



**THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**Parkway Elementary School**

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Dear Parents/Guardians/Students:

**Welcome!** I hope you have enjoyed your summer and that you have been reading and recording the number of pages read and practicing your math facts. School will be starting soon, and I hope that you are looking forward to returning or, in the case of kindergartners, beginning school. As communicated throughout the summer, in light of the current health emergency we have been hard at work getting ready for the new school year at Parkway School.

This year finds us with a number of staff changes at Parkway Elementary School. **New staff:** Kelly Pickard (Pre-School/PreK) and Jacquelynn Parker (SpEd K/1); **Grade level changes:** Howard Taylor (5<sup>th</sup> Math/Sci/SS), Stacey McKenna (5<sup>th</sup> ELA); **Virtual teachers:** Shirley Clugston (K), Carrie Comer (1<sup>st</sup>), Melissa Shaw (2<sup>nd</sup> Math/Sci/SS), Leigh Cline (2<sup>nd</sup> ELA), Eve Schroeder (3<sup>rd</sup>), Eric Thomas (4<sup>th</sup>), Lauren Rudowski (5<sup>th</sup> Math/Sci/SS), Erin Groeger (5<sup>th</sup> ELA), Anelyse Porreca (5<sup>th</sup> SpEd), Nicole Mulry (G&T) and Rachel Land (CST)

**Back to School Night is on Thursday, September 17<sup>th</sup>.** It will be conducted virtually. More information to follow once school starts

**The first day of school is Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.** School hours are 9:00 AM to 1:40 PM. Students in Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and all students with an IEP will begin in person on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Students in grades 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will begin remotely on September 9<sup>th</sup> and then will transition to in person on September 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you need information about the complimentary wrap around child care from 1:40 pm to 3:40 pm for kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students or full day child care for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students please call x5100. If you need information about Parkway School's morning or afternoon Extended Day Program (EDP), please call Ms. Michelle Garrison at (609) 538-9800, X7179.

If you are a bus student, remember the bus will pick you up at the location listed on your bus pass in Genesis. Do not go to another bus stop. Your bus pass is only valid at your stop. Bus assignments can be found on the Genesis parent portal under the bus tab section for your student(s). If you should need assistance, please contact the main office at extension X5100.

On the first day, teachers will be available to help you find where you line up as you arrive at school. Socially distanced markers have been painted on the school sidewalk for members of the same family to stand on. New this year, kindergarten and first grade students will have morning drop off and afternoon pick up on the back blacktop area. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade families please follow the path/signs to the rear playground. The kindergarten and first grade teachers will be there to receive your child(ren) and answer any general questions. Morning drop off and afternoon pick up for students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> will occur on the front sidewalk.

Throughout the summer the district has shared its plan to keep the students and the school environment healthy and safe during this continuing health emergency. Due to increased public health and safety measures

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parents/guardians will not be allowed to walk their child(ren) to class and any items that need to be dropped off at school will be done in the front entryway. All parent/staff (Teacher, Dean of Students, Principal, Guidance, CST) meetings will be conducted via telephone or Google meet.

Students are able to buy lunch and milk daily. Younger and new students are encouraged to bring their lunch for the first few days or weeks of school until they become familiar with the cafeteria procedures. Information about breakfast/lunch prices and about the free and reduced breakfast/lunch program is provided on the district website [ewing.k12.nj.us].

Please inform our school nurse, Mrs. Kocubinski (X5125), about any pertinent medical information about your child that may have changed. **Also, if your child is going to be absent from school, please call our 24 Hour Tele-Safe Line at (609) 538-9800, X5100 to report the absence. Please email ([jbollingepifanio@ewingboe.org](mailto:jbollingepifanio@ewingboe.org) or [jkocubinski@ewingboe.org](mailto:jkocubinski@ewingboe.org)) or send a note to school with your child(ren) when he or she returns to state the reason for the absence so that it can be excused.**

If at any time you have any questions or concerns or need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Callea (X5105), Mrs. Donato (x5110) or myself (X5102). At Parkway School, we aspire to develop students who are academically strong, civilly minded and emotionally balanced. We also endeavor to work with every student and his/her family to celebrate each child's strengths, cultures, differences, traditions and heritages.

Your child's assigned teacher can be viewed on Genesis.

Again, enjoy your remaining summer days and I look forward to seeing you (in person or via Google classroom) on September 9<sup>th</sup> and beyond.

Sincerely,

Nicole N. W. Harris  
Principal