LITTLE SILVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer, filled with many laughs, memories, and perhaps a bit of relaxation! It's hard to believe that September is right around the corner. We can't wait to welcome our students and staff back to the building. The hallways and classrooms are very clean, but way too quiet!

It has been an eventful summer here at Point Road School. I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the incredible work of our front office and custodial staff. They have put in countless hours to prepare for a successful opening, and I couldn't be more appreciative! Referendum projects are well under way and we are very excited for new and updated spaces throughout the building.

We have some new faces joining the Point Road family this year. Please help me welcome the following faculty and staff members:

Mrs. Lara Summonte (1st grade teacher)
Mr. Michael Puma (Technology teacher)
Ms. Sophia Motola (1st grade leave replacement for Mrs. Cuffari from September through January)
Ms. Berta Perada (Office Clerk)

I would also like to introduce some current staff members who will be serving in new roles this year at Point Road School:

Mr. Mancheno (Interventionist)
Ms. Poland (from Markham Place, Special Education teacher)
Ms. Lindsey Stevens (2nd grade teacher)
Ms. Marianne Shekian (from Markham Place, Instructional Assistant)

Procedures for arrival and dismissal will remain the same as last year. Rolling drop-off will continue on the Seven Bridges Road side of the building. In order to keep this a truly ROLLING line, please make sure that students have their bags with them and can hop out of the car quickly. Staff members will be present to help our young students exit the car safely. **Parents should not be exiting their vehicle to retrieve bags from the trunk.** If you need to do this, I respectfully ask that you park and then walk your child to the front entrance. Similarly, if your child needs some extra snuggles before you say goodbye, parking and walking is a great option. If you park on the street across from the building, students MUST use the crosswalk. Please be mindful that our very kind and dedicated crossing guards are here to keep children safe, which may result in some additional waiting time as they cross the street. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

All students will enter through the front doors, which will open at 7:50. For Kindergarten through 4th grade students, the first bell rings at 8:00 and the second bell rings at 8:05. Students who arrive after 8:05 will be marked tardy. PreK students (AM session) will arrive at 8:55 and be dismissed at 11:25. PreK students (PM session) will arrive at 12:25 and be

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dismissed at 2:55. Kindergarten students will be dismissed from their classrooms, so parents/guardians should wait on the lawn to the right of the main entrance. Students in 3rd and 4th grades will be dismissed from the front classroom doors to the left of the main entrance. Students in 1st and 2nd grades will be dismissed from the side doors and will gather on the blacktop near the gymnasium.

Simplified Culinary will continue to provide delicious and healthy lunches for our school community. Students will have the full experience of selecting and purchasing lunch in the cafeteria, and will use their ID card (issued the first day of school) at checkout. If you do not have an account already, please register through MySchoolBucks on our District Website. **Please remind children of your expectations for purchasing lunch, specifically the amount of food/snacks/drinks they are permitted to select.** A monthly menu is posted to our school website for your review. Related to lunch, just a reminder that ANY food brought to school (snack, lunch, etc.) MUST BE NUT FREE. A link to the Snack List can be found here.

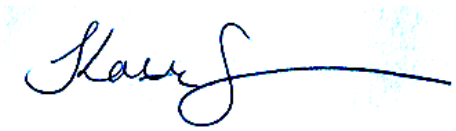
As a fellow parent, I understand the intricacies of managing multiple children' s schedules, so I hope to make it as easy as possible for you to be aware of dates, events, and other important information. To achieve this goal, Point Road will continue to utilize multiple methods of communication to disseminate information to the community. To meet the various preferences of families, this will include posting on the district and school websites, email, newsletters, Class Dojo, and social media platforms (Instagram and Twitter). I ask that you please engage with these resources regularly so you stay up to date with the wonderful events and daily happenings in our school.

The Parent Portal will be opening on Thursday, August 22nd, at 4:00pm. At that time, you will be able to view the **Summary** page for your child, which will list his/her **homeroom teacher** for the year. Please know that a tremendous amount of thought and planning has gone into each and every placement decision, and at this time, changes are incredibly difficult. I ask that you respect and trust our process, and believe me when I say that your children are in excellent hands!

Our teachers have been in and out of the building, getting their classrooms ready and anxiously awaiting the arrival of their new students. I share in that excitement and look forward to a wonderful year ahead. Thank you in advance for your support and partnership as we work together to make this the best year ever at Point Road School!

I hope you have a wonderful end of the summer!

Regards,



Dr. Stigliano