

District E-News **August 31, 2026**

Newark CCSD 66 www.ngsd66.org 815-695-5143 NGS; 630-553-5435 MJH

Dear Families and Staff,

Thank you for a great first week!
The heat returns for a bit. Please make sure your student has a water bottle with a lid and a healthy snack every day. Both schools have snack breaks in the morning.

Please make sure you are familiar with our student - parent handbook for this year. We follow all policies, including dress codes, and protocols aligned to board policies and school code. The handbook is on the website and here: 2026 - 2027 Parent-Student Handbook.pdf

MILLBROOK JUNIOR HIGH - Shuttle bus leaves NGS to MJH at 7:47 am!

For those students riding bikes, scooters to school…… love to see all the bikes out there! However, every day I am reminding students to walk their bikes down the bridge and when in the parking lot for safety. Students should also not ride on the high school grass or try to jump the bridge or small hills. If parents can please help reinforce this at home, we would be grateful so no one gets hurt.

Families will see a new reading curriculum for grades Kindergarten through fifth this year. It is called My View and we hope it will enhance the 6th - 8th grade curriculum My Perspectives (which was updated this year.) Our goal is consistency throughout all grades building on needed literacy skills as students progress through each grade and standard. Curriculum Night is coming up in a few weeks! Your teachers will have resources for you to see.

Reminder - we had to move the paper recycle bin to protect the new concrete. The garbage bins out back are for school use only.

Dates to Remember:

August 31- Soccer home vs. Plano 4:30 pm; Open gym for GBB 5th - 8th 3:00 - 4:00 pm
August 31 - Sept 11 - Fall MAP testing
September 3 - Time to Dine at Molina's 11 am - 8 pm (flyer below)
September 7 - Labor Day - no school
September 9 - PTO meeting at MJH 6:00 pm
September 10 - SIP day 11:15/11:30 dismiss
September 14 - 18 Scholastic Book Fair @ NGS
September 14 - GPD - Both schools (flyer below); Vision /Hearing screenings at MJH
September 15 - Mobile Food Pantry NGS 4:00 - 5:30 pm
September 16 - Curriculum Night - both schools NGS 4:15 - 5:15 pm; MJH 4:30 - 5:30 pm
September 17 - Fall Picture Day! Both schools
September 18 - Q1 Midterms
September 18 and 19 - Sports Boosters Soccer Tournament at MJH
September 21 - Buildings and Grounds 5:45pm; Budget Hearing and Board Meeting 6:30 pm at MJH; Vision / Hearing screenings at NGS
October 9 - Teacher Institute
October 12 - No School Columbus/Indigenous People's Day
October 14 - PTO meeting 6 pm - MJH

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Youtube channel: Newark School District

Highlights this week: Fall MAP testing the next few weeks at both schools! (Check out all of MJH updates below!)
Monday 8/31: Soccer at MJH 4:30; MJH Band begins
Tuesday 9/1: Meteorological Fall begins; Soccer at Paw Paw; XC at Morris (no bus)
Wednesday 9/2: Kindness gear every Wednesday
Thursday 9/3: Time to Dine at Molina's! Flyer below. Soccer at IC; XC @ Seneca (no bus)
Friday 9/4: Bus evacuation drills - both schools; Special Person's Day/Grandparents day forms - please turn RSVP's into the office today
PTO Book Fair help sign up here: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0448AFA628AAFA7-newark/24560847#/

We are still in search of a 5th/6th Boys' Basketball coach and 5th/6th Girls' Volleyball coach for the 2026 - 2027 school year. Please send a letter of interest to Ms. Chase, Mr. Anderson or Mrs. Turman. P.S – We are still in need of sub bus drivers, especially for after school sports! Please call NCHS if interested in applying.

Mrs. Turman visited classes this week and reviewed bus rules and recess rules with grades K - 4. The bus rules are attached in a flyer below and align to the handbook. Some of our friends like to crawl under the seat or be in the aisle to talk to others while the bus is moving. We discussed staying in your seat, keeping your hands to yourself, no screaming and no eating on the bus. Thanks for your help at home.

Have a wonderful week ahead! Stay cool! Let us know if you need anything!💙

Partners in Education ~ Mrs. Turman & Ms. Chase

Millbrook Jr. High
Week of August 31-September 4

Monday, August 31

Morning Report: August S.

MAP testing Reading (during ELA)
Band starts today
ZAP starts today!

