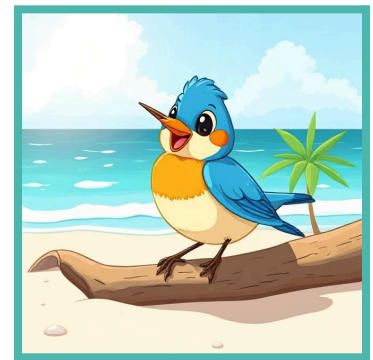




## Summer Smiles & Warm Wishes to Our VES Families!

As we wrap up the 2024–2025 school year, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible efforts of our students, the dedication of our staff, and the unwavering support of our families and community. A heartfelt thank you goes to our amazing PTA President, Mrs. Danielle O'Connor, along with all of our wonderful parent volunteers. Your time, creativity, and enthusiasm have made this year's events not only meaningful but also memorable and enriching for our students. We truly appreciate all that you do!

Our students have been engaged in activities that reflect the values of respect, inclusion, and community. In April we recognized Arab American Heritage, Autism Acceptance and Deaf History Month as well as holidays our community celebrated during spring recess. Throughout May, we celebrated Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage and Jewish Heritage Month. Students explored the rich cultures, histories, and contributions of individuals through literature, art, and classroom discussions. To honor Memorial Day, students participated in age-appropriate lessons and reflections to recognize the sacrifices of those who have served in the armed forces. As we enter June, we are kicking off our celebrations for Pride Month, focusing on themes of acceptance and kindness, while fostering a welcoming environment where every student and family feels seen and supported. Students will also learn about Juneteenth, which commemorates the end of slavery and the bravery of those who fought against it while also uplifting stories of Black resilience, resistance and liberation. These celebrations help us grow as a community and strengthen our commitment to understanding and honoring one another. June is also filled with art and music concerts, our upcoming Fun Day and end of year festivities!



We send our best wishes to our fourth graders as they take the exciting next step to LMS—you are more than ready for this new chapter! At the same time, we look forward to welcoming our incoming third- and fourth-grade students on the first day of school, Thursday, September 4th.

Enjoy a restful and joyful summer, and remember to keep being your best in all you do!

**Principal Susan Lacy and The VES Team**

Stay up to date with visits to the [VES](#), [MES PTA](#), and [MSEPTA](#) websites, follow our [Instagram feed](#) for pictures of the latest activities at school, and check out dates and other happenings in this issue!

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## Circle These Dates, Before You Hit the Beach!

[Updated District Calendar](#) | [VES Calendar](#) | [June Spirit Days](#)

**Wednesday, June 11th:** [Last day for Teacher for the Day Tickets](#)

**Thursday, June 12:** MES PTA Meeting, OHES Cafeteria, 10:00; Teacher for the Day Winners Announced

**Friday, June 13:** Fun day (Rain date - Tuesday, June 17th). [Fun Day Volunteer Sign Up](#). Check out the information on Fun Day Popsicles below!

**Monday, June 16:** 3rd Grade Trip to MHS for their Children's Theater production

**Thursday, June 19:** [4th Grade Moving Up Party at LMS](#) - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM (see MES PTA newsletter or [PTA website](#) for details)

**Thursday, June 19th or Monday, June 23rd:** Class end of the year parties

**Friday, June 20:** Schools Closed to commemorate Juneteenth

**Tuesday, June 24th:** Last day of school & 4th grade clap off (1:25 pm is parent pick up, 1:35 pm is bus dismissal)

**Wednesday, September 3rd:** VES Open house: *Students and parents/guardians are welcome to meet their teachers and see their classrooms.*

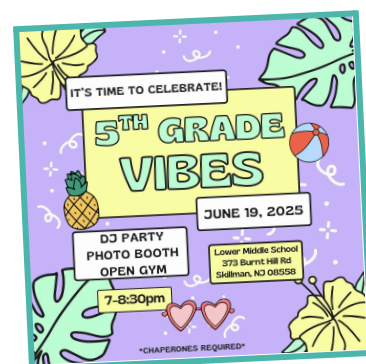
**Thursday, September 4th:** First Day of School

**Monday, September 8th:** School Pictures

**Tuesday, September 9th:** School Pictures

**Monday, September 15th:** 3rd Grade Back to School Night

**Wednesday, September 17th:** 4th Grade Back to School Night



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## Popsicle Paradise: Cool Treats for a Fun Day!

Our MES PTA is providing our students with a refreshing treat this year at the end of Fun Day on June 13th. [Please see this link for Jonny Pops' nutrition information](#). Reach out to your student's classroom teacher if you **do not** want your child to have a popsicle, and send your student in with an alternative snack.



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## Don't Let Your Belongings Take a Summer Vacation!

