
Welcome!

Spruce Run School Preschool Information Night 23-24



Our Preschool Team

Preschool Teachers:

- Maggie Bradford
- Laura Krupnik
- Adriana King
- Heather Newland
- Jennifer Patuto

Teaching Assistants:

- Leonora Possumato
- Tammi Branch
- Casey Cook
- Gabriella Rodriguez/Tiene Russo
- Shrutee Sharma

Supervisor of Special Services and Instruction

- Stephanie Rosa

Preschool Instructional Coach

- Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva

Our Preschool Team

Main Office Staff

- Irene Amante AM Secretary
- PM Secretary

School Nurse

- Lori Jentsch

Nurses' Aide

- Alina Chavette

Social Worker

- Melissa Torrey

Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant

- Kristina Knapp

School Psychologist

- Allison Lefebvre

Behavior Specialist

- Elise Pozensky-Cohen

Speech Language Specialist

- Lauren Besecker

Occupational Therapist

- Amy Frey

Physical Therapist

- Carole Ottens

HIB Specialist

- Stephanie Rodrigues-Silva

A Special Thank You!

The full day preschool program has been a large task for the district. I would like to thank the following individuals:

- Dr. Melissa Stager, Superintendent
- Jennifer Paccione, Director of Special Services
- Melissa Goad, PMG Principal
- Maggie Bradford, Laura Krupnick, Jennifer Patuto, and Leonora Possumato, Lauren Besecker, Amy Frey, Allison Lefebvre, and Kristina Knapp
- Custodial Staff and Secretarial Staff
- Central Office Staff
- Parent Advisory Committee

It truly takes a village and I am so thankful to work with such a great team!

Program Logistics

- Students must be 3 Years old by October 1st
- Follows the Clinton Township School District calendar
- Early Dismissal/Delayed opening schedule
- Parent-Teacher Conferences are held in and April
- Peanut/Tree Nut Free Classrooms
- Rest Time
- Lunch Time
- Please send in a lunch that can be eaten as is.
 - Menus each month on website
 - Order online 1x per week.
- Handbook is available on the website

Registration & Health Office Information

Required Documentation

- Pre-registration on district website and required documents to Carmella Shaw
- Immunization records (Flu shot)
- Physical exam forms (physical exam done within 365 days of starting school in September)
- Health History Form
- Special forms for medication administration in school

Spruce Run Preschool Individual Supply List

Backpack

Your child will need a backpack tall enough to hold a two-pocket folder. The type with a zipper is best.

Labeling

It is a good idea to mark the things that your child brings to school with their first initial and last name.

Spare Clothing

Each child will need to have a spare set of clothing to keep at school in case of an accident.

Spruce Run Preschool Individual Supply List

Bedding

Rest time is an important part of your child's busy school day. Each child will need one small light blanket labeled with your child's name. The blanket will be sent home every Friday. Please wash your child's blanket and return it on Monday.

Folders

At the start of the program, your child will receive a home-school communication folder. The folder will be used to send important notices and activities between home and school.

Return the folder each day, and we will do the same.

Spruce Run Preschool Community Supply List

While we will provide most of your major school supplies, we have compiled a list of suggested items children will need for preschool. Through Responsive Classroom Principles, we work to establish a sense of community. Many of our supplies will be stored and used collectively in our classes. We ask that you not label items.

- A box of tissues
- A bottle of hand sanitizer
- A box of crayons
- A box of markers
- 2 glue sticks
- A pack of baby wipes
- A bottle of shaving cream (not gel)

Wish List - These items are optional, but donations of these items are greatly appreciated.

- Freezer Bags All Sizes
- Extra Crib Sheets
- Small Blankets
- Spare Clothes - Socks, pants, shirts
- Dry Erase Markers
- Play-Doh

OPEN HOUSE

We are excited to offer two opens houses for our preschool families. This is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet their teacher and see their classroom!

- December 22nd from 11:00-12:30
- January 2nd from 11:00-1:00

District Information:

Regular Day Schedule

The regular day schedule for PK is **9:15 am-3:25 pm**. Doors open at 9:15 am.

Half-Day Schedule

On a half-day schedule, the preschool hours are: **9:15 am-1:15 pm**. Please make all necessary arrangements for drop-off and pick-up schedules on these designated days.

