# Mount Tabor School




# Kindergarten Orientation

# 2026

# Our Kindergarten Staff

- Ms. Donnellon (green)
  - Mrs. Shah Para
- Mrs. Scott (red)
  - Mrs. Sousa Para

- Ms. Hutton



# The ABC's of Kindergarten Orientation



# Attendance Office

- School Hours – 8:45-3:25
  - Early Arrivals
  - Black Top 8:45
  - Inclement Weather 8:55
  - Car Pool Line 8:55
- Late Arrivals
  - Sign in
  - Late slip



# Backpacks and Buses

- Students must have a backpack *(please no wheels)*
- Place your child's bus number inside the front pocket of his or her back pack
- Make sure your child has a printed copy of their bus pass.





# Cafeteria and Celebrations

- Pomptonian Food Service
  -Lunch is available for purchase
  -Free and reduced form
  -Student Account/District Website
- Mrs. Brecka Lunch Coordinator
- Birthday Celebrations
  - No goodie bags or food
- Holiday Parties -no food
  -PTA (Class parents)



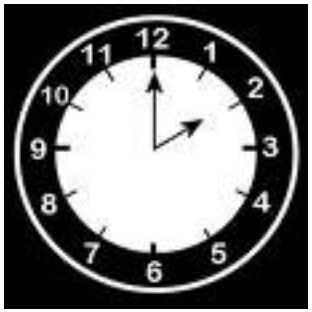
# Communication

- Email
  - School Website
- Phone
  - 973-889-3361
- Monthly Calendars
- Conferences (Nov. & Mar.)
- Progress Reports (2nd Trimester)
- Homework Folders
- Thrillshare
- Twitter
- Digital Backpack
- PTA-Facebook Page



# Dismissal

- Students will be dismissed at 3:25.
- **Any *change in your child's regular dismissal routine MUST be written!***
- **Entered in the Genesis Portal**
- Please call the office only in case of an emergency.
- Early Dismissals will take place at 1:00.






# EdLo Services

ESL Teacher- Mrs. Cruz

-provides instruction to help students of different levels acquire the English language in the domains of reading, writing, speaking, and listening.

- students are screened in September

jecruz@pthsd.net

English Language LEARNERS

# Expectations in the Classroom

- **#1 Rule:**
  - *"Never Hurt Anyone on the Inside or the Outside."*
- Raise Your Hand.
- Listen Carefully.
- Walk Nicely.
- Clean Up After Yourself.



# Expectations (parents)

- **Teachers ask that you please…**
  - contact your child's teacher at any time for questions, needs, or concerns
  - check backpacks everyday
  - check folders everyday
  - return forms promptly
  - dress your child appropriately

# Field Trips

- Sponsored by PTA
- Chaperones



# Guidance Counselor



Mrs. Hogrebe

kshogrebe@pthsd.net

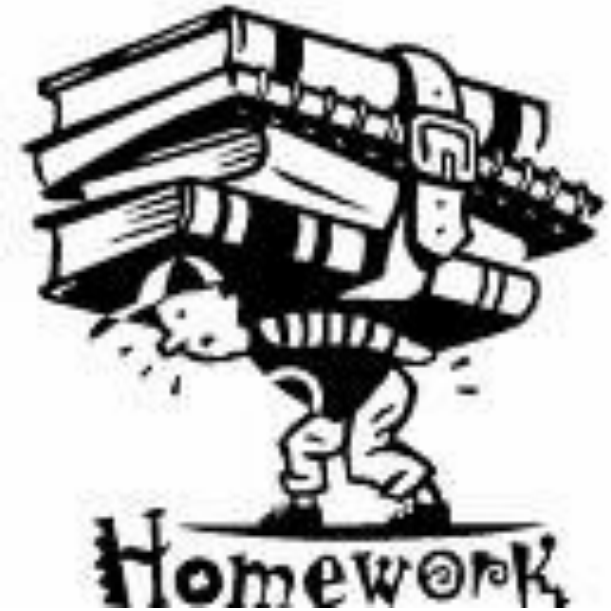
- Bully Free Program
- Social Skills Groups
- SEL Classroom Lessons