Our Lost and Found in the cafeteria is filled with jackets, water bottles, lunchboxes, and more! Please remind your student to check for any missing items before the last day of school. Parents are also welcome to take a quick look during Parent Pick-Up. All belongings left after the school year ends will be donated. Let's reunite these lost treasures with their owners before summer break begins!



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## Thanks for the Heatwave of Support!

Thank you, Villagers and families for helping us to raise \$600 to support The Seeing Eye organization as a follow-up, and thank you to our guest speaker and community member, Mr. Fallon's presentation on April 8th. Missed our collection? Check out ways to [donate to The Seeing Eye here!](#)

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# Waves of Appreciation for Our Wonderful MES PTA!

VES is proud to recognize the incredible dedication and generosity of our PTA Presidents, Ms. Danielle O'Connor and her soon to be co-president, Ms. Kathryn Worland, along with their executive board, committee chairs, and volunteers. Their tireless efforts have brought so much to our school community this year, supporting events such as International Night, student assemblies, appreciation week celebrations, the exciting debut of our new yearbook, and grant funding just to name a few.

We are also deeply grateful to the MES PTA for their remarkable financial support. This year, they contributed \$8,000 to enrich student experiences through author visits, the 4th Grade Extreme Science Assembly, Fun Day and so much more, including \$2300 to help cover transportation costs for the 3rd grade trip to Waterloo Village, reducing the cost for families.



We truly value our partnership with the MES PTA and encourage all families to stay involved and continue supporting their important work!

Please review the June 2025 Newsletters sent by the MES PTA and their website for the most recent information on upcoming events, activities and ways to get involved!

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## Report Cards Are Coming in Hot

End of year report cards will be available online starting June 24th at 1:30. They will be available to view, print and save.

To log in:

1. Visit <https://parents.mtsd.k12.nj.us>
2. Enter your username (your email address), and your password. If you forgot your password, use the "Forgot My Password" link just below the Login button. Your password will be sent by email in a few minutes.

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

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## Classroom Placement and Summer Prep

As the end of the year approaches, plans for classroom placements are being made. Ms. Lacy and Mrs. Glover work closely with teachers, supervisors, and school counselors to place current 3rd and 4th graders.

Please note that 4th graders may happen to be placed in classes where they will have one teacher for language arts and another teacher for mathematics/science/social studies. Students will travel as a homeroom class between the two teachers. The two classroom teachers will work collaboratively as a team.

OHES administrators, Mr. Van Hise and Mrs. Caudill, place current 2nd graders into 3rd grade with our assistance. Ms. Lacy and Mrs. Glover will work closely with Mrs. Romano and Mr. Pachuta at the Lower Middle School to place all 4th graders into 5th grade.

All students will be placed in heterogeneous classes with the best possible teacher match, and a positive group of classmates. Any specific academic needs, as identified by classroom teachers, will be taken into consideration first. **We cannot honor requests for specific teachers, and requests for specific students can present a challenge.** However, we will consider input regarding special circumstances or information the school does not already have. Pertinent information shared in previous years must be resubmitted via email and received by **June 24th**.

Please trust us to make the best placement possible for all children. It is important to us that students have successful academic and developmentally appropriate experiences in school with talented and caring teachers. Final placement information will be available in August.



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## Soak Up the Sun, Then Stock Up on Supplies!

### General Third Grade Supply List 2025-2026

Dear Incoming Third Grade Students and Families,

In an effort to make your supply shopping easier, the third-grade team has come up with a list of supplies that you can begin to look for. We have chosen these items carefully and feel they enhance our instructional program.

- 1 set of coloring supplies (your choice...crayons, colored pencils, etc)
- 4 dry-erase markers
- 12 pencils (pre-sharpened, if possible)
- 1 pencil box (box or pouch)
- Whiteboard eraser/clean sock
- 1 pair of child-sized scissors
- 2 pocket folders (for Health and Spanish classes)
- Comfortable over-the-ear headphones (no wireless) with a [3.5mm](#) jack in a Ziplock bag with your name on it for your personal use

As you shop for a backpack, please DO NOT buy one with wheels. Your choice of a backpack must fit easily into your cubby in the classroom. Toward the end of the summer, be on the lookout for a letter from your classroom teacher requesting additional supplies and a warm welcome to VES.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September!

Sincerely, The Third Grade Team

## General Fourth Grade Supply List 2025-2026

Dear Rising 4th Grade Students and Families,

To help simplify your back-to-school shopping, the fourth-grade team has put together a suggested list of supplies to get you started. These items have been thoughtfully selected to support and enhance our instructional program.

