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## Essex Elementary School

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# Happenings

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	August 23, 2023	
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# THE FUN BEGINS AUG. 30!

### The Nitty Gritty

Our MERSD Elementary Handbook has LOTS of important information! Find it online [HERE](#).

**School Hours:** 8:25 AM to 2:55 PM (Students are marked “Tardy” at 8:25 AM.)

Early Release dismissal is at 11:45 PM. Check the MERSD Calendar.

If your child will be tardy or absent, please notify the main office and the nurse via email.

**Drop Off:** Students may be dropped off no earlier than 8:05 AM. (There is no supervision.)

**Bus Routes:** The bus routes will appear in The Cricket and [www.mersd.org](http://www.mersd.org).

Bus Registration is now open. Please visit

<https://ma01807435.schoolwires.net/domain/242> for information.

For transportation questions: [schoolbus@mersd.org](mailto:schoolbus@mersd.org)

**Lunch:** Menus can be found at: <https://www.mersd.org/Page/1017>. Breakfast is also available before 8:30am.

**Open House:** Your family is invited to our annual “Back to School” Open House:  
Wednesday, September 27, 2023 6:00 -7:00 pm - hope to see you there!

**School Calendar:** <https://www.mersd.org/Page/16> Updated regularly

WE'VE  
MOVED



Classroom

# LINE-UP

**FOR 2023/24**

As part of our refresh of the building this summer, classrooms may have moved! Kindergarten through Gr 3 classrooms are all located in one hallway. Music, SWING and Support Services have shifted spaces. We've even brought the Art Room upstairs from the basement! Be sure to look carefully for your classroom as you drop off your supplies on Tuesday, Aug. 29 and/or join us on the first day of school!

**Kindergarten**

Mr. Burnett & Ms. Russo

**Grade 1**

Ms. Dwyer & Ms. Kelley

**Grade 2**

Ms. Jordan & Ms. Kasmarcik

**Grade 3**

Ms. Curcuru & Ms. Orlando

**Grade 4**

Ms. Field & Ms. Papagni

**Grade 5**

Ms. Demetri & Mr. Skiba

## New Faces

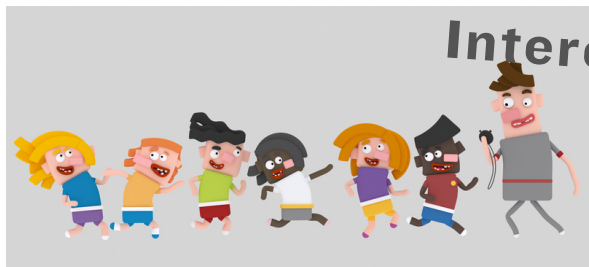
We are so fortunate to have added two excellent teachers to our teaching core! Let's give them our warm Essex welcome!



Ms. Papagni~Gr 4



Ms. Orlando~Gr 3



## Interested in Joining our Team?

Part time positions as lunch monitors, particularly on Fridays, and a crossing guard are needed immediately. Substitutes are also always needed for all staff positions!  
**Contact us today!**



# Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

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## Car Riders

Car riders are dropped off and picked up in The Zone. Located in the front of the school and marked along the curb, students are expected to enter and exit the passenger-side doors independently while adults wait in the car. Students should step on to the curb and will be directed to the proper entrance. For dismissal:

- The child's last name should be displayed near the windshield on the passenger side of the vehicle. Staff will call for your child once you arrive.
- Pull as far forward as possible in the spaces marking The Zone.
- Refraining from using your cell phone while in the process of pick-up helps you to hear us if we need your attention and offers a distraction-free greeting when your child enters the car.

## Bus Riders

Bus riders are dropped off and picked up at the back of the building. Registration for bus service is required.

[Register here](#)



## Walkers, Bike Riders and Children Met by an Adult

Children may ride their bicycles with proper permission from their parents/guardians provided they ride safely and wear a helmet. Bike riders must walk their bikes while on school grounds. Bicycles should be secured in the bike rack.

Adults meeting children should park in the upper lot to the right of the school. Proceed to the staff member by the front door to request the dismissal of your child.

We encourage families to explore safe routes to and from school should your child have permission to walk home without an adult.

# MERSD OPEN HOUSE 2023-2024

Welcome Students and  
Families!



## OPEN HOUSE SCHEDULE

- HIGH SCHOOL/ SEPTEMBER 14/ 6:00-8:15PM
- MEMORIAL ELEMENTARY/ SEPTEMBER 21/ 6:00-7:00PM
- ESSEX ELEMENTARY/ SEPTEMBER 27/ 6:00-7:00PM
- MIDDLE SCHOOL/ SEPTEMBER 28/ 6:00-7:30PM



[www.mersd.org](http://www.mersd.org)

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## LOOKING FOR WAYS TO RE-EMERGE YOURSELF IN EDUCATION?

The National Museum of Mathematics has  
something for all!

<https://momath.org/upcoming-events/>

## WATCH FOR OUR PARENT EDUCATION SERIES

Coming our way this year.

First up? Managing Social Media and the  
Adolescent Brain-Oct 12. (Sponsored by the  
Middle School Council)

More information to come!