Parsippany-Troy Hills Township Schools

Mount Tabor Elementary School

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Dear Mt. Tabor Families,

Welcome to the 2026-2027 school year at Mt. Tabor School!

On behalf of our dedicated teachers and staff, I am excited to welcome you and your family to a new year of learning, growth, and success. This year's school-wide theme is:



At Mt. Tabor, we believe that success is not determined by luck or talent alone. It is achieved through hard work, perseverance, and a willingness to learn from challenges. Every challenge we face helps us gain experience, build skills, and move to the next level.

Throughout the year, we will encourage our Timberwolves to embrace a growth mindset, set goals, take risks, and celebrate progress. Whether your child is entering kindergarten or beginning their final year at Mt. Tabor, we are committed to helping every student discover their potential and "level up" academically, socially, and emotionally.

We ask for your support in encouraging your child to:

- Attend school every day and arrive on time, ready to learn.
- Read every day to strengthen literacy skills and develop a love of reading.
- Talk with you about their school day, including their successes, challenges, and feelings.
- Ask for help when needed and know that it is okay to make mistakes and learn from them.
- Show kindness, respect, and empathy toward others.
- Always give their best effort because when we level up our effort, we level up our success!

Together, we can create a strong home-school partnership that helps every Timberwolf grow, learn, and thrive.

We also invite you to become active in our school community by joining our PTA. Meetings are held in the Media Center on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We have many exciting events planned throughout the year, and your involvement makes a tremendous difference.

Important Information

Recording Student Absence

If your child is going to be tardy or absent, please access the Genesis Parent Portal by 8:30 AM and input the absence or tardy, including the reason for the absence or tardy.

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- Click the “Notify the Attendance Office’ link to report a student absence
- Enter the date of absence/tardy
- Name of the student(s) that will be absent/tardy
- Type the reason for the absence/tardy.

Breakfast

We are required to offer breakfast to students who receive free meals. Any student may purchase breakfast each day; however, students who do not receive free or reduced-price meals will be charged $3.00.

If you do not want your child to purchase breakfast, please notify the teacher. We cannot refuse breakfast to a student who chooses to take one. To avoid an unexpected charge, please make sure your child understands your preference and that sufficient funds are available in their meal account.

Lunch

Students may bring lunch from home or purchase lunch through our Pomptonian Food Service. Monthly menus are available on the district website under Family Resources.

If your child will be purchasing lunch, you may:

- Use PaySchools Central: Register and manage your child's meal account online through the Food Services section.
- Send Cash: Place money in an envelope clearly labeled with your child's name, grade, and homeroom teacher. The envelope should be given to the teacher during homeroom.

Daily Snack & Water Bottle

Please send your child to school each day with a small, healthy snack and a labeled, reusable water bottle. For safety reasons, glass containers are not permitted.

Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

The safety of our students is our top priority. Please follow these procedures carefully during arrival and dismissal.

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended while in the traffic line. Pull your vehicle as far forward as possible in the drop-off or pick-up line.
- Students must enter and exit vehicles from the passenger side only. This helps keep students safe and allows the line to move efficiently.
- Please have your child’s belongings ready so they can exit the vehicle promptly. **For safety and traffic flow, please remain in your vehicle.** If your child needs assistance, please park in the designated parking lot and walk them onto school grounds.

Arrival

- Doors Open at **8:55 a.m.,** and students report directly to their homeroom.
- The carpool door will close at **9:05 a.m.**

Students line up as follows:

- Grades K–2: Blacktop
- Grades 3–4: Side Door
- Grade 5: Blacktop
- Walkers: Back Door
- Car Poolers: Side of Building

Note: If your child arrives late to school, please walk them to the main entrance. Our office staff will assist you with the late arrival process.

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Dismissal

Students exit the building as follows:

- Grades K–4: Main Entrance
- Grade 5: Fifth Grade Wing Door
- Car Poolers: Side of Building
- Walkers: Back Door
- SKIP Students: Designated Areas

Reminders:

- First Day of School: September 2, 2026
- Teacher assignments were posted in the Genesis Parent Portal on Aug. 21.
- Bus Passes: Please log in to the Genesis Parent Portal and print your child's bus pass during the week before school begins.
- Back-to-School Night: September 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m.
  Additional details will be shared soon.
- Supply lists are available on the school website.
- Before & After-School Care (SKIP): Registration information is available online.
- Please log in to the Genesis Parent Portal and complete all required forms, including your child's Student Dismissal Form, before the first day of school.

Our Parent Handbook, available on the school website, contains important information regarding school policies and procedures. We strongly encourage all families to review the handbook before the start of the school year.

Our staff has been working hard to prepare for an amazing year, and we are excited to partner with you as we help every Timberwolf grow, learn, overcome challenges, and reach new levels of success.

Let's make this our best year yet!

Best regards,

Mrs. Toomey