

EGG HARBOR CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mrs. Adrienne Shulby Superintendent

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Dear Spragg School Families,

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year. I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the final days of summer vacation. Every Spragg school staff member has been working very hard to prepare for the return of our wonderful students. There is a lot of excitement ahead of us this year, including new teachers to meet, new books to read, new friends to make and new skills to master.

Student academic success is the main goal of every staff member at the Spragg School. Children receive the best education when you and our dedicated teachers work together as a team. I ask for your support and participation in this effort by sending your child to school every day on time, encouraging your child to read at home, monitoring your child's homework and grades, and asking your child to share what they learned at school each day.

I have enclosed some important information for you and your child to review to help your child's school year start smoothly. Please take the time to read and review what I have enclosed and feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

## All families must complete a COVID clearance form for their child(ren). This form can be found on the district website under the Parent/Student link. This must be completed prior to the first day of school. According to the NJDOE, NJDOE and CDC masks will be required for all students.

Enjoy the rest of your summer break and I look forward to seeing all of the students on the first day of school – Thursday, September 2, 2021.

Sincerely,

Adrienne Shulby

Superintendent

P.S. – Have you visited our school web site lately? <u>www.eggharborcityschools.com</u>Add it to your favorites!

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## IMPORTANT SPRAGG SCHOOL INFORMATION

## 1. FIRST & SECOND DAY OF SCHOOL (Sept. 2 & 3):

School will open for all students on Thursday, September 2. All K-3<sup>rd</sup> grade students are expected to <u>report to the</u> <u>Spragg "playground" no later than 8:15 a.m.</u> Students will line-up by homeroom and be escorted by their teachers to their new classrooms. Preschool students should report to the Preschool entrance on Buffalo Avenue. **On the first and second day of school, there will be an early dismissal at 12:20 p.m. and no lunch will be served either day.** 

## 2. FULL DAY SCHEDULE (begins Tuesday, September 7):

Regular school hours are from 8:20 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Each school day, students are expected to report to the school no earlier than 8:10 a.m. **The late bell rings at 8:20 a.m.** <u>Students entering late must enter and sign in through the front office.</u>

- 3. BREAKFAST & LUNCH: Breakfast and lunch will be served to all students every day at no cost.
- 4. <u>STUDENT DRESS CODE:</u> A good partnership requires parents or guardians to say "no" at home regarding dress so the school can devote its time to instruction. Any attire or grooming which is unreasonable, unsafe, immodest, sloppy, or which affects the classroom atmosphere adversely, or which creates behavior difficulty, will be considered unacceptable and dealt with accordingly. Please take the time to completely review our dress code in the Parent/Student Handbook, found online.
- 5. <u>LOST & FOUND</u>: Please label all coats, jackets, sweatshirts, gym clothes, lunchboxes and all other items your child will be bringing to school. Our lost and found grows quickly and we want to be sure that your child gets his/her items returned. All unclaimed items will be donated at the end of each marking period.
- 6. <u>CELLULAR PHONES</u>: Use of cell phones during the school day is prohibited and they must be powered completely off, <u>concealed</u> and secured in a book bag, locker or purse during the school day. Students may use cell phones before and after school hours. Cell phones are strictly prohibited in our classrooms and rest rooms. All communication with parents and guardians during the school day will be facilitated through the Main Office. Failure to follow this rule will result in confiscation and/or disciplinary action.
- 7. <u>HARASSMENT, INTIMIDATION, AND BULLYING:</u> The Egg Harbor City Board of Education prohibits acts of harassment, intimidation and/or bullying and has posted its policy regarding this on the District website. A safe and civil environment in school is necessary for pupils to learn and achieve high academic standards. Harassment, hazing, intimidation, bullying or cyber bullying, like other disruptive or violent behaviors, is conduct that disrupts both a pupil's ability to learn and a school's ability to educate its pupils in a safe environment; and since pupils learn by example, school administrators, faculty, staff and volunteers should be commended for demonstrating appropriate behavior, treating others with civility and respect and refusing to tolerate harassment, intimidation or bullying. An appropriate consequence will be determined after consideration of all factors. Consequences and appropriate remedial action for pupils who commit acts of harassment, intimidation, bullying or cyber bullying may

range from positive behavioral interventions up to and including suspension or expulsion. The appropriate consequence will be consistent with the results of a thorough investigation, Federal and State statutes, District Policy and Regulation and at the discretion of the Principal.

- 8. <u>STUDENT ABSENCES & TARDINESS</u>: By NJ State Law (N.J.S.A. 18A:38-25), school attendance is mandatory for students ages 6 through 16. If a student must be absent, a parent/guardian should call the school no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day of the absence. Parents/guardians may leave a message any time prior to 8:30 a.m. on our voicemail system to inform us of the absence. Call 965-1034 ext. 134 and please give your child's name, grade, reason for absence and any homework requests.
- 9. <u>BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT:</u> MARK YOUR CALENDERS...the Spragg School's Back to School night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 22, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. More information to come!
- **10.** <u>SAFETY:</u> In order to provide for the safety of our students coming and going from school each day the city has provided school crossing guards at designated intersections. It is critical that students use only these guarded intersections when crossing the street. Please stress with your child the importance of crossing at these designed intersections only. These designated intersections are:
  - White Horse Pike (Route 30) and Philadelphia Avenue
  - Philadelphia Avenue and Claudius Street
  - Claudius Street and Buffalo Avenue
  - Buffalo Avenue and Duerer Street
  - St Louis Avenue and Diesterweg Street
  - Diesterweg Street and Havana Avenue

**Those students riding their bike to school must wear a safety helmet**. **This is a New Jersey State Law that must be abided.** If a student is found riding without a helmet, he/she will receive a verbal warning; for any subsequent infraction the bike may be held at school until the child produces a helmet.

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