# Homework

- Check homework folders
- Enrichment opportunities are always available upon request or teacher suggestion



# Independent Readers

- Decodable Books



# Janitors/Custodians

- Mr. Gassmann
- Mrs. Fitzpatrick
- Mr.  Idrobo



# Kindergarten Program

- Enhances the love of learning
- Provides a rich and stimulating environment that promotes self-esteem, social development, and academic skills




- Offers differentiated instruction
- Administers periodic assessments used for reporting and target instruction
- Assigns homework

# Kindergarten Schedule

- Morning Meeting/Calendar Time (work on math skills, months, days of the week, counting days in school and days left)
- Language Arts/Balanced Literacy: Reader/Writer Workshop
- Centers
- Snack
- Special
- LUNCH/ Recess
- Quiet time/ Reading
- Math (EnVision Series)
- Centers
- Social Studies
- Science (FOSS Program)
- Dismissal



# Kindergarten Readiness

Kindergarten Readiness Parent Resource



# Labeling and Library

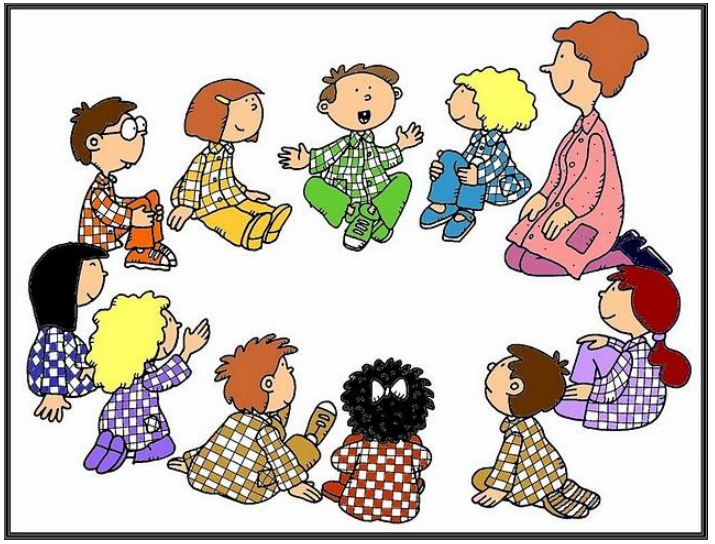
- Please label EVERYTHING you send into school. This includes:
  - Water bottles
  - Backpacks
  - Winter Clothes



- Media Specialist-Mrs. Kaminsky
  - Mrs. Gareffa
- Weekly

# Morning Meeting

- Daily Morning Meeting
  - Calendar
- Message
- SEL Lessons



# Nurse




Nurse Elena Otverchenko
Email: eotverchenko@pthsd.net
Phone: (973) 889 - 3361 Ext 2.

- Attendance: Genesis

Please enter into Genesis under the parent portal when you know that your child will be absent or late (for any reason) before 9:00 AM on the day of absence.

- Emergency Information

Information which will be used to contact you if your child is sick at school or an emergency occurs.

- Website/ Nurse Site
- Allergies / Healthy Snacks & Water

# Nurse




## Children Who Are Ill

Please do **NOT** send your child to school if he/she has had:

- **diarrhea/vomited within the last 24 hours**
- **a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or greater in the last 24 nours**
- **an unidentified rash**
- **pink/red eyes accompanied by discharge from eyes**

## Being Ready for School in September

**Physical Examinations -** Please note that all ***School Physicals for Kindergarten*** are due **prior to the start of school** in September.

**Immunizations -** Proper documentation of all state required immunizations to start kindergarten

## Medications

Policy as per the BOE that includes both prescription and over-the-counter/non-prescription medications

The nurse may not administer any medication without the completion of physician's orders.

