

Dear Angier Families,

It was great to see many of you at the Principal Coffee last Monday and our Open House on Thursday. We're looking forward to seeing all of our students tomorrow for our first day of school!

It looks like tomorrow will be a rainy day. While I know our gardens will be happier, rainy weather always creates a bit more traffic, so please allow some extra time getting to Angier tomorrow morning. On-time arrival is at 8:10AM. Make sure your child is dressed for the rain, as they may be waiting outside for a few minutes at arrival as their class gathers.

A few quick updates and reminders as we head into the week:

Arrival & Dismissal Reminders

A reminder that we have **arrival and dismissal locations** for each grade level, as follows:

- Front plaza: Kindergarten & Grade 1
- Back plaza by the cafeteria: Grades 2 & 3
- Side door by the library: Grade 4
- Side door by the faculty parking lot: Grade 5

Tomorrow morning, your child should go to their arrival location and look for their classroom teacher.

- Classroom teachers will be holding up yellow cards with their names and home room numbers. You may wait with your child or leave once they are with their teacher.
- When teachers have their entire class, they will escort the students to their classrooms. We ask that parents/caretakers say goodbye outside and do not come into the school.

IMPORTANT: Please be sure to update and verify the accuracy of your child's dismissal information in School Pass. This is essential so that we know where your child is going each afternoon. Thank you for your help!

School Supplies

Our PTO runs a terrific program called Bulk Supplies. Families contribute \$55, and the PTO buys the supplies your child will need for the school year. This saves families money and time, and our teachers so appreciate starting the year with everything needed for learning. The program depends on the highest family participation possible.

- A reminder that if you have not yet contributed to the Bulk Supply program, please make your contribution [HERE](#). Thank you!

Girls on the Run

Angier will host a Girls on the Run (GOTR) program this fall for girls in grades 3-5. Girls on the Run is a running program and a way for girls to develop their social-emotional skills

through teamwork, goal setting, and activities that build confidence. The group will meet on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 3-4:30 PM starting on Sept. 20th. Please contact Claudia Rossi (rossic@newton.k12.ma.us) with any questions and visit the [registration page](#) for information regarding registration and logistics.

Covid Health & Safety

Last week the [district newsletter](#) included a link to the updated [NPS Health and Safety Plan](#), which reflects guidance from the Medical Advisory Group. The plan provides specific information on the health and safety protocols that will be implemented in each school. A few specific important pieces of information for this year:

- Masks remain optional, except in two situations in which they are required 1) in school health offices; and 2) upon return to school on days 6-10 following a COVID infection without a negative test. NPS will continue to support student and staff choice with regard to mask-wearing.
- NPS continues to encourage good hand hygiene and a home daily health assessment every day.
- There is no COVID testing program in schools this year.
- Meal service will return to cafeteria spaces in school buildings.
- NPS families may be notified of COVID cases if a cluster of infections emerges at a school. Schools will no longer send notifications of COVID cases in classrooms, nor will principals share the total number of COVID cases in a school at the end of each week. Families may check the [Newton HHS COVID Case webpage](#) for information on COVID cases in the city.

Upcoming Dates to Note

- Fri, 9/16 - PTO Back to School Picnic
- Mon, 9/19 - Picture Day
- Tues, 9/20 - Curriculum Night (In Person)
 - 6:15-7:00PM - Grades 3-5
 - 6:45-7:30PM - Specialist teachers (library, art, music, PE) will be in the lobby to share information about their special area class
 - 7:15-8:00PM - Grades K-2
- Thurs, 9/22 - PTO New Family Welcome Party
- Mon, 9/26 - No School - Rosh Hashanah
- Weds, 10/5 - No School - Yom Kippur
- Link to the [2022-23 NPS calendar](#)

Please reach out with any questions or concerns - I'm here to help. Looking forward to seeing everyone at Angier tomorrow for the first day of school!

My Best,

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