



# BULLDOG BRIEFS



Edgar Middle School Newsletter  
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## October 1<sup>st</sup> Re-Entry Plan

- We are excited to see our students returning to school. Please click on this [link](#) to view a video of our re-entry plan.
- For the PowerPoint presentation of our re-entry plan click [here](#).
- Please reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns.

## Material drop off

Beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>, if you need to bring something to school your child has forgotten, please drop it off in the box that will be outside of the front door of the building. There will be a post-it and pen so you can label the item with your child's name and grade. Your child can then go to the main office to get the item.

## The Zone

### After school program @ Edgar Middle School

We are looking forward to seeing our old friends and making new ones!

Online scheduling and payment is now available with [PaySchoolsCentral](#)

Here is a quick overview of our program this Fall 2020:

- **Who we are:** The Zone is a district-run, teacher-led after school program that focuses on creating a safe, fun, and educationally productive environment for your student from our last bell of the day until 6 o'clock in the evening.
- **Starting, October 1st, 2020,** The Zone will be open for after-school care every regular school day from 2:31 to 6 pm for EMS students physically attending Edgar during the day.
- **EMS Teachers** will lead three sessions every afternoon with activity choices like sports, crafts, cooking, gaming, and more. There will be a one-hour homework session Monday - Thursday.
- **Reasonable and flexible pricing** - \$24.00 per day. No registration fee. No multi-day, week, or monthly commitment. Registration must be completed about 48 hours before attending.
- **Pick-up anytime before our 6:00 pm closing.** The Metuchen Board of Education will not be offering busing this school year.
- **Register and Pay On-line** - Parents/Guardians will pre-register and pay for The Zone via PaySchoolsCentral. PaySchoolsCentral is the online system used for school lunch. We will not be accepting checks or cash directly. PaySchoolsCentral is the only payment process. Go to [payschoolscentral.com](http://payschoolscentral.com) to register and pay today. If you DO NOT have a PaySchoolsCentral account, [click here for details](#).

For more information, visit our website at <http://emsthezone.blogspot.com>. If you have a specific question or concern regarding The Zone program, please contact Roseanna Misuraca at [rmisuraca@metboe.k12.nj.us](mailto:rmisuraca@metboe.k12.nj.us) or call our office at 732-321-5085.

## Attendance

Please make sure your child attends every class every day. If your child is too ill to participate, please call the school at 732-321-8770 and press 1 to report your student's absence. Even though students are home, they are expected to attend all classes. Teachers will be taking attendance for every class. If your child will be missing a class for technological reasons, please notify the teacher. If they are missing a class for any other reason, please contact the office at 732-321-8770. They will be marked absent for that class. Missing a class similar to a parent coming to the school and picking up a student for a doctor's appointment.

## Hispanic Heritage Month

Even though each Hispanic country and culture is unique, many have one thing in common Sofrito!! Sofrito is the "secret sauce" to Puerto Rican cooking. Mrs. Evans uses it as a flavor base for beans, rice, stews, soups, and when marinating meats! Check out her recipe [here](#). The picture below is of the batch Mrs. Evans made to prep for quarantine cooking

Check out Mrs. Evans' favorite Sofrito recipe.



## Upcoming Dates

September 28-Yom Kippur-No School

October 1- Week A hybrid learning begins

October 5- Week B hybrid learning begins

## Intramurals

Intramurals will begin the week of October 12. The weekly schedule will be:

Tuesday: 8th Grade

Wednesday: 7th Grade

Thursday: 6th Grade

Friday: 5th Grade

## Athletics

Middle School sports teams will start their season on October 1, 2020. Both boys' and girls' soccer, and cross country will be playing in an Edison/Metuchen soccer conference. While the season will be shortened, the teams should be able to play an 8 - 10 game schedule. Field hockey will begin practicing as soon as 9/23 and will play an abbreviated schedule and will attend clinics with the varsity program.

## Reminders!

- Please remind students there should not be any chatting with friends during class via Zoom or Google Meets.
- Students should also be reminded not to share their Google Classroom codes and/or Zoom/Google Meets links.
- Students should be using the district issued Chromebooks while participating in classes.
- To diminish the possibility of zoom bombing, cameras must be on when students are joining their classes. Students will not be admitted into Zoom or Google Meets sessions unless their cameras are on.
- If your child picked up textbooks but you have not completed the Textbook Numbers Form, please do so by following this link: <https://forms.gle/CeqZxEzfef8PbE8a7>