">jmcmullin@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5702
Collingswood High School	Mr. Matt Genna	<a href="mailto:mgenna@collsk12.org">mgenna@collsk12.org</a>	856.962.5701

**Special Education Services:** If your child already has an IEP, please contact your child's Child Study Team Case Manager. If you have questions regarding special education services in the district, please contact Dr. Elizabeth Whitehouse - [ewhitehouse@collsk12.org](mailto:ewhitehouse@collsk12.org).

**District Data and Performance:** If you have questions regarding the district's data collection practices or assessment information, please contact Mr. Winsor Yamamoto - [wyamamoto@collsk12.org](mailto:wyamamoto@collsk12.org).

**District Academics/ Curriculum & Instruction:** If you have questions regarding curriculum and instruction offered at the district level, please contact Ms. Jen McPartland, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer - [jmcpartland@collsk12.org](mailto:jmcpartland@collsk12.org).