Sports & Activities:

Soccer HOME vs Plano, 4:30 PM
XC Practice 3:00-4:15 PM
5th-8th GBB Open Gym 3:00-4:00 PM

Tuesday, September 1

Morning Report: Rett C.

MAP testing Reading (during ELA)

Sports & Activities:

Soccer @ Paw Paw, 4:30 PM Bus:3:30 PM
XC Meet @ Morris, 4:15 PM Bus:NO BUS

Wednesday, September 2

Morning Report: Aubree K.

KINDNESS DAY - Wear Kindness Shirts
MAP testing Math (during Math)

Student Sports & Activities:

5th-8th GBB Open Gym 3:00-4:00 PM
XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM
Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

Thursday, September 3

Morning Report: Everly S.

SEL B day
MAP testing Math (during Math)

Student Sports & Activities:

Soccer @ IC, 4:30 PM Bus:?
XC Meet @ Seneca, 4:15 PM Bus:NO BUS

Friday, September 4

Morning Report: Ella A.

Viking Gear
Bus Evacuation Drills T.B.A.

Student Sports & Activities:

XC Practice, 3:00-4:15 PM
Soccer Practice, 3:00-4:30 PM

RIDE SAFE, BE KIND, HAVE A GREAT BUS RIDE!



1. Be aware of moving traffic and pay attention to your surroundings.



2. Dress for the weather. Make sure strings, ties, straps, etc. are short or removed.



3. Arrive on time at the bus stop and stay away from the street while waiting.



4. Stay away from the bus until it stops completely and the driver signals you to board. Enter in single file without pushing. Always use the handrail.



5. Take a seat right away and remain seated facing forward. Keep your hands, arms, and head inside the bus.



6. Talk quietly on the bus. No shouting or loud noises that may distract the driver. Devices must be silenced. Headphones are okay.



7. Help keep the bus neat and clean. Keep belongings out of the aisle and away from emergency exits. Eating and drinking are not allowed on the bus.



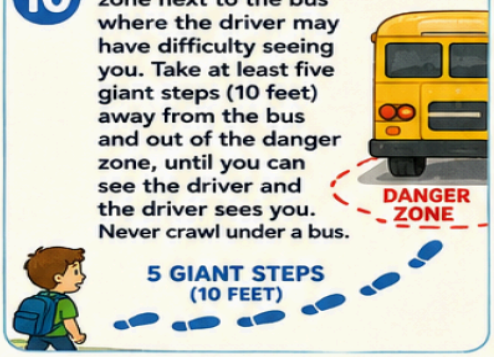
8. Always listen to the driver's instruction. Be courteous to the driver and other students. Sit with your hands to yourself and avoid distracting noises.



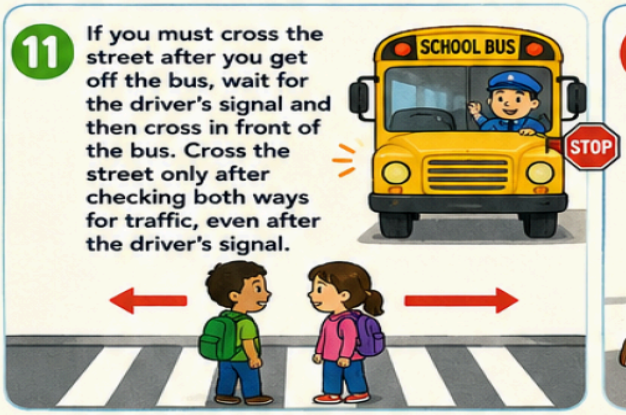
9. Wait until the bus pulls to a complete stop before standing up. Use the handrail when exiting the bus.



10. Stay out of the danger zone next to the bus where the driver may have difficulty seeing you. Take at least five giant steps (10 feet) away from the bus and out of the danger zone, until you can see the driver and the driver sees you. Never crawl under a bus.



11. If you must cross the street after you get off the bus, wait for the driver's signal and then cross in front of the bus. Cross the street only after checking both ways for traffic, even after the driver's signal.



12. Never run back to the bus, even if you dropped or forgot something.



BE SAFE. BE KIND. EVERY RIDE. EVERY TIME!

Kindness KICKOFF

Family Connection

Welcome!

Dear Family,

We are excited to tell you that we will be using **PurposeFull People** this year, a program that teaches skills to help students be successful in school and in life.

We believe that students should have safe, predictable places to learn where they feel included. Students should have healthy and helpful connections with teachers and classmates. They should also experience learning that will help them tackle challenges inside and outside of school. PurposeFull People is more than a set of lessons - it is a partnership between schools and families to create a place where students feel like they belong and learn skills that will help them be the best they can be!

