



MERRICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

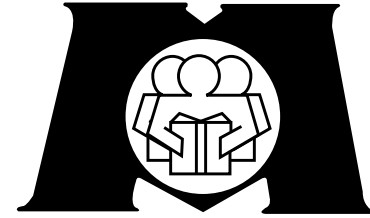
**2018-2019
CALENDAR**

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Merrick Public Schools

Administrative Offices

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Merrick Public Schools



Birch Elementary School

2400 Central Parkway

Phone: 992-7250

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Chris Hoisik Assistant Principal
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Janet Raider Secretary
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108 Merrick Avenue

Phone: 992-7270

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TBD Assistant Principal
Donna Dimino Secretary
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Norman J. Levy Lakeside Elementary School

21 Babylon Road

Phone: 992-7230

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Merrick School District Website

For information about the Merrick School District, including our calendar, special events, and up-to-date information on school closings in inclement weather, please visit our website at www.merrick.k12.ny.us.

School Hours

All of Merrick's elementary schools are on the same schedule. Children who walk or are brought to school by their parents should not arrive more than 10 minutes before the start of school. Supervision is not provided prior to that time.

Grades K-6: 8:40 a.m.-2:55 p.m.

Emergency School Closing

The Merrick School District coordinates closings with the four other component districts of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District. When schools are closed in an emergency, or due to weather conditions, announcements are made on our website: www.merrick.k12.ny.us, and on the District's main phone number, 992-7200. In addition, we will send a Blackboard Connect telephone message to all parents, and will also notify Channel 12.

A "no school" signal is also given by the Merrick Fire Department, which sounds its sirens at 6:30 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

If there is a delayed opening, any before school activities will be cancelled.

Key District Phone Numbers*

Administration	992-7200
Birch Elementary School	992-7250
Chatterton Elementary School	992-7270
Norman J. Levy Lakeside Elementary School	992-7230

*Switchboard is open 8AM — 4PM
when school is in session; 8AM — 2PM
during July and August.

Merrick Public Schools

Beginnings of a Bright Future



Welcome to Merrick Schools

About Our Schools

The first public school in Merrick, founded in 1901, was a one-room building which housed 38 students and one teacher. The district now consists of three elementary schools with a total enrollment of approximately 1,500 students. Children receive their secondary education in the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, which serves the communities of Merrick, North Merrick, Bellmore and North Bellmore. Two members of the Merrick Board of Education serve on the Central High School District Board.

Mission Statement

The Merrick Union Free School District will provide students with the opportunity to maximize their potential and to become lifelong learners, independent problem solvers, and responsible citizens by working with all members of the Merrick community to create learning environments that support students' social, emotional and academic needs.

New Residents

New residents who are parents of school-age children should register their children as soon as possible at the appropriate elementary school. If you have questions about where to register, contact the Office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, 992-7260.

Kindergarten Registration

Children who are to be registered for kindergarten must be five years of age on or before December 1 of the school year of entry. Registration is held in February of the year preceding entrance into kindergarten, and parents are notified by mail of registration dates. Official birth or baptismal certification is required. Proof of immunization as well as a full physical examination is required prior to the start of school.

A Firm Foundation for Learning

Merrick's public schools offer a diversified educational program with exciting learning opportunities at all grade levels. By offering the most current educational technologies and strategies, while emphasizing our commitment to basic skills, we provide students with a firm foundation upon which all higher-level learning can take place.

Teachers and administrators work together on districtwide committees to review and develop curriculum in each discipline to meet state and district goals. From science to art, technology education to language arts, mathematics to music—Merrick's rich and varied curricula reflect this thoughtful planning process, which helps provide our children with a complete, well-rounded educational experience.

Experiential learning is at the core of Merrick's instructional program, with hands-on learning opportunities for students at all grade levels in all subject areas. The curriculum includes four major components; language arts (reading, writing, listening and speaking skills), mathematics, science and social studies. Instruction in the basic skills provides a foundation for learning now and in the future, while enrichment opportunities help to broaden students' horizons and extend learning boundaries. This is accomplished through the guidance and leadership of a talented, caring faculty, administration and staff—committed to the best for our children. A strong emphasis on character education is integrated throughout the school day.

Merrick Public Schools

Partners in Education



The Merrick School District welcomes and encourages the involvement of parents in their children's education. Our Parent Teacher Association (PTA) provides us with generous and consistent support, which enhances the social, educational and cultural resources at each of our schools. In addition, our PTAs are in touch with our legislators, and help keep us abreast of new legislation that has potential impact on the community. Parents, teachers, and administrators are able to come together through the PTAs to create a richer environment for children. We urge all parents to become members of these important groups and join the Merrick School District as active partners in education.

Birch Parent Teacher Association 2018-2019 Officers

Jaime Weiss	Co-President
Perri Thaler-Schlechter	Co-President
Jessica Becak	Executive Vice President
Beth Markowitz	VP Cultural Arts
Stephanie Scolieri	VP Cultural Arts
Danielle Gleicher	VP Committees
Brooke Kelson	VP Committees
Dana Isaac	Membership
Michele Mann.....	Recording Secretary
Melissa Kuhl	Historian
Vicky Moore	Treasurer
Marianna Psakis	Immediate Past President

Chatterton Parent Teacher Association 2018-2019 Officers

Jessica Nagle Martin	Co-President
Jessica Mack	Co-President
Michelle Kraus	Exec. VP of Committees
Felicia Cilibrasi	VP Cultural Arts
Joseph Slattery	VP Membership
Danna Richardson	VP Ways & Means
Heather Kopelman	VP Ways & Means
Amy Zacconi	VP Programming
Rosan Ramlowtan	VP Programming
Jaimee Kass	Recording Secretary
Letizia Maltese	Corresponding Secretary
Laurie Schwinn	Treasurer

