



Orange Township Public Schools
Park Avenue School
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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers,

We are excited for the start of the 2021-2022 school year at Park Avenue School! We are partners, jointly dedicated to helping your child grow socially, emotionally, and intellectually. Please be reminded that students report for the first day of school on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. This school year will be filled with continued opportunities to stretch your child's practice. It is going to be a great school year for not only the school level staff but for each of you as well. For the last 15 months, we were immersed in a remote and/or hybrid model, be advised that we are returning to all buildings on September 7th. Governor Murphy shared in Executive Order #175 that remote learning would be ending as of June 30, 2021. As shared by Superintendent Dr. Fitzhugh, the end of the remote option provided the district the opportunity to plan accordingly for the safe return for all students and staff. What did the district do? We maintained our mask mandate throughout the summer, continued our temperature checks, and social distancing.

Throughout SY 21-22, as we did during the spring and summer, COVID testing will continue at every school building throughout the school year. We will continue the daily COVID-19 questionnaire that you completed each day last school year in Genesis. The district's mask mandate will help to ensure the continued health and safety of all staff and students.

All face coverings (whether disposable or reusable) must:

- ✓ Be made with at least 2 layers of breathable materials
- ✓ Fully cover the nose and mouth and secure under the chin
- ✓ Fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face
- ✓ Be secured with ties or ear loops and allow the user to remain hands-free

In our reopening plan, the following are symptoms of COVID-19 where your child/children should be tested.

- ✓ A fever of 100 degrees or greater
- ✓ Cough
- ✓ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ✓ Chills
- ✓ Repeated shaking with chills
- ✓ Muscle pain
- ✓ Headache
- ✓ Sore throat
- ✓ New loss of taste or smell
- ✓ Fatigue
- ✓ Congestion or runny nose
- ✓ Nausea or vomiting
- ✓ Diarrhea

MORNING ROUTINE FOR STUDENTS

- Students are not permitted to arrive at school until 8:15 am. Students must wear appropriate school uniform to school. **Social distancing protocols must be followed. Masks must be worn while waiting in line and temperatures will be taken at the door before entering the building.**
- The following entrances will be used to enter the building:
 - SE Students (Main Entrance)
 - Kindergarten to Grade 4 (Park Place, Gymnasium Door)
 - 5th -7th (Side Door on Park Place by Cafeteria)
- Grab and Go breakfast will be available to all students and they will eat in their classrooms with their teachers from 8:15-8:30.
- Students should bring their Chromebooks fully charged to school each day. (No personal devices)
- All classes will begin promptly at 8:30 am.

DISMISSAL

- Students will exit the building from the same doors they used as an entrance in the morning; The following entrances will be used to exit the building:
 - SE Students (Main Entrance)
 - Kindergarten to Grade 4 (Park Place, Gymnasium Door)
 - 5th -7th (Side Door on Park Place by Cafeteria)

STUDENT ATTIRE

Students should dress appropriately for a school setting. Sneakers must always be worn for physical education classes. Uniforms should be worn daily. It is the expectation of the following in terms of dress:

Boys (PreK-4th Grade)

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White/Light Blue)
- Pants: Navy Blue
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button down (Solid Color)

Boys (5th-7th Grade)

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White)
- Pants: Khaki Pants or Shorts (if seasonally appropriate)
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button-down (Solid Color)

Girls (PreK-7th Grade)

- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White/Light Blue) (PreK-4th Grade)
- Collared Shirts: Long or Short Sleeved (White) (5th-7th Grade)
- Pants/Skirts: Navy Blue (PreK-4th Grade), Khaki (5th-7th Grade)
- Sweaters: Pull-over or button-down (Solid Color) (PreK-7th Grade)
- Girls may wear solid color white or navy tights

The following items of clothing are considered to be inappropriate and are not to be worn:

- **Blouses or sweaters that show a bare midriff, halter tops, bandanas, tank tops, tops with thin straps, short shorts, short mini-skirts, clinging or form fitting spandex leggings (*without the appropriate length shorts, shorts, skirt, or dress*), pants/jeans worn below the waist, and pants/jeans with rips 4" above the knee (including any rip that shows through to skin, undergarments, or fabric.). All flannel-type pants and sleepwear are not permitted.**

- Appropriate and safe footwear must be worn at all times. Specifically, no flip-flops or “sliders” are not to be worn due to the safety factor when using stairs. All sandals must be secured at the toes and ankle for safety.

SCHEDULES KIOSK: We are passing out schedules on Monday, August 23, 2021, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM and Wednesday, August 25, 2021 from 10:30 AM until 3:30 PM.

CLASSROOM SUPPLIES: For information regarding classroom supplies, please visit www.orange.k12.nj.us and select Our District to and then your child's school for a comprehensive review.

STUDENT ABSENCES

Parents are responsible for reporting daily absences to the PAS Main Office at 973-677-4124. The district policy indicates that a student must be in attendance for 163 or more school days in order to be considered to have successfully completed the instructional program requirements of the grade/course to which he/she is assigned.

FORMS

Students will receive the emergency contact form on the first day of school. Please review and complete the emergency form and other corresponding forms by September 13, 2021. It is important that these forms are returned so we are able to have active communication with you throughout SY 21-22.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS: PAS Afterschool Programs will begin October 12, 2021. The following programs will be offered on various days and times:

- FULL STEAM Clubs: Karate, Gymnastics, Sewing, Fencing, Chess, Archery, Dance, Music Coding, Robotics, Virtual Reality (Gr. 3-7)
- FULL STEAM ELA/MA (Gr. 3-7)
- Special Education Academics/Clubs (Gr. 3-7)

CHROMEBOOKS

Students are to bring their district issued Chromebook to school on a daily basis; full charged.

COMMUNICATION

- All teachers and staff will be connected to our students and families using "Class Dojo." Please ensure you have connected with your child's classroom teacher on this platform and check the "school story" daily for any announcements.
- E-mail & phone blasts will also be used to communicate with families. Please ensure you have updated your contact information in genesis. It is imperative that all school personnel have the most update information for your household.
- Being able to communicate with our parents is extremely important. Please ensure that all your information is updated. You will receive calls from our secretaries to check and update your information in Genesis.
- Parent Portal will be the means of accessing all your student's important information, his/her progress/grades, missing assignments and other concerns that might impact your student's performance or well-being. If you have not done so, please ensure that you sign up for parent portal.
- Please listen to phone blasts sent by the school and/or District. They include important information and guidance. This is even more important in these uncertain times.
- If you have not signed up for the Orange App, you can download on your Android or Apple iPhone.
- The School District's social media platforms are a great source for posting updates & important information as well as celebrating and sharing photos of our fun activities. You can also follow our school on the following social media platform below:
 - **Twitter:** Orange Public School District, @Principal_MH, @PAES23, @UrbanEducator81
 - **Instagram:** Orange Public School District, ParkAvenueES
 - **Facebook:** Orange Public School District, PAES231

PARK AVENUE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Park Avenue School is to provide a positive and safe learning environment where all students acquire the academic knowledge and skills to ensure a future of achievement and to instill the core values of responsibility, respect, empathy, and integrity.

Looking forward to a happy, healthy, and productive school year!

Educationally yours,

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