

# F.N. BROWN SCHOOL

*From the Desk of Dr. Anthony Lanzo, Principal*

August 2016

Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope you and your families are having an enjoyable summer vacation. The staff and I are looking forward to another successful year for your children at our school. **The first day of school is Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>.** Please review the information contained in this letter for the beginning of the school year.

## **School Hours**

Kindergarten	8:30 am to 12:30 pm
Grades 1 - 4 including Ms. Connallon's class	8:30 am to 2:45 pm

## **Traffic and Safety**

Students are to use the crossing guard and crosswalk at the front of the building to cross Grove Avenue. If students are dropped off on the opposite side of Grove Avenue, parents should make sure that their child(ren) utilize the crossing guard to cross the street. We ask that parents do not make exceptions for themselves. The children model their behavior after you. If they see adults crossing anywhere, they will assume permission to do so. The time to take this procedure seriously is before an accident.

**Cars should not enter the driveway (side of school) or Teacher's Parking Lot (across from school) to drop off or pick up students.** Cars crossing the sidewalk in front of the school pose a serious safety risk to students.

## **Arrival – First Day of School**

**We will have an outside line up (weather permitting) on the first day of school. Kindergartners** will meet their teachers outside of the library door entrance on the first day of school between 8:15 and 8:30 am. **Grades 1 and 2** teachers will greet their classes outside of the main entrance (center doors) between 8:15 and 8:30 am. **Grades 3 and 4** will meet their teachers outside of the auditorium entrance between 8:15 and 8:30 am. The classroom teachers will lead all students to the classrooms. Ms. Connallon's class should line up daily with their homeroom (K, 1 or 2) and Mrs. Sapienza's class should line up daily with their homeroom (grades 3 or 4) respectively as well.

## ***Please Note:***

**Students will line up inside the building beginning on Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> through the last day of school at the assigned areas (Kindergarten/Library, Grades 1 and 2/Main Office Hallway, Grades 3 and 4/Auditorium Foyer) for safety and traffic reasons. We are located on a busy county road; therefore, we have a daily indoor line up. The students will be supervised by the staff and the Principal beginning at 8:15 am each day. Please do not send your child(ren) to school before 8:15 am since supervision is not available.**

## **Lunch**

Lunch supervision (Grades 1-4 including Ms. Connallon's class and Mrs. Sapienza's class) will be provided starting the first day of school. A lunch with a drink should be brought. **No food is served during the month of September.** Pomptonian lunch, the district sponsored lunch program, will serve lunch on most days beginning in mid-October. The SCA will provide various lunches throughout the school year as well. Both lunch programs will be explained in later notices.

## Snack

A healthy snack for ALL K-4 students should be brought each day beginning on the first day of school.

## School Communications

On the first day of school a packet of notices will be sent home. Return requests are made on many of these notices; please try to complete and return them as requested. During the school year, notices will be sent home via hard copy every Wednesday. The school Newsletter is published on a monthly basis via email. Please take special note of our SCA board meetings held throughout the school year. The meetings are conducted in the school library at 7:00 PM and ALL parents are cordially invited. The dates have been outlined in the Joint SCA booklet. Reminder notices highlighting upcoming SCA meetings will be sent home throughout the school year.

### *Please Note:*

Separated or divorced parents who are currently not living with their child(ren) and who desire to receive regular communication from the school should put the request in writing to the school office indicating name, current address, and telephone number. **This request should be repeated each school year.**

## Welcome!

**Mrs. Maria Perri** is returning to FNB! She will be joining the kindergarten team again. Mrs. Perri recently taught kindergarten at FNB prior to her recent maternity leave of absence. Prior to teaching kindergarten, Mrs. Perri taught first and second grade at our school. She also has taught Reading Intervention at all four elementary schools. Prior to joining the F.N. Brown team in 2007, Mrs. Perri taught kindergarten in the Newark Public Schools. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Education at Montclair State University and a Master's Degree in Reading at Teacher's College - Columbia University. Mrs. Perri is a certified Reading Specialist. Welcome Back Mrs. Perri!

**Mrs. Jeani Sapienza** will be joining us as one of our special education teachers. She will be teaching our LLD-2 class for students in grades 3 and 4. Mrs. Sapienza has been teaching the LLD-2 class at Forest Avenue School for the past 13 years. Prior to teaching in Verona, Mrs. Sapienza taught kindergarten in the Livingston Public Schools. Mrs. Sapienza is certified in elementary education and special education. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in English from Montclair State College and a Master's Degree in Special Education from The College of St. Elizabeth. Welcome Mrs. Sapienza!

**Ms. Dana Casale** will be joining us full time in her role as a special education teacher. This past school year she worked as a resource room teacher at both Brookdale and FNB schools. She will be working with students at F.N. Brown in grades K-4. Ms. Casale is certified in elementary education and special education. She is also certified in the Orton-Gillingham reading approach. She brings more than six years of teaching experience to the classroom. Ms. Casale is currently working on her degree in Educational Leadership with certifications as a Supervisor and Principal. Welcome back Ms. Casale!

Enjoy the remaining summer vacation days! See you in September. The staff and I are looking forward to an **awesome** school year!

***SCHOOL OPENS: Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>***

Warm regards,

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