Norman J. Levy Lakeside Parent Teacher Association 2018-2019 Officers

Shari Gish	Co-President
Yana Kondak	Co-President
Lisa Amato	Vice President
Angela Gambardella-Favuzza	Treasurer
Julie Kaplan	Corresponding Secretary
Amy Kramer	Recording Secretary
Andrea Gewanter.....	VP Fundraising
Jennifer Livingston	VP Public Relations
Marina Abramovitz, Wendy Shostack ...	Immediate Past Presidents

Special Education Parent Teacher Association 2018-2019 Officers

Nicole Venditti.....	President
Rachel Roslow.....	Vice President
DJ Venditti	Recording Secretary
Jeannie Gavigan.....	Corresponding Secretary
Michele Floria Lee	Treasurer

September 2018

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C- Chatterton Elementary School
L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

AUGUST 2018						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
8/30: Superintendent's Conference Day						1
2	3 Schools Closed Labor Day	4 Day 1A First Day of School C- New Parent Tea 9 AM L- Lunch Program Begins	5 Day 2A	6 Day 3A C- Welcome Back Picnic 5-7 PM BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	7 Day 4A B- Welcome Back Picnic 4-5:30 PM C -Lunch Volunteer Meeting 9 AM L- Welcome Back Picnic 4-5:30 PM	8
9 Rosh Hashanah Begins at Sundown	10 Schools Closed DRO- Rosh Hashanah	11 Schools Closed DRO- Rosh Hashanah	12 Day 5A B- PTA/Chair Captain Tea 9:30 AM B- Lunch Program Begins C- Lunch Program Begins	13 Day 6A All Schools: Gr. K-3 Open House 6:45-9 PM	14 Day 1B B- Welcome Back Picnic (Rain Date) 4-5:30 PM	15
16	17 Day 2B All Schools: Gr. 4-6 Open House 6:45-9 PM	18 Day 3B Yom Kippur Begins at Sundown	19 Schools Closed DRO- Yom Kippur	20 Day 4B L- Photo Day	21 Day 5B L- Photo Day	22
23	24 Day 6B DRO- Sukkot Begins (Sundown)	25 Day 1A DRO- First Days of Sukkot	26 Day 2A B- PTA Meeting and Chair/Captain Training 7:30 PM C- Class Captain Meeting 6:30 PM C- PTA Meeting 7 PM L- Class Captain Meeting 6:30 PM L- PTA Meeting 7 PM Faculty Mtg	27 Day 3A	28 Day 4A	29
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October 2018

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L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

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	Day 5A 1 APEX Orientation 7 PM at Lakeside	Day 6A 2 DRO- Simchat Torah (Sundown)	Day 1B 3 DRO- Simchat Torah	Day 2B 4 SEPTA Mtg 7 PM at Birch	Day 3B 5	6
7	8 Schools Closed Columbus Day	Day 4B 9 BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	Day 5B 10 Faculty Mtg	Day 6B 11 B- Parent/Principal Breakfast 9:30 AM	Day 1A 12 C- Fall Photo Day	13
14	Day 2A 15	Day 3A 16 B- Photo Day	Day 4A 17 L- Pep Rally for Boosterthon Extended Mtg	Day 5A 18 C- Spaghetti Dinner L- Gr. 1 Sports Night 7 PM L- Gr. 4 Sports Night 8:10 PM	Day 6A 19 B- Fall Festival 4-6 PM	20
21	Day 1B 22	Day 2B 23	Day 3B 24 C- PTA Meeting 7 PM L- Walk to School Day	Day 4B 25	Day 5B 26 L- Boosterthon	27
CHATTERTON & LAKESIDE HEALTH AND WELLNESS/RED RIBBON WEEK						
28	Day 6B 29	Day 1A 30	Day 2A 31 B- Halloween Parade K-3 9:30 AM C- Halloween Parade K-3 9 AM L- Halloween Parade K-3 2 PM			

November 2018

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L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

OCTOBER 2018						
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				Day 3A 1 DRO- All Saint's Day C- Gr. K Sports Night 6 PM C- Gr. 3-4 Sports Night 7:15 PM	Day 4A 2 B- PTA Bingo Night 7 PM	3
4	Day 5A 5	6 No School for Students Election Day Superintendent's Conference Day	Day 6A 7	Day 1B 8 L- PTA Meeting 7:30 PM	Day 2B 9 C- Principal/PTA Breakfast 9:15 AM	10
11	12 Schools Closed Veterans Day Observed	Day 3B 13 BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	Day 4B 14 Faculty Mtg	Day 5B 15 C- Gr. 1-2 Sports Night 6:45 PM L- Gr. K Sports Night 7 PM L- Gr. 5-6 Sports Night 8:10 PM	Day 6B 16	17
18	Day 1A 19 B- Book Fair L- Vendor Fair 5-9 PM	Day 2A 20 Parent/Teacher Conference 6:15-9:15 PM B- Book Fair	21 No School for Students Parent-Teacher Conferences	22 Schools Closed Thanksgiving Day	23 Schools Closed Thanksgiving Recess	24
25	Day 3A 26	Day 4A 27 B- Holiday Boutique B- PTA Meeting-7:30 PM C- Photo Retake Day/ Gr. 6 Yearbook Photo Day for Clubs