The path forward is full of growth! We cannot wait to partner with you in this work…

- To teach students how to build strong friendships
- To work together to solve problems, big and small
- To grow skills for life
- To become PurposeFull People

Conversation Starters

- What does Kindness mean to you?
- What is something Kind you did for someone else today?

Kindness Overview

Our world needs more Kindness! That's why Kindness is how we are starting the school year. Our definition of Kindness is acting with understanding, generosity, and care. You'll hear a lot about Kindness this year because it is also 1 of our **3 outcomes:**

- **Be Kind**: Teaching social skills like listening, friendship, solving conflicts, and leadership.These skills are taught alongside **Empathy**, **Respect**, & **Cooperation**
- **Be Strong**: Skills that help students focus, stay organized, and set goals. These skills are taught alongside **Responsibility**, **Courage**, & **Perseverance**
- **Be Well**: Skills that help students handle their emotions and deal with stress. These skills are taught alongside **Gratitude**, **Honesty**, & **Creativity**



PurposeFull Pursuits

Each month, we'll send PurposeFull Pursuits to provide fun challenges you can pursue together! These are simple ways to intentionally reinforce the skills we are working on at school, while providing fun strategies to grow together as a family. We invite you to make some memories and join in the fun!

Pursuit #1

Review Kindness as a family! Remember that Kindness is acting with understanding, generosity, and care. Schedule a family movie night so that you can specifically watch for different ways people show Kindness. Let everybody know that you'd like them to point out examples of how the characters show Kindness as you watch the movie. Be sure to pause periodically to discuss the examples of Kindness you see. You could also talk about missed opportunities for Kindness and what you might have done differently!

Pursuit #2

Find a time to sit in a circle together and celebrate a Kind beginning of the school year! If you want, gather some favorite snacks and play some celebratory music for the occasion. Take turns sharing responses to the following prompts or make up your own! Remember to practice Kindness as you listen to each other.

Celebration Prompts:
- What is 1 way a family member has shown you Kindness this week?
- What is 1 way you want to grow in Kindness toward others this school year?

School Nurse NEWSLETTER



August 2026



From the Nurse A's Desk

Welcome back, Newark School District #66 families! This month, we're focusing on keeping our students healthy, safe, and ready to learn. Please take a moment to review this month's health tips and important reminders.

Medication Policy Reminder: Please bring any medications to the nurse's office with the proper forms. Students may not carry medication without prior approval.

Screenings: Vision and Hearing Screening will be happening throughout the month of September, starting at MJH the week of September 14th, and NGS the week of September 21st.

Health Form Deadline:

-Physical exams/Immunizations- Due October 15, 2026.

-Vision exam- Due October 15, 2026

-Dental Exam- Due May 2027

Monthly Health Spotlight:

Back-to-School Health

A new school year is the perfect time to build healthy habits. Good routines help students stay energized, focused, and ready to learn—while also preventing common illnesses.

💡**Healthy Habits for Students:**

- Get good sleep: Aim for 9–11 hours for kids and 8–10 for teens.
- Eat breakfast: A balanced morning meal boosts focus and memory.
- Wash hands often: Stop germs before they spread.
- Stay active: Play, sports, or outdoor time—aim for 60 minutes a day.
- Stay hydrated: Choose water over sugary drinks.

CONTACT IF ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

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Millbrook Junior High School- 630-553-5435

UPCOMING HEALTH EVENTS

Vision and Hearing Screening
performed throughout the month of September.



WHAT IS THE VISION AND HEARING SCREENING?

These screenings are mandated by the state for all students receiving special education services, students new to the district, or teacher or parent referrals. Hearing screening is mandated by the state of Illinois for all students in grades PreK-3 and is recommended for students in even grades. Vision screening is mandated for students in Pre K, kindergarten who do not have proof in their school health file of a vision exam performed by a vision specialist within the last year, and for all students in grades 2 and 8. Vision screening is recommended for all students in even grades. At NCSD66 we provide free vision and hearing screening for students in required and mandated grades. Testing will begin after Labor Day of the school year and continue until all mandatory screenings have been completed. Parents will be notified if there are any abnormal findings. These are only screenings and should never replace a thorough exam by your doctor. If your child already wears (or should be wearing) glasses or hearing aids, please let Mrs. Ammenhauser know.



Did You Know?