Lunch will not be provided. Students are encouraged to bring a large snack.

Delayed Opening Schedule

On a delayed opening schedule, the PK hours are: **11:15 am- 3:25 pm**. Please make arrangements to have your child dropped off and picked up on time. Doors open at 11:15 am.

ARRIVAL and DISMISSAL Communication Form:

A google form, SRS Automatic Arrival/Dismissal Form, will be sent home to parents to give you an opportunity to let us know how you plan to have your child arrive at school and be dismissed each day. We will plan according to the information we receive. The information that you supply on this form will take effect immediately and will BEGIN on January 3rd, The FIRST Day of school.

Dismissal Changes:

Sometimes it is necessary for a child to leave school early or for you to change your child's dismissal plan. The following options are available:

- Fill out the [SRS Dismissal Change Form](#) which can be found on the District Website under SRS Links.

- The student can submit a note from the parent to the classroom teacher stating:
 - The student's name
 - The reason for leaving early/dismissal change
 - A telephone number for a parent/guardian contact

The parent must sign his/her child out in the office before the child leaves the building. Be prepared to show a picture ID, for safety purposes.

Absence or Tardy Reporting

Absence or Tardy Reporting:

It is in the best interest of your child and other children to keep your child at home when they are ill. Your child needs to be healthy in order to actively participate at school. Children may ask to come to school even when they are ill. While your child might be disappointed, please keep him/her at home for the following reasons: contagious illness, vomiting, diarrhea and fever.

We understand that there are times when a student must be late, due to an appointment, please notify the office in one of the following ways:

If you need to report that your student will be absent or late, please follow one of the following options:

- Fill out the [Absence/Tardy Form](#) that can be found on our district website under SRS Links.
- Call our Early Alert system at 908-735-7916 and hit the prompt for Early Alert.

If your child becomes ill at school, you will be called and asked to pick them up promptly. If your child will be absent, please call the school the morning of the absence. On the day of your child's return, please send a note explaining the reason for absence.

Arrival Procedures

Bus Riders:

Buses will drop off in the back of Spruce Run and students will enter through the double doors by the gym.

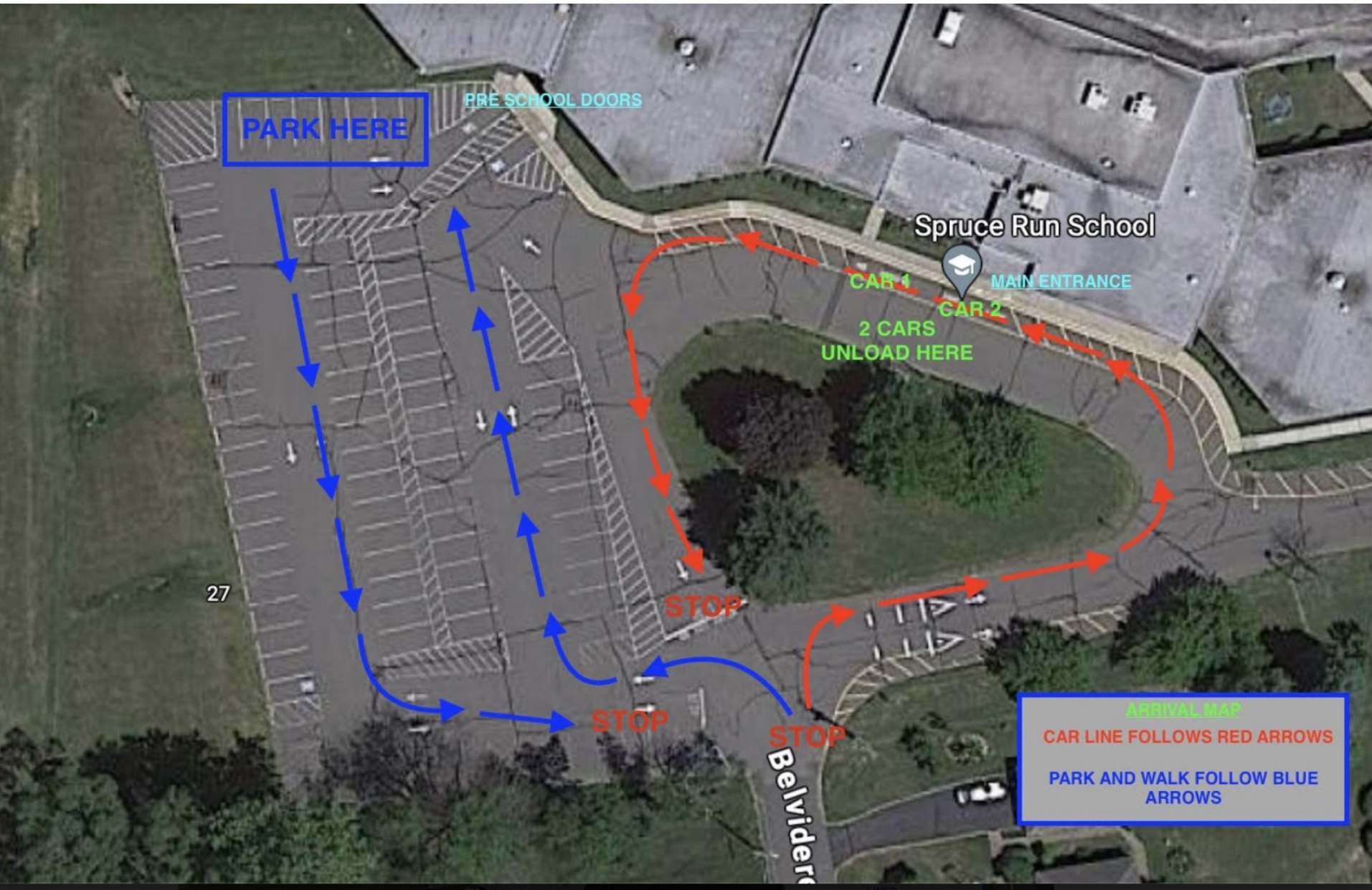
Car Line:

Parents will use the Belvidere Avenue entrance. You will turn RIGHT into the parking lot and drive around the perimeter of the circle using the left lane, and proceed to the main entrance door. Cars will be unloaded 2 at a time. When it is your turn, pull into the front spots, staff will be there to unload the students. Please have your child positioned on the right hand side of the car with their backpacks on the floor in front of them. Once your child is safely out of the car, please proceed with caution as you exit to the left after the circle. Please wait until the vehicles ahead of you have moved forward, and do not pull around other vehicles until the lane is clear. For the safety of all, one single lane will be utilized.

PARK and WALK:

Parents will use the Belvidere Avenue entrance. You will proceed to the LEFT parking lot. You may park in one of the spots designated for Pre School parking. Parents can then walk their student to a staff member at the door. When leaving, you will exit through the right hand lane closest to the baseball fields. Please be mindful of other drivers as you leave.

Arrival Map



Dismissal Procedures

Bus Riders:

Students will be escorted out to the buses at the Main Entrance Doors. Teachers or Teaching Assistants will assist students with buckling into their car seat.

Parent Pick Up:

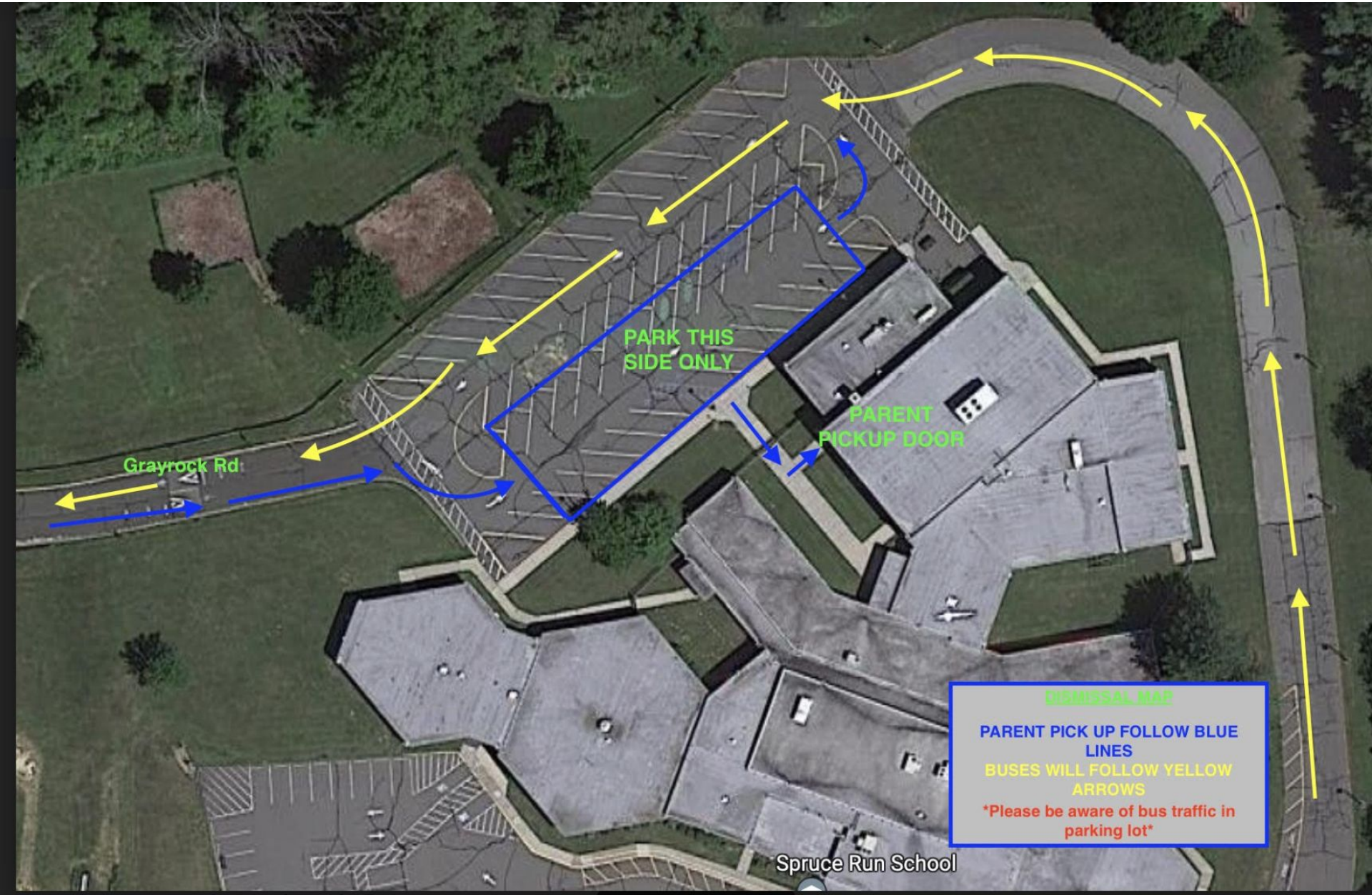
Parents will use the Grayrock Access Rd and park in the back of the building. Please see the map below to see where to park. Parents will then walk to the Gym doors and check out their child. Please have your ID ready to show our staff. When exiting the parking lot, please be mindful of other drivers and please be aware of the bus traffic coming through from the front of the building.

