



Principal's Message

As principal of the J. Harvey Rodgers School, it is my pleasure to welcome all of our returning students and new bulldog buddies to the 2022-2023 school year. The upcoming school year is just a little over six weeks away and we are excited to have students back in our classrooms and hallways, filling them with energy and enthusiasm for learning. It is our mission to help every child feel welcomed, connected, and part of our J. Harvey Rodgers family. Additionally, we strive to challenge each student to grow socially and academically.

Our Parent Handbook will be sent out in August, which will include information on curriculum and instruction, absenteeism/tardiness, drop-off/pick-up procedures, visitor protocols, playground, illness policy, vaccinations, positive behavioral supports, back to school night, parent/teacher conferences, school security and drills, birthdays/food items, toileting, and school supplies.

We hope that you find our website helpful and informative. All of the information we send out via email can also be found on the Rodgers homepage. Our monthly newsletters are emailed to parents and a copy will be uploaded under "Headlines". Additionally, we have a Facebook account (@JHRodgersglassboronj) that we will use to send out updates and quick announcements as we go through the school year.

In advance, we appreciate the faith and trust you put into us to provide an excellent educational experience for your children. We look forward to seeing you in a few weeks!

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

Summer Hours/School Hours

Throughout the summer, our office hours are from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm, Monday through Thursday. If you need to contact us, you can reach the main office at 856-652-2700 x5101 or our school secretary, Nina Gomez, at egomez@gpsd.us.

The instructional hours for the 2022-2023 school year are 8:40 am to 2:40 pm. Parent drop-off will take place from 8:25 am to 8:40 am.

There are several early dismissal dates and late arrival days scheduled throughout the school year. On early dismissal days, all students will attend school from 8:40 am to 12:40 pm. On late arrival days, all students will attend school from 10:40 am to 2:40 pm. We do serve breakfast and lunch on these days.

PreK and Kindergarten Orientation

Back to School Orientation for PreK and Kindergarten will take place on Thursday, September 1st for a 20-minute session for parents and students to come into the building, meet their teachers, and see their classrooms. We will hold two sessions in order for families with children at both grade levels to have the opportunity to attend. If you have twins in two separate classrooms, you may attend the other session if needed.

10:00 am for PreK last names ending in A-L and Kindergarten last names ending in M-Z

10:30 am for PreK last names ending in M-Z and Kindergarten last names ending in A-L



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: <https://www.glassborochilddevelopmentcenters.org/>
Executive Director: Joan Dillon (jdillon@gscdkids.net)





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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. Bus assignments will be communicated out to our families in mid-August.

Curriculum and Instruction

Preschool

Creative Curriculum balances teacher-planned and child-initiated learning, emphasizing responsiveness to children's strengths, interests, needs, and learning styles. It helps teachers plan and implement a content-rich, developmentally appropriate program that supports active learning and promotes progress in all developmental areas that include social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development. We also utilize ReadyRosie as an early education tool that helps families and educators build powerful partnerships through the power of video modeling.

Kindergarten

Daily literacy instruction will also consist of Phonemic Awareness, Word Studies, and Handwriting (Foundations), Small Group Instruction (Geodes), Whole Group Instruction (Wit & Wisdom) and an opportunity to extend learning through Play-based Knowledge Centers. Individual student achievement is closely monitored, and data is continuously collected using MAP (Measure of Academic Progress) Reading Fluency. MAP Fluency enables teachers to efficiently measure oral reading fluency with an online, adaptive benchmark and progress monitoring assessment. Math has brought fun back into learning for our Kindergarten students and their teachers through Eureka Math!

Student Supplies



For the third 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 for your child and are unable to purchase one, please reach out to msweeney@gpsd.us.

Vaccinations and Physicals – Important!

Preschool

Please be advised that New Jersey state regulations require completion of specified health screenings in order to participate in the Preschool program. These screenings are normally required no later than 30 days after the start of the school year. They include a physical form (Universal Child Health Record), dental examination, flu vaccine (by December 31) and updated vaccinations.

Kindergarten

Kindergarten aged students have additional vaccinations that were not required for Preschool. Therefore, additional paperwork may need to be submitted for this current school 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 through the school district.

Students may pack a lunch or purchase a lunch through our Food Service Provider, Chartwells.

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 2022-2023 J. Harvey Rodgers Parent 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.