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## **Welcome Back to a New School Year**

**Welcome to the Minue School Community!** We would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our students and families and invite you to attend a Virtual Orientation on Tuesday, August 31st at 10:00 am and 6:00 pm; an invitation will follow. The staff and I are looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) this year. We strive to provide an exciting and rewarding educational program for all our students. This year holds many exciting initiatives such as Writer's Workshop, the companion to our Reader's Workshop program and continued opportunities to re-engage and welcome our students back.

### First Days

The first day of school for students will be Thursday, September 2nd. Staff members will be available to direct parents and students to their grade level designated arrival locations.

**Students will have an abbreviated session on September 2nd and September 3rd. On both days, students will be dismissed at 1:10 pm.**

### Masks and Uniforms

Please note that this year students, as well as all staff members, are required by Executive Order 251 to wear a mask for the entirety of the day except while eating. It is essential that your child is wearing a well-fitted and clean mask each day. Please consider this as part of our school uniforms. Our policy for both masks and uniforms can be found on the district's website, as well as in the document section of the Parent Portal and in our updated Parent Information Handbook in the student agenda planners for students in grades two through five. Please use the handbook for your reference when you have a question about school policies and/or procedures. If further information is needed, please feel welcome to call the office at 732-541-8960, extension 3065.

### Parent Portal (Emergency Contacts, Required Questionnaires & Lunch Application)

If you haven't already, please be sure to log on to the Parent Portal before the first day of school to find out about your child's placement and to complete and update the parent questionnaires. Please also fill out the lunch application, regardless of your status. Completing the questions on the portal will assist us in ensuring the safety of your child(ren) as **your child will only be released to adults that you designate on the Student Emergency Contact in the Parent**

**Portal.** We ask that all adults picking students up always have a valid photo ID, and we appreciate your understanding as we work to keep your children safe.

School bus (if eligible)

On the Parent Portal you will also be able to access busing information, if applicable. Bus students must be transported to and from school on their assigned bus. Students should be supervised at the bus stop when waiting for the bus in the morning and should be met by an adult when arriving at the stop in the afternoon. Bus students will be given a color coded bus pass on the first day of school. The color of the tag indicates the bus that students are assigned to. Please ensure that your child’s bus tag is visible and tied securely to the outside of your child’s backpack. Bus passes are checked on a daily basis and must remain visible at all times. Masks must be worn on the bus at all times.

Arrival and Dismissal

Students are to arrive at 8:30 am and are dismissed at 2:50 pm. Please see the chart below to determine where your child will be dropped off and picked up each day. Note that all bus students arriving in the morning exit the bus and report to their respective arrival locations.

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>
Pre-kindergarten	Playground	Main Door Post Blvd.-Door 1
Kindergarten	Playground	Playground
1st	Playground	Door 3 Virginia Ave.
2nd	Door 2 Virginia Ave. for Mrs. Gioia and Ms. Almeida  Door 3 Virginia Ave. for Mrs. Coveny and Ms. Malinowsky	Door 2 Virginia Ave.
3rd	Door 3 Virginia Ave.	Door 3 Virginia Ave.
4th	Door 3 Virginia Ave.	Door 3 Virginia Ave.
5th	Door 2 Virginia Ave.	Door 2 Virginia Ave.

**\*\*Any student arriving after 8:40 should enter the building through the main entrance on Post Boulevard to receive a late pass from the main office, which will be recorded in the student’s attendance record. Please be sure to be on time every day in order to optimize the learning experience.**

### Safety

When walking students to and from the school, please utilize the services of the crossing guard and cross the street at the designated crosswalks. For the safety of all, there is NO parking, stopping, or vehicle drop off in the bus zone in front of the building on Post Boulevard. This will ensure the safety of students and parents since the surrounding roads have bus traffic during morning arrival and dismissal.

### Parent Partners & PTO

We consider parents our partners in education and we welcome your support and assistance. Minue School has a very active Parent Teacher Organization that supports and enhances the instructional program. We encourage all our parents to become a member of the PTO and we look forward to your kind participation.

As the summer winds down, we look forward to a wonderful school year filled with rich, quality learning experiences for all our students. We thank you for the privilege and opportunity given to us each year to work with your children.

Educationally yours,

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