

OCEAN CITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Cathleen Smith, Principal

Dear Primary School Student,

Welcome to the 2019-2020 school year! I am so excited our **first day of school, Thursday September 5, 2019**, is just weeks away. I hope you had a fun and exciting summer break with friends and family. As we wind down the summer, we will be getting ready for the new school year with new friends, new faces and a new start. I can't wait to see your smiling faces in the hallways. Don't forget your smiles to share with friends when you come back to the Primary School. Smiles are contagious, so please **SHARE YOUR SMILES** with everyone! Please share this important letter with your parents because it has a lot of important information in it.

What follows is also information you need prior to the start of school:

Meet and Greet – We invite you to meet your new teacher and new classroom on Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Emergency Contact/Medical Information- IMPORTANT

The Ocean City School District is excited to announce an online student registration/data validation system for the 2019-2020 school year powered by InfoSnap. The system is a secure and green process, which allows the district to verify all student demographics, emergency, and medical information for your child prior to the start of the new school year. The system will also allow you to electronically sign the annual permissions forms for school district policies. You will receive **IMPORTANT** information on accessing this information in PowerSchool in a few days. Please make sure to update emergency contact information as soon as you receive this information.



School Arrival/Dismissal – School arrival time is 8:35am and you should be at your desk **ready for instruction at 8:45a.m.**

Our first day is Thursday, September 5 and will be a full day. You are dismissed in groups using the following format: Son Club, bus students and then walkers. If your parents are driving you to and from school, you must cross West Avenue only at a corner where the school crossing guard is stationed. Please pull to the curb for drop off and pick-up for everyone's safety. Double parking is not permitted. Parents and guardians are not permitted beyond the lobby of the main entrance for drop off/dismissal.

*Important: Please make sure a note is sent into school if your dismissal routine will be different than the one established. We understand emergency situations arise but please let the office know **by 2:30 of any changes in the dismissal procedure for that day.** This way we can make sure all students are safe and accounted for at the end of the school day.*

Transportation – During the first two weeks of school, PK, Kindergarten and 1st grade students - please wear the name tag that is included with this packet - which contains your lunch number, bus number and teacher name. The first two weeks will be an adjustment period and times for arrival and departure will be established. The rules for bus safety found in the Primary School Policy Booklet and Calendar will be distributed on the first day of school. Please review these with your parents/guardians.

Dismissal Requests From School – A Dismissal Requests from School form is contained in this packet. Please have your parents complete this form and return it to your teacher by **Wednesday, September 11, 2019**. This is very **IMPORTANT** so we know who can pick you up from school. A diagram of our classroom dismissal for parent pick up is also included.

Student Accident Insurance – Please visit our website at <http://oceancity.nj.ocp.schoolinsites.com/> under the “Parents” link to view more information on Student Accident Insurance.



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Attendance – The attendance policy of the Primary School can be located in the Policy Handbook that is distributed on the first day of school. Your regular attendance to school is vital to your education. Please refer to the enclosed district calendar to help you when you are planning family activities. Plus, we really miss you when you are not in school!

Please use these last days of August to prepare for the start of school. Help eliminate anxiety in the morning by having clothes and school supplies ready the night before. **Remember to** establish a bedtime routine that will enable you to get a minimum of eight hours of sleep. **Also, it is very important to make sure you** have enough time for a good breakfast before leaving for school. Sleep is food for the brain and breakfast is food for the body. To have the energy to meet the demands of each school day, you need both. The ability to concentrate is important for success so make sure you eat a good breakfast and get enough sleep.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call us. **I cannot wait to see you at our Meet and Greet the afternoon of Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** and on our first day of school Thursday, September 5, 2019!



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Members of the Ocean City Community have donated a limited amount of school supplies. If you are in need, or know of a family in need of school supplies, please tear off the last page of this letter and return to the main office as soon as possible. Supplies will be distributed on a first come first serve basis.

Sincerely,

Cathleen M. Smith, Principal

Enclosures

Z:\FirstDay\OPENING DAY\Students>Welcome PK-3rd

I/We are in need of school supplies:

Parent(s) Name _____

Child(ren's) Name _____ Girl/Boy (Circle One) Grade _____
(Available for K-3rd Only)

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