*If you are picking your child up early, please use the designated PreSchool spots, come to the main entrance doors and ring the bell.

YMCA:

Students going to YMCA After Care will be dismissed to their staff from their classroom.

Dismissal Map



Grayrock Rd

PARK THIS
SIDE ONLY

PARENT
PICKUP DOOR

DISMISSAL MAP

PARENT PICK UP FOLLOW BLUE
LINES

BUSES WILL FOLLOW YELLOW
ARROWS

*Please be aware of bus traffic in
parking lot*

Spruce Run School

YMCA Before and Aftercare



**BUILDING
BRIGHT
FUTURES**

AFFORDABLE RATES. FUN ACTIVITIES. FRIENDSHIPS.

UNIVERSAL PRE-K BEFORE & AFTER CARE PROGRAM

YMCA of Bucks and Hunterdon Counties provides before and after school care for UPK families of Clinton Township.

- New program set to begin Monday, February 5th (pending NJ Licensing Approval).
- Children must be 3 years old and potty trained.
- Programming is limited to 3.5 hours per day per NJ licensing regulations.

**BEFORE AND AFTER
CARE AVAILABLE
ON-SITE
AT SPRUCE RUN
ELEMENTARY**

PRICING & DETAILS CONTACT:
Wendy Crocetti
Wcrocetti@ymcabhc.org

NON-REFUNDABLE

Before and Aftercare for the Month of January

Clinton Township School District is pleased to offer Before/After School Care for their Preschool Program. Hunterdon County ESC (a NJ School District) is offering program services at Spruce Run School for the month of January as the YMCA prepares to be up and running the program in February 2024.