# On the First Day of Kindergarten

# September 2nd

- Parents who drop off students may bring them to the blacktop 8:45. After the first day, please use the carpool line or back entrance of the school.
- Students ride the bus by themselves.
- Students will line up on the blacktop and their teacher will meet them. They will then walk into the building when the bell rings.
- Parents may not visit the classroom.

**Meet and Greet**

**September 1st**



# Principal

- Mrs. Toomey matoomey@pthsd.net



# Parent Teacher Association
# PTA




- Executive Cabinet 2026-2027

  President- Bridget McMahon
  Vice President- Samantha Panek
  Alicia Sheffield
  Recording Secretary- Yelena Ferreira
  Corresponding Secretary-Aruni Goonerathnb
  Treasurer- Erica Travis
- Wednesdays 7:00PM
- Sponsor fundraisers
- Support academic

programming and special events



# Questions

- District Website
- School Website
- Handbook
- Main Office



# Recess

- Recess will take place after lunch.
- Playground Supervision

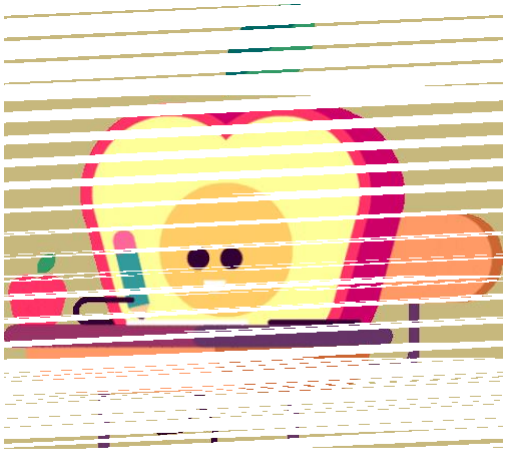


# Screener

District Screener

Administered by Kindergarten Teachers & Staff

Appointments- 30 minutes
Tuesday, June 2nd
Wednesday, June 3rd



Please sign up!

# Secretary and Specials

- Secretary
  - Mrs. Dickerson
- Assistants
  - Mrs. Tapia
  - Mrs. Brecka
- Art- Mrs. Gallagher
- Gym- Mrs. Billman
- Library – Mrs. Kaminsky
  - Mrs. Gareffa
- Music – Mrs. Iappica
- Spanish- Mrs. Rosazza



# SKIP

- Before and After Care Program
  - Location Mt. Tabor School
  - Start 7:15 AM
  - Dismissal 6:00 PM
- Parsippany Adult & Community Education
  - 292 Parsippany Road
  - 973-263-7200 Ext. 4342



# Snack & Supplies

- Daily
- Healthy
- Water Bottle

Supply List







# Technology

- Chromebooks
- Clever
- Resources and Websites
  - Raz Kids
  - iReady
  - See Saw Learning Platform