Kids who eat breakfast before school are more likely to score higher on tests and pay better attention in class!



Need groceries? The Northern Illinois Food Bank Mobile distribution can help. Food is free to all neighbors; no ID, proof of address or income is required. Just need to provide zip code and how many in your household. Food is distributed on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Where:

Newark Grade School
503 Chicago Road Newark, IL 60541

When:

4:00pm-5:30pm – 3rd Tuesday of the month

August 25, 2026	September 15, 2026	October 20, 2026
November 17, 2026	December 15, 2026	

Come Join Us!

Kendall County Community FOOD PANTRY

www.equinedreams.org

Our SNAP team is available and ready to help!
Call or text "Food" or "Comida" to 844-600-7627
SOLVEHUNGERTODAY.ORG

NORTHERN ILLINOIS FOOD BANK. NEIGHBORS. EMPOWERED.

September PTO News

- 9/3 Molina's Pizza Time to Dine All Day
- 9/9 Monthly PTO Meeting 6pm at MJH
- 9/14 Grandparent's/Special Person's Day at Both Schools (12:30-1:15pm MJH; 1:30-2:45pm NGS)
- 9/14-9/16 Scholastic Book Fair at NGS
- 9/24 Flame Kabob Grill in Yorkville Time to Dine All Day

Scholastic Book Fair at NGS

- 9/14 Books can be purchased during Grandparent's/Special Person's Day at NGS
- 9/15 Students can purchase books during PE
- 9/16 Students can purchase books during PE & Books can be purchased during Curriculum Night at NGS





To ensure that our events run smoothly, PTO is in need of several volunteers for the week of the Book Fair and Grandparent's/Special Person's Day activities. Sign-up Genius for these events were sent via email if you are on our email list. You can also find the link on the Newark/Millbrook PTO Facebook page as well as the District Facebook page.

THANK YOU! ♥ PTO

KEEPING IT GRAND

with our Grandparents!

Newark Grade School & Millbrook Junior High

GRANDPARENT'S DAY • SEPTEMBER 14, 2026

This is your opportunity to bring a grandparent (or special person) to school to share your learning experience with them!

♥	★	
SWEET TREATS	**SCHOOL TOUR**	**BOOK FAIR**
Enjoy a sweet treat with your Grandparent (or special person)	Give them a tour of your school	NGS will have the chance to shop the book fair (cash/CC/check)

MILLBROOK JUNIOR HIGH	NEWARK GRADE SCHOOL
8411 Fox River Rd, Millbrook	503 Chicago Rd, Newark
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026	**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026**
12:30–1:15 PM	1:30–2:45 PM
Meet in the gym • Grades 5–8	Meet in the gym • Grades K–4

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

If a Grandparent cannot attend, a special person may join you! Your special person must be over the age of 18! All visitors will be asked to sign in WITH ID at the office upon entering the building. Please note: If a MJH student is taken home after the special activities, it will be considered an unexcused absence. NGS students are excused to leave at 2:45pm as that is the end of the day.

Please return the bottom portion of this flyer by MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7TH to your child's teacher/home room teacher.
Email Ashley D'Arcy with any questions: ashleydrc@gmail.com

✦ GRANDPARENT'S DAY RSVP ✦

Student Name and Grade Level:

