



Bulldog Strong

Principal's Message

It is my sincere hope that you have been able to find some adventure, excitement, and relaxation throughout the summer. The ability to refresh and recharge over the summer break is critical for students and their families to embrace a productive and successful learning experience during the school year.

The upcoming school year is just a little over six weeks away and as we prepare to plan for our return to in-person instruction five days a week, we are working diligently to get the building ready and provide our families with updated COVID protocols and procedures.

An update will be made to the Rodgers COVID-19 School Procedures and Guidance Handbook and released to parents prior to the start of the school year. Information will include arrival/dismissal procedures, buses, car riders, school meal information, classroom schedules, outdoor time, play areas, classroom materials, supplies, mask guidance, visitors, bathrooms, handwashing, school-wide events, attendance, health protocols, etc.

As we enter the year and put our plan into action, we will continue to evaluate its effectiveness and will adjust accordingly. In advance, we appreciate the faith and trust you put into us to provide an excellent educational experience for your children.

Best regards,
Melanie Sweeney (msweeney@gpsd.us)
J. Harvey Rodgers Principal

Back to School Parent Information Session

On August 23rd, a PreK-6 Parent Information Session will be held for all parents via Zoom to discuss district plans for reopening in September. Information discussed will be COVID-19 procedures, breakfast/lunches, social distancing, quarantine guidelines, etc. This meeting will encompass Rodgers, Bullock and Bowe and touch on building specific and district guidelines. A time for the meeting will be forthcoming.



Summer Hours/School Hours

Throughout the summer, our office hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. If you need to contact us, you can reach the main office at 856-652-2700 x5101. The following message has been displayed on our district main page that could be affecting any Verizon users who are trying to contact the school:

"We are working on an issue where incoming calls cannot navigate our voice menus and dial an extension or select a menu choice. It appears to be affecting Verizon Wireless callers. We are working with carriers to identify and resolve the issue."

If you need to contact the main office and you are having difficulty doing so by phone, please email Nina Gomez, our school secretary at egomez@gpsd.us.

The instructional hours for the 2021-2022 school year are 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. Parent drop off will take place from 7:50 am to 8:00 am.

PreK and Kindergarten Orientation

Back to School Orientation for PreK and Kindergarten will take place on Wednesday, August 25th from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Students and their parents will have an opportunity to come into the building, meet their teachers and see their classrooms during designated times.

PreK Student Last Names:

A-F 1:00 – 1:20 pm
G-M 1:30 – 1:50 pm
N-S 2:00 – 2:20 pm
T-Z 2:30 – 2:50 pm

Kindergarten Student Last Names:

G-M 1:00 – 1:20 pm
A-F 1:30 – 1:50 pm
T-Z 2:00 – 2:20 pm
N-S 2:30 – 2:50 pm





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Transportation

If you require an alternate bus pick-up/drop-off other than your residence, you must complete the "Alternate Transportation Form", which can be found on the Glassboro website (www.gpsd.us) under the Transportation tab.

Glassboro Child Development Centers

We have partnership with the Glassboro Child Development Centers to provide before and aftercare for our RASKEL Program at the J. Harvey Rodgers School. Please contact the Glassboro Child Development Center directly for more information regarding the RASKEL Program.

Glassboro Child Development Centers
31 South Main Street
Glassboro, NJ 08028
856-881-3331

Website: www.glassboroschilddevelopmentcenters.org
Executive Director: Joan Dillon (jdillon@gscdkids.net)



Student Supplies



For the second year, all J. Harvey Rodgers students will receive the necessary supplies needed for the school year (crayons, scissors, glue, pencils, erasers, markers, colored pencils, etc.). Your child's classroom teacher will notify you at the start of the school year if any additional supplies will be needed.

Please provide your child with a backpack and a lunch bag if necessary. If you need a backpack or lunch bag for your child are unable to purchase one, please reach out to msweeney@gpsd.us. We have donations that have been made for students at the J. Harvey Rodgers School.

Vaccinations and Physicals – Important!

PreK

Please be advised that New Jersey state regulations require completion of specified health screenings in order to participate in the PreK program. These screenings are normally required no later than 30 days after the start of the school year.

- Physical Form (Universal Child Health Record)
- Dental Examination
- Flu Vaccine (by December 31)
- Updated Vaccinations

Kindergarten

Kindergarten aged students have additional vaccinations that they were not required for PreK, and additional paperwork may need to have been submitted since last year. Please take the time to contact your pediatrician to make sure your child is updated on their immunizations.

If you have any questions regarding the documentation needed for your child physicals or immunizations, please contact our school Nurse, Christa Taylor at ctaylor@gpsd.us.

Breakfast and Lunch

All students will be provided breakfast and lunch through the school district. More information will be provided in my Back-to-School Newsletter at the beginning of September.



Back to School Newsletter

A Back-to-School Newsletter will be sent out prior to the school year starting and highlight information from the Rodgers COVID-19 School Procedures and Guidance Handbook.

If you would like to request that a hard copy of the newsletter, be mailed to you, please contact school secretary, Nina Gomez, via email or phone – egomez@gpsd.us, or EXT. 5101.