



Ridge Street School

David DeOliveira, Principal



Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year

Dear Ridge Street School Students and Families:

This is Principal DeOliveira and it is my honor to welcome you to Ridge Street School for the 2023-2024 school year! I am filled with pride for once again having the opportunity to work with our amazing students, our highly qualified and dedicated staff, and the supportive families of this extraordinary school community.

A focus on growth and innovation continue to be hallmarks of Ridge Street School. Our school will once again open its doors to students in PreK through Grade 8. I am excited to welcome all of our newest students and families to our dynamic school community. Rest assured that our focus has been and will continue to be keeping **children at the center** of each and every decision. Our primary goal is to best serve our students by focusing on their social and academic growth, thus ensuring that our students will experience **excellence** in all aspects of their schooling.

Our strategic planning process remains focused on obtaining and developing essential resources such as support staff, interventions for Literacy and Mathematics, and professional development centered on research-based teaching strategies to enhance learning for students at all levels.

Research shows that in order to be successful in school, children need support from both home and school. Our entire staff is committed to working with students and their families as a team. Our rigorous curricular programs are aligned to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards that outline essential learning goals for each grade level. Therefore, we ask that you support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- Attends school daily and arrives on time ready to learn (*Regular school hours are from 8:25 AM- 2:55 PM)
- Completes all classroom and homework assignments
- Reads daily
- Shares school experiences with you
- Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- Understands that high expectations for his/her college and career readiness are shared by school AND home

A virtual information session for families has been scheduled for August 24, 2023 and our **Annual Back to School Night will take place on September 14, 2023**. Details regarding these events will be shared in the coming weeks. **For important updates and information, we ask that you regularly visit our [school's website](http://www.nps.k12.nj.us/RDG/) by typing www.nps.k12.nj.us/RDG/ into your web browser.** Families can also follow us on social media via [Instagram](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#). Please take time to review the Newark Board of Education [2023-2024 School Calendar](#).

The first day of school will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023. In order to ensure that learning begins on time on the first day of school, I ask that students begin arriving by 8:00 AM wearing their school uniforms. Please ensure that your child has completed the summer assignments, which were shared with students in June. ***(Students in grades K and 1, who are bussed to the ECC/Annex on Arlington Avenue, must arrive at the bus stop location behind the Main Building on Clifton Avenue by 8:00 AM each day.)** Designated staff members will be present to ensure that all students arrive safely at their assigned classroom locations.

In order to ensure that all records are updated, **please complete all relevant documents** such as the [Lunch Application](#) and [SchoolMint Re-Enrollment](#) prior to the start of the school year.

Our entire staff looks forward to building upon the many promising practices and achievements from the previous school year. Thank you for entrusting us with the responsibility of supporting and guiding your child on this most important journey. Please know that we are available to discuss any concerns that you may have regarding your child. I look forward to welcoming all of our students and families to another successful year at Ridge Street School!

Sincerely,
David DeOliveira, Principal