

# GLEN ROCK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Welcome to ***The Glen Rock Envelope*** the new weekly district communications email. Congratulations to all of the Glen Rock Seniors, Class of 2020 and those students who are moving up from 5th grade and 8th grade to their new schools.

We will be providing updates from the three committees planning the reopening of Glen Rock Schools for the fall. The three committees are Scheduling, Instruction and PPE. Each committee includes over 20 members from various areas of the district including teachers, nurses, the school physician, administrators, assistants and more.

- **Scheduling Committee Led by Mrs. Tina Bacolas, Assistant Principal of Glen Rock High School:**

The **Scheduling Committees** (K-5 and 6-12 subcommittees) met June 22nd for the second time. The groups of stakeholders discussed several models and considered all logistics with the primary goals of maximizing student-teacher interaction and instructional time while minimizing risk. At this time, we are awaiting state guidelines to narrow our options down to a “best fit” model for all Glen Rock’s schools.

- **Instruction Committee Led by Mr. Paul Cusack, District Coordinator of Special Projects:**

After an initial meeting, the **Instruction Committee** held K-5 and 6-12 subcommittee meetings, June 23rd. The members of the committees discussed multiple options on how to deliver effective and efficient instruction and address the social emotional needs of students, based upon the current guidelines. The Instruction Committee will continue to collaborate with the other committees and is awaiting further guidance from the state.

- **PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Committee Led by Mr. Michael Rinderknecht, Business Administrator/Board Secretary:**

The PPE Committee had our first meeting, and the **PPE Committee** immediately got down to business and made significant headway discussing the various needs for PPE supplies in anticipation for the start of school in September. The PPE needs discussion per the meeting agenda included; face masks, face shields, disposable rubber gloves, touchless hand sanitizer stations, disinfectant wipes and temperature check kiosks among other items.

Given lacking state guidelines relating to PPE requirements for the start of school the committee anticipates a shortage of PPE supplies once guidelines for the re-opening of schools is released and therefore felt it best to expedite orders for PPE supplies.

The committee also discussed possible school re-opening scenarios as they would relate to social distancing in classrooms, social distancing signage, student requirements for the usage of masks,

handling of lunches for the High School/Middle School and the elementary schools, student/staff daily temperature checks as well as visitor temperature checks.

The next PPE committee meeting will be held shortly after the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. In the meantime Don Mutch, Interim Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds is soliciting quotes and finalizing orders for committee agreed upon PPE supplies and Rich Santos, Network Administrator is researching temperature check kiosks that he will forward to the district's nurses all of whom reside and the PPE committee and they will review in preparation for further discussion at the next committee meeting.

Dr. Charleston anticipates receiving NJ Department of Education guidance in the near future. Once the guidance is reviewed, the committees will work within the guidelines to build a plan that works best for Glen Rock students and families. We anticipated that the reopening plan will be shared with the public at the August 4th, 2020 Board of Education meeting.

● **Before and After Care Program 20-21:** GRCS has begun registration for the Before and After Care Program for the Fall of 2020-2021. Please note that the number of students per program will be limited so please register as soon as possible.

In an effort to assist families, tuition for the before and after care program will not be increased this year. In addition, the \$75 registration fee will be waived until August 15<sup>th</sup>. Please view [the chart](#) for further information. [Register](#) // [Email questions](#)

● **Additional Study Skills Class/Camp Added:** Mr. CeCe is offering a class through the GRCS summer program. The first session was sold out and another class has been added. Successful middle school students require a strong foundation in executive functioning skills. Grades 5 - 8 // \$135 // 2:15 - 3:15 PM // August 3 - 7 // [Register](#) // [Email questions](#)

**As a reminder, school property is closed at all times. There is to be no use of the fields, playgrounds, parking lots, etc.** Have a wonderful and healthy summer. We are Glen Rock Schools!

Sincerely,

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