- 1 set of coloring supplies (either colored pencils or markers, 8 count or more)
- 6 dry erase, **LOW ODOR** markers
- 1 whiteboard eraser
- 24 pencils (pre-sharpened, if possible)
- 1 hand-held pencil eraser
- 1 hand-held pencil sharpener
- 2 highlighters
- 1 black or blue sharpie marker
- 2 rolls of clear tape on a tape dispenser
- 1 large or 2 small glue sticks
- 1 pair of scissors
- 1 ruler
- 2 packages of 3" x 3" post its
- 1 pencil box (box or pouch)
- 4, 2-pocket folders (Includes Health and Spanish)
- 1 package of wet wipes
- 1 box of tissues
- Comfortable over-the-ear headphones (no wireless) with a 3.5mm jack (see image below) in a Ziplock bag with your name on it for your personal use



Complete your school shopping using your classroom teacher's supply list, which will be available this summer. As you shop for a backpack, please DO NOT buy one with wheels. Your choice of a backpack must fit easily into your cubby in the classroom.

Enjoy your summer, and we will see you on September 3rd and 4th!

The Fourth Grade Team

## General Fifth Grade Supply List 2025-2026

Please visit [this link](#) and keep an eye out for 2025-2026 updates regarding individual teacher supply requests along with general supply list Information for the entire grade level.

The Fifth Grade Team

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## Your Passport to Summer Adventures - No Passport Needed!

Make reading a part of your child's summer fun! When school is out, continuing to read can help to keep their reading skills strong and their imagination soaring while opening doors to new worlds and exciting adventures. Whether it is at the beach, in the backyard, in a cozy reading spot, or before bedtime, books are a great companion. VES Librarian Mrs. Franey has book suggestions available here to help your child find stories that match their interests: [VES 2025 Summer Reading Suggestions](#). You will find a variety of authors, series, and titles in many genres that are perfect for summer reading. Students are also encouraged to continue to utilize the [VES Virtual Library](#) during the summer, where they can access familiar resources like *MackinVIA* and others, too.



Warmly,  
Mrs. Franey

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## Don't Lose Your Summer Vibe, or Your Student ID!

Please remember your student ID cards should be safely secured during the summer. Your child will need them again in September. Rising third graders will receive new IDs once they are processed and issued after school picture day. Rising 4th graders will use their current IDs again in 2025-2026. Their new cards will be processed and issued after school picture day when they become 5th graders at LMS.

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## Sun, Fun, & a Quick Health Reminder from the VES Health Office

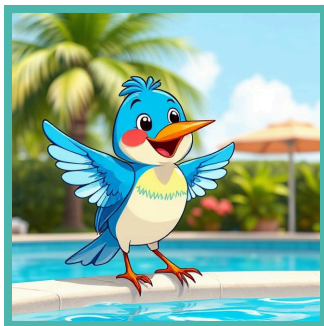
If your child currently has medication in the health office, plan to stop by anytime on or prior to June 24, 2025 to pick it up. Any medication that is not picked by the end of the school day on June 24, 2025 will be discarded. If you need to pick up your child's medication outside of normal school hours on June 24, 2025, you can arrange a time with the nurses to possibly do so. Please call the nurse to make these arrangements. 609-466-7606 ext. 2500 or 2600.

New Jersey State law prohibits public schools from storing medications in the health office over the summer. This includes Epi- Pens, inhalers, insulin, eye drops, prescription and non- prescription medications such as Tylenol, Advil or Benadryl. Again, **all medications not picked up by a parent by 1:30 PM on June 24th, 2025** will be discarded in compliance with state regulations. Students are not allowed to carry any medication home in their backpacks per Montgomery Township School District Policy. Exceptions cannot be made to this policy.

The nurses would also like to remind parents that as students are enjoying the last days of school filled with activities, it is important that students wear sneakers or appropriate shoes for running and playing. Crocs and sandals are discouraged.

All the best,  
Mrs. Cizin and Mrs. Tang

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## Soar Into Summer: Sign Up for the SOAR Program Today!

Looking for some academic, social, and experimental fun this summer? Sign-ups for the SOAR summer program are still open! Check out the catalog of classes [here](#)!

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# Plan Ahead This Summer: A Message From the YMCA

**Hello Montgomery Families!**

We're excited to announce the Princeton YMCA is open for registration for our Before and After School Programs serving the Montgomery School District!



## **Program Locations:**

- **Orchard Hill Elementary** – Before & After School
- **Village Elementary** – Before & After School
- **Lower Middle School** – After School Only

## **Program Hours:**

- **Before School:** 7:30 AM until school starts
- **After School:** From dismissal until 6:00 PM

 Programs take place **on-site at your student's school** and are also offered on **half days**.

 On full **days off from school**, care is provided **off-site at our Princeton YMCA building**.

 While spots do fill up quickly, **registration will remain open all summer!**

We look forward to a fun and enriching school year with your student! If you have any questions about the program, feel free to reach out to Alyssa Roman ([aroman@gscymca.org](mailto:aroman@gscymca.org)) or Lindsey Williams ([lwilliams@gscymca.org](mailto:lwilliams@gscymca.org)).