

# Orchard Hill Elementary School



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## Principal's Press

June 2015

We're OHES Cubs and We're **WILD** about **LEARNING**!

Dear OHES Families,

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is already here! I want to take a moment to let you know how very appreciative I am for all of your support during this past school year. Fostering relationships between school and home positively impacts student achievement including social-emotional learning. On behalf of the entire Orchard Hill staff and faculty, thank you for your involvement in all of our programs. Whether you chaired a PTA event, volunteered to help out at lunch/recess or took time out of your day to read in a child's classroom – thank you for supporting our students! The many school wide events that the PTA sponsored this year supported and enriched our academic programs. The children enjoyed these programs very much.

During the remaining days of school, Mr. Meurer and I look forward to our Orchard Hill traditions including Fun Day, end-of-year celebrations of learning, and sharing memories over our school yearbook with your children. Staff and students will participate in the traditional clap-off for our second graders as a way to celebrate their accomplishments at OHES and wish them all the best as they move on to Village Elementary School.

School supply lists for students entering Kindergarten, Grade 1 and Grade 2 will be available on our OHES webpage for your convenience when you are ready for back-to-school shopping. Also look for summer reading recommendations from our Media Specialists. Student placement and school/staff information for the 2015-2016 school year will be available to you in August via Parent Resources.

Mr. Meurer and I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and memorable summer with family and friends!

Warmest regards,

*Mrs. Kathleen Scotti*

### Important Dates

- June 9; BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, UMS
- June 12; Fun Day
- June 16; BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, UMS
- June 18; Fun Day Rain Date
- June 23; Last Day for Students, Early Dismissal, 1:30 pm
- June 24; Staff Professional Development
- July 21; BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, UMS
- Aug. 18; BOE Meeting, 7:30 pm, UMS
- Aug. 26; Open House for students in Grades 1 and 2
- Sept. 1-3; Staff Professional Development
- Sept. 3; Open House for Kindergarten
- Sept. 4-7; Schools Closed
- Sept. 8; First Day for Students
- Sept. 14; Schools Closed, Rosh Hashana
- Sept. 23; Schools Closed, Yom Kippur



## **Report Card Access**

Final report cards will be available online June 23<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. These will be available for you to view, print, and save.

To log in:

1) Visit <https://parents.mtsd.k12.nj.us>

2) Enter your username, which is your email address, and your password. If you forget your password, use the "Forgot My Password" link just below the Login button. Your password will then be sent by email in a few minutes.

If you unable to log in or do not have an account, please contact Jaime Velez at [jvelez@mtsd.us](mailto:jvelez@mtsd.us)

### **Kindergarten Open House September 3, 2015**

1:00 – 1:30 pm for students attending  
morning session

1:30 – 2:00 pm for students attending  
afternoon session

### **First and Second Grade Open House**

**August 26, 2015**

1:30 am – 12:00 pm

### **Back-To-School Nights**

September 10, Kindergarten

September 16, Grade 1

September 17, Grade 2

6:30 pm

## ***Mrs. Jaime Maccarone, VES's New Vice Principal***

Village School is pleased to introduce Mrs. Jaime Maccarone as their new vice principal. She is well known to many families and staff in the Montgomery Township school community. Mrs. Maccarone has been a teacher at Orchard Hill and Village Schools for fifteen years. She received her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Rider University, earning summa cum laude honors in her Educational Administration and Supervision program.

Mrs. Maccarone has participated in and/or led many district professional development initiatives, including the Danielson Evaluation Model, District Strategic Planning, Assessment for Learning, Science Curriculum Revision Committee, Everyday Math Assessment Team and the Culture and Climate Committee. She has been a Fourth Grade Team Leader and is a Certified Responsive Classroom® Consulting Teacher. In this last role, Mrs. Maccarone has trained the majority of teachers in grades Kindergarten through six in the philosophy and practices of Responsive Classroom. She is highly respected by our school community and will be a terrific leader for VES in the years to come. Congratulations!

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