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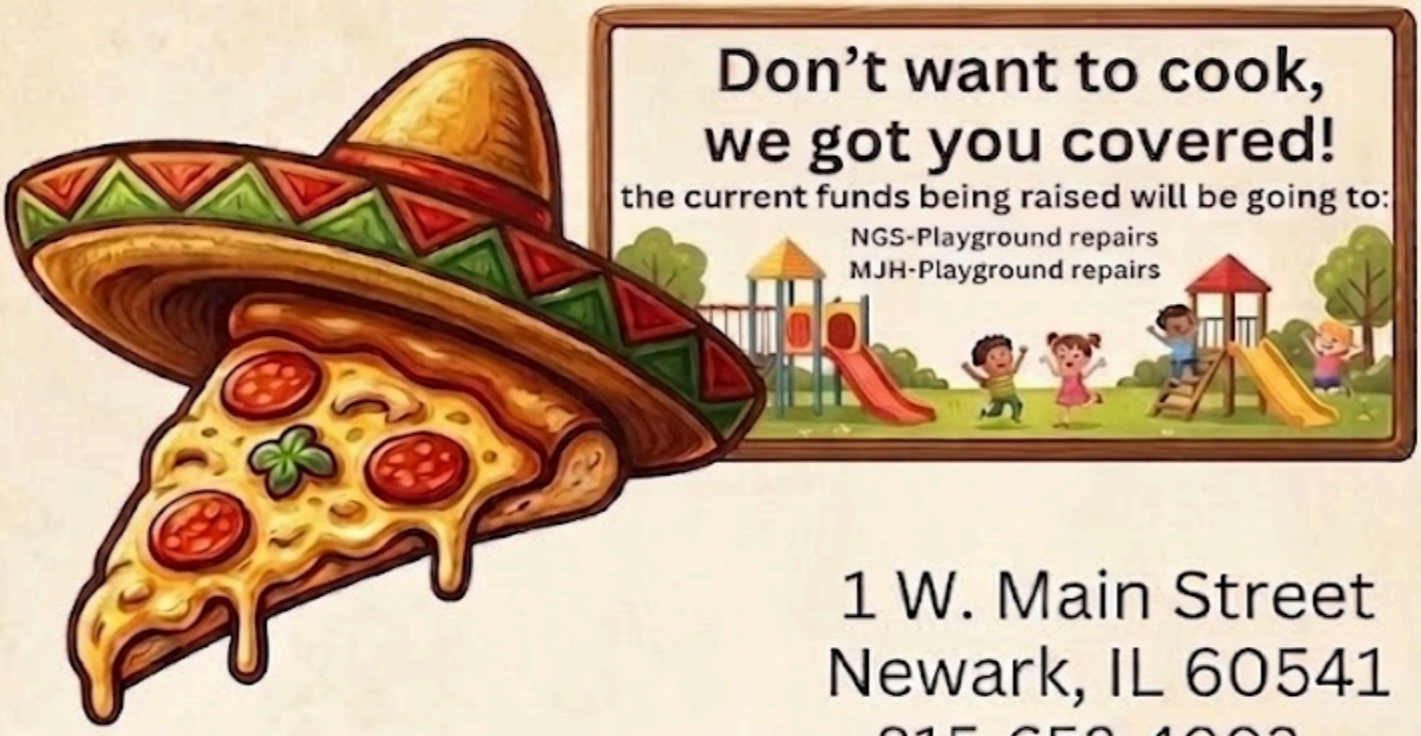
Grandparent/Special Person (first and last name):

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If you have other family members at the school, please list their name(s)/grade(s) here for grouping purposes:

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We can't wait to make GRAND memories together! ♥



1 W. Main Street
Newark, IL 60541
815-658-4003

MOLINA'S
PIZZA & GRILL

Time To Dine- Let's go out to eat fundraiser

Newark Grade School and Millbrook Junior High would like to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to **MOLINA'S** and **YOU**!

They will be hosting a fundraiser for us and a percentage of all the sales for the date below will be donated as a benefit back to our school. Bring this flyer in or show it on your phone.

THURSDAY SEPT 3rd
11am–8pm
ALL DAY FUNDRAISER

NEWARK / MILLBROOK
Parent Teacher Organization

Show Your VIKING PRIDE!

MILLBROOK JR. HIGH & NEWARK GRADE SCHOOL

Spiritwear

Gear up and show your Viking pride!
Every purchase helps support our students, staff, and school community.



YOUR PURCHASE MAKES A DIFFERENCE!
All proceeds from clothing sales will benefit both the Jr. High and Grade School.

MORE DESIGNS COMING SOON!
We'll be adding new styles and designs throughout the year—be sure to check back often!

SHIPPED TO YOU!
Items will be shipped directly to your door for your convenience.

WEAR IT. SHARE IT. LIVE IT.
Let's show our school spirit everywhere we go!

SHOP NOW!

Millbrook Jr. High Shop
wamiswag.com/shops/milbrookjrhs

Newark Grade School Shop
wamiswag.com/shops/newarkvikings

TOGETHER, WE ARE VIKINGS!

Thank you for supporting our schools!

Parents, JOIN THE NEWARK/MILLBROOK PTO

2026/2027 SCHOOL YEAR

VOLUNTEER
by coming to the monthly meetings both in person or via Zoom.

THE PTO MEETINGS
are organized for the purpose of supporting all of our students, Pre-K through 8th grade.

WE WANT TO
build relationships among the school, parents, teachers and community while helping provide financial support for programs, supplies and needs funded outside of the annual school budget.

