

Montgomery Township School District

Creating confident, compassionate, and successful learners

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Subject: Welcome to the 2023-2024 School Year

Dear Montgomery Township School District Community,

As the summer comes to a close and we prepare for the start of the 2023-2024 school year, it is with great excitement that I extend my heartfelt greetings to our Montgomery Township community.

As the superintendent of our incredible district, I am privileged to witness the remarkable journey that unfolds within our halls and classrooms year after year. This welcome letter allows me to share our collective excitement for the upcoming academic year and articulate the vision that will guide us in the months ahead.

The collaboration between our dedicated staff members, parents, students, and supportive community members forms the cornerstone of our educational landscape. It is through this partnership that we continue to shape an environment that fosters intellectual curiosity, personal growth, and a lifelong love of learning.

Thank you for entrusting us with the education and development of your children. Your partnership remains the foundation of our success, and I am confident that, together, we will make this school year a truly successful one.

New Communications Specialist

I am happy to share some wonderful news. This year, the district family has grown with the addition of Ryan Waldis – our new MTSD Communications Specialist.

With his expertise, we are excited to enhance our communication efforts and keep you better informed about the outstanding opportunities, achievements, and stories within our district. Ryan will be instrumental in ensuring that the accomplishments of our students and educators receive the recognition they deserve, while also keeping you up-to-date with important announcements and district developments.

2023-2024 District Goals

The district goals provide the framework for the overall operations of the district. Please use this [link](#) to access the 2023-2024 district goals.

PaySchools

We are excited to announce an upcoming change that will enhance the way you make payments and manage your students' school-related expenses. Our school district is fully transitioning to a new, streamlined payment system called PaySchools Central, which is designed to make your payment experience quick, convenient, and efficient.

PaySchools Central offers a user-friendly platform where you can easily fund your students' accounts, pay fees, and manage all school-related payments from one central location. We believe that this transition will simplify your interactions with our school district, providing you with a seamless and hassle-free experience.

Attendance Policy

It is encouraged for all members of our community to familiarize themselves with our attendance policy (which can be found [here](#)) to gain a thorough understanding of the expectations we have set forth for student attendance.

We firmly believe that regular attendance is vital for each student's growth and development. When students are present in class, they have the opportunity to engage with their peers, interact with dedicated educators, and participate in meaningful learning experiences. Consistent attendance helps students build strong foundations in their academic subjects and fosters the development of critical life skills, such as time management, responsibility, and collaboration.

HIB Policy

Please take the time to review our policy (which can be found [here](#)) concerning Harassment, Intimidation, or Bullying (HIB) in our schools. We also have a page on our website dedicated to HIB and Anti-Bullying Information—including contact information for our District Anti-Bullying Coordinator and Anti-Bullying Specialists—which can be found [here](#).

Full Day Kindergarten

The 2023-2024 school year represents a significant milestone for our district – the introduction of Full Day Kindergarten. This marks an exciting turning point as we enhance our commitment to providing the best possible start to your child's educational journey. We are confident that this extended learning opportunity will offer your children a more comprehensive and enriched curriculum, allowing them to delve deeper into subjects that ignite their curiosity and creativity. The additional time in the classroom will foster stronger teacher-student relationships, facilitate more personalized instruction, and promote collaborative learning experiences.

Early Childhood Center (ECC)

In conjunction with our Full Day Kindergarten launch, I'm pleased to announce that the Early Childhood Center at Orchard Hill is renovated and ready for our preschool students!

We welcome you to the new school year and look forward to greeting the students on Wednesday, September 6, 2023. Enjoy the last days of summer break.

Sincerely,

Mary E. McLoughlin

Superintendent of Schools