This program will be housed at the Clinton Township Spruce Run School, where Preschool is being held. Preschoolers registered in the Before/After Care Program, will be provided childcare before/after the preschool program hours.

- Hunterdon County ESC will host the program starting Wednesday, January 3, 2024 and will continue until Friday, February 2, 2024 - when the YMCA program is set to begin Monday, February 5, 2023
- Children must be 3 years old and FULLY potty trained (no pull-ups)
- Programming is limited to 3.5 hours per day per NJ licensing regulations. Hours offered are 7:00 am - 9:15 am and/or 3:25 pm - 6:00 pm (Total of before/after care is limited to 3.5 hours combined)

A registration form will be coming out shortly. It will be located on the website and will be distributed with our weekly communication with families.

What is the Preschool Program?

- Integrated Approach to Play and Language Based Learning
- Teachers, Therapists, Multiple Ages and Abilities
- Creative Curriculum
- Peer Modeling of Social, Play and Language Skills
- Focus on Independence, Exploration, and Reinforcement of new skills
- Refinement and Expansion of Social, Language and Academic skills
- Experienced teachers and teaching assistants

Our Daily Schedule

9:15-9:30 - Arrival, preparation, and choice activities

9:30-9:50 - Group meeting

9:50-10:40 - Choice time

10:40-11:00 - Cleanup, handwashing, and snack

11:00-11:40 - Outdoor choice time

11:40-12:00 - Small groups

12:00-12:20 - Read aloud

12:20-1:00 - Lunch

1:00-1:45 - Rest and quiet activities

1:45-2:15 - Outdoor choice time

2:15-2:35 - Read aloud

2:35-3:10 - Limited choices and small groups

3:10-3:25 - Group meeting and departures



What is Group Snack?

- Group snack is served family style. With this type of meal service, teachers can model and develop key concepts for children, including: Opportunities to try new foods and politely decline food they have tasted and don't enjoy yet. Understanding appropriate use of utensils. Assistance with setting and cleaning the table after the meal.
- Parents are asked to donate snacks to the classroom for students to share. A list will be provided.
- A new snack is introduced each week.

Why Group Snack?

- Builds a community within the classroom-Works on using manners (please, thank you, no thank you)
- Works on a variety of language skills (manners, can I have more please? Asking for help) and self advocacy skills
- Introduces students to new foods they may not try at home
- They see their friends trying new foods
- Math and social skills: Asking someone to set the table, 1:1 correspondence, quantity concepts
- Works on fine motor skill (opening things, peeling a banana/orange)
- Cooking in Preschool: following directions, sequencing and self help skills, recipes for home

Breakfast and Lunch

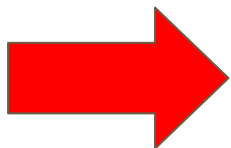
- Parents will have the opportunity to order breakfast and lunch for their child through Maschio's.
- A breakfast and lunch menu will be available each month on the Preschool website.
- Payment will be through PaySchools Central. This can also be accessed on the Preschool website.
- A Google Form will be sent to parents each week. You are asked to order lunch for the entire week by Sunday evening.
- Lunch will be served in the classroom.

Parent Portal

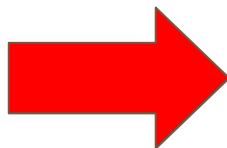
Clinton Township School District uses PowerSchool as our student information system to maintain and store student demographics, attendance, grades, and other essentials. It is the hub of our student data, used by teachers and administration on a daily basis.

As a parent/guardian, you have access to the Parent Portal web page in PowerSchool. You can use this site to access and maintain contact information, as well as viewing their student's attendance.

www.ctsdnj.org



Parents

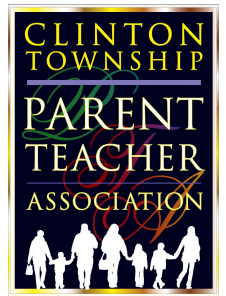
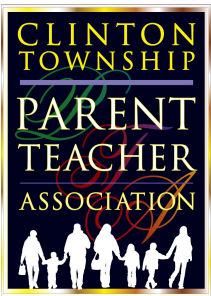


Parent Portal

https://ctsdnj.org/parents/parent_portal

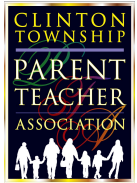
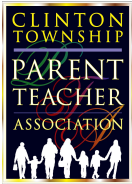
Parent Teacher Association

**We would like to Welcome out PTA
President Tara Oliveira**



Clinton Township PTA





PTA Leadership

Clinton Township PTA is operated by a large number of volunteers, who generously give of their time to enhance the educational experience of all students. We invite all families to participate in our PTA, so please reach out the PTA President, any Executive Board member, or the coordinator of specific events/fundraisers if you would like to get involved.