MEETING DATES

2026

- September 9th
- October 14th
- November 11th
- December 9th

2027

- January 13th
- February 9th
- March 10th
- April 14th
- May 12th



ALL MEETINGS WILL BE AT
6:00 PM
AT MILLBROOK JR. HIGH



SUPPORT MJH STUDENT ATHLETES!

YOUR DONATION. THEIR VICTORY.



DONATE $150

TO HELP PROVIDE TROPHIES FOR OUR SPORTS TOURNAMENTS!

4 OPPORTUNITIES TO DONATE!



SOCCER
★ TOURNAMENT ★



GIRLS BASKETBALL
★ TOURNAMENT ★



BOYS BASKETBALL
★ TOURNAMENT ★



VOLLEYBALL
★ TOURNAMENT ★

EVERY TROPHY REPRESENTS HARD WORK.
EVERY DONATION MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

MJH VIKINGS

THANK YOU

FOR INVESTING IN OUR STUDENT ATHLETES!

ORGANIZED BY: MJH SPORTS BOOSTERS CLUB


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Boosters
Soccer and
Cross Country
NEWARK
XC
NEWARK
SOCCER
VIKINGS
Vikings
Soccer
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Charles B. Phillips Library September Calendar Events

MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI	SAT
	1	2 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	3 4:00 PM Adult Game Night	4 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Walk & Chat Book Club Harris Forest Preserve	5 10:30 AM Kid's Movie *Hoppers*
7 CLOSED	8	9 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	10	11 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	12 10:00 AM Adult Book Chat *True Biz* By Sara Novic
14 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Cows*	15	16 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	17	18 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	19
21 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Adult Matinee *Pressure*	22	23 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	24	25 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 1:00 PM Hand & Foot Canasta	26
28 9:15 AM Chair Yoga 10:30 AM Storytime *Storm*	29	30 9:15 AM Chair Yoga	6 N. Jackson St. Newark, IL 60541 815.695.5851 www.cbplib.us	Adult Events Youth Events	

A Helping Hand, Neighbor to Neighbor

WE CARE
Grundy of County

MOBILE PANTRY AT GOODWILL

WHEN:

SATURDAY, September 19th, 2026 from 9am-10:30am

WHERE:

GOODWILL OF MORRIS
414 Arthur Ave, Morris

This will be drive through style pickup. There is no sign up necessary. Please make sure your trunk is empty before you come.



NEWARK CCSD 66 | 2026-2027 CALENDAR (Updated 6/15/2026)

AUGUST '26

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18 Teacher Institute
19 Teacher Institute
20 Student first day

SEPTEMBER '26

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07 Labor Day – no school
10 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

OCTOBER '26

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09 Teacher Institute
12 Columbus Day – no school
21 PT Conferences
22 1:15/1:30 dismissal
PT conference 2 – 7 pm
23 No School

NOVEMBER '26

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06 SIP Day 1:15 / 1:30

25 -27 Thanksgiving break

DECEMBER '26

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18 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
21-31 Winter Break

JANUARY '27

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04 Teacher Institute
05 Students return
15 No School
18 M.L. King Day –no school

FEBRUARY '27

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12 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
15 Presidents' Day – no school

MARCH '27

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19 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
22 –26 Spring Break
29 Easter Monday – no school

APRIL '27

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30 SIP Day 11:15/11:30

MAY '27

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14 SIP Day 1:15/1:30
28 Last Day 1:15/1:30
31 Memorial Day

JUNE '27

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18 Juneteenth

JULY '27

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04 Independence Day

School Calendar © calendarlabs.com

Pre-School Calendar 2026-2027

August
24: First Day of Pre-School for 4's
25: First Day of Pre-School for 3's

September
7: No Pre-School (Labor Day)
10: No P.M. Pre-School

October
8: No P.M. Pre-School
9: No Pre-School
12: No Pre-School (Columbus Day)
21: Regular Day of Pre-School Conferences 4-7 pm
22: No P.M. Pre-School Conferences
23: No Pre-School Conferences

November
6: No P.M. Pre-School
25-27: Thanksgiving Break

December
17: No P.M. Pre-School
21-31: Holiday Break

January
1-4: Holiday Break
15: No Pre-School
18: No Pre-School (ML King Day)

February
15: No Pre-School (Presidents' Day)
25: No P.M. Pre-School Conferences
26: No Pre-School Conferences

March
18: No P.M. Pre-School
22-29: Spring Break

April

May
6: No Pre-School Conferences
7: No Pre-School Conferences
26: Last Day of Pre-School for 4's
27: Last Day of Pre-School for 3's