# Unexpected Alarms

- Fire Drills
- Lockdown Drills
- Evacuation Drills

Parent Notifications



# Volunteers

- Classroom Volunteers
  - Special Classroom Event Helpers
  - Mystery Readers

- PTA Volunteers
  - Room Parents (holiday parties)
  - Book Fairs
  - Field Day

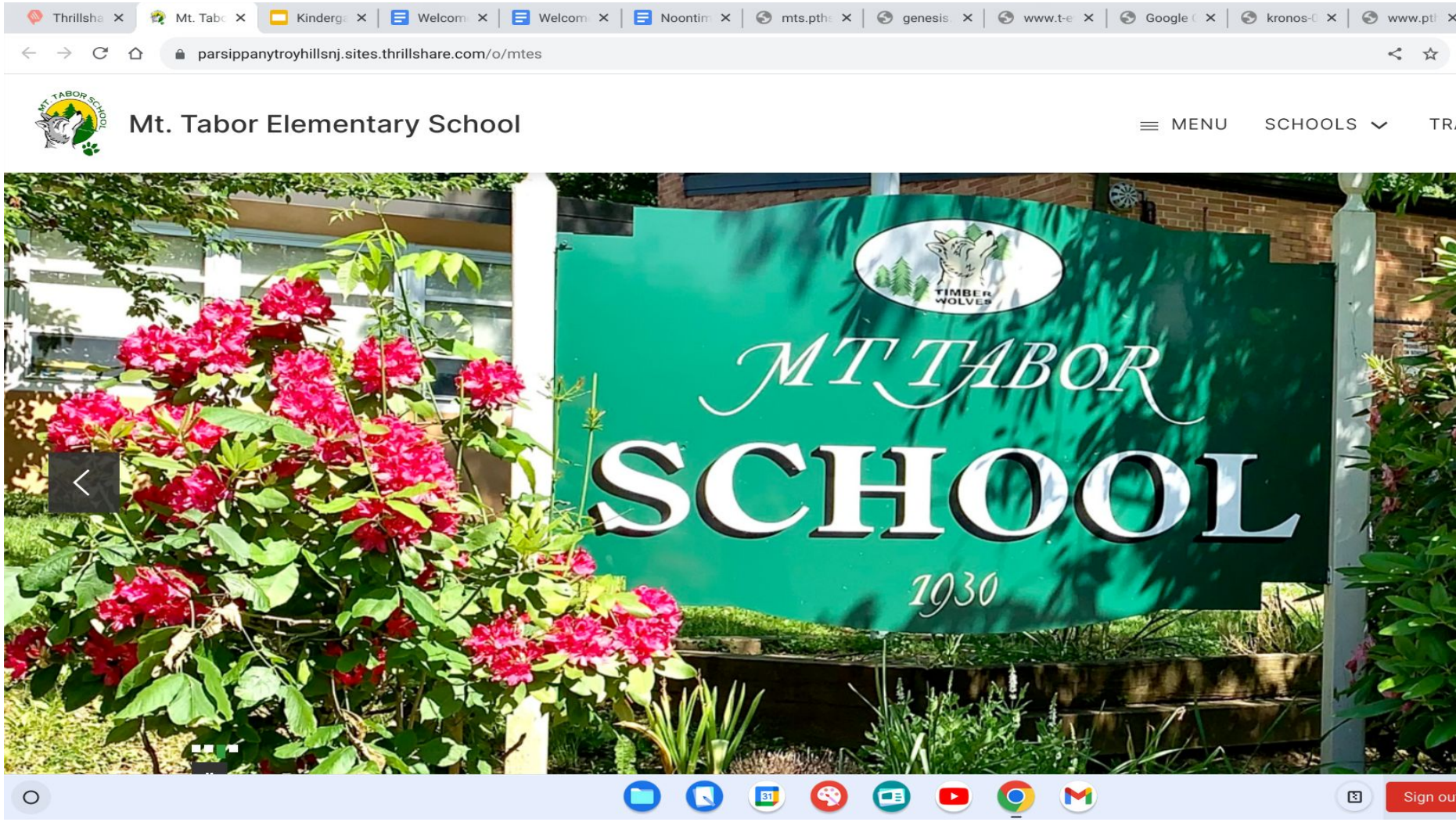


# Wash and Wear Clothes

- Everyday clothing
- Sneakers for gym
- Accident clothing
  - place in labeled ziplock bag
  - may need to be replenished during the year



# Website


parsippanytroyhillsnj.sites.thrillshare.com/o/mtes
Mt. Tabor Elementary School
MENU
SCHOOLS
TIMBER WOLVES
MT TABOR
SCHOOL
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# X-tra After School Activities

- SKIP
- Boy Scouts
- Girl Scouts
- PTA sponsored programs







# You'll Love Mt Tabor's Special Events

- One School, One Book
- One School, Many Cultures
- Spirit Days
- Cultural Arts Programs
- Halloween Parade
- Read Across America Week
- Holiday Concert
- Spring Carnival
- Spring Concert
- Field Day



# Zooming to the Stars!

We're looking forward to a great year of working together as a team!