The PTA Executive Board is comprised of the following executive officers, each serving a two-year term. For the 2022-2023 school year, your officers are:

- **President, Tara Oliveira** (term 2023-2025) ctsdpta@gmail.com - Oversees the administration of the Clinton Township Parent Teacher Association.
- **Vice President, Activities, Kelly Boyle** (term 2023-2025) kboyle922@gmail.com - Oversees all PTA student events and PTA-sponsored assemblies within the District.
- **Vice President, Fundraising, Erin Daley** (appointed to complete term 2022-2024) erinirene100@hotmail.com - Oversees all PTA fundraisers within the District.
- **Vice President, Volunteers, Jaclyn Cancela** (term 2023-2025) jaclynsannik@me.com - Oversees home room parents, staff appreciation, and Gallery Time, coordinates volunteer recruitment, and presides over the Nomination Committee to fill open leadership positions in Spring.
- **Treasurer, Richard Hall** (term 2022-2024) ctptatreasurer@gmail.com - Manages all financial aspects of the PTA.
- **Corresponding Secretary, Sabrina Henneman** (term 2023-2025) ptaannouncements@gmail.com - Manages external PTA correspondence; maintains PTA member email database, PTA website and PTA Facebook page; publicizes PTA events & fundraisers.
- **Recording Secretary, Katherine Kelsey** (appointed to complete term 2022-2024) ktkels@gmail.com - Records and distributes minutes at all PTA meetings and prepares final copy with President's signature for archiving.

How to Get Involved

- Create your account on our website to begin receiving emails and staying up to date on activities, events, and fundraisers happening within our district. You can also download the Membership Toolkit app to have one stop access to your messages, PTA store, Calendar, Directory, and much more!

https://login.membershiptoolkit.com/login-form?r=%2Fuser_organizations

- Make purchases through the PTA store for items such as
 - Membership - \$10 for individual or \$16 for families (2 adults)
 - Directory, Calendar, Memo Notepads, Discount Cards, etc.
 - Support grade level activities and much more
- In class celebrations @ SRS, PMG, & RVS (4 parents per class per celebration) Homeroom parents and additional parents plan each celebration and volunteer to assist each class in making the day a success (contact Jaclyn Cancela for more information)
 - Fall - 10/31/23
 - Winter - 12/22/23
 - Read Across America - 3/1/24
 - Field Days - 6/5/24
- Various district wide events, activities, & fundraisers
 - Welcome back Socials
 - Fall events - Book Fair, Pumpkin Carving, Trunk or Treat, Diversity Night, Charleston Wrap, Clothing Drive, etc.
 - Winter events - Winter Wonderland, Bingo, Holiday Shop, Movie Night, Pencil Grams, etc.
 - Spring events - Gertrude Hawk, Tricky Tray, Science Night, Talent Show, Clothing Drive, Staff Appreciation, etc.
- Coordinators - are an essential part to the success of the PTA. We need at least two coordinators for every event and fundraiser supported by the PTA. We have something for everyone! If you are interested in helping to coordinate an activity, event, or fundraiser, please contact any PTA Executive Board member and we will be happy to review all options with you.
- The PTA is proud to support and work with each school on coordinating in-school assemblies that directly correlate to the education and further enrichment of each student.
- New this year! - The PTA is excited to partner with the Harlem Wizards during February and March 2024 to bring assemblies to each school to inspire our students to keep moving and grooving during the winter months! SRS, PMG, & RVS will participate in the “WIZFIT Challenge” followed by a Basketball game “Teachers vs Wizards”.

Thank You for coming!

Questions?

Stephanie Rosa, Supervisor of Special Services and
Instruction: srosa@ctsdnj.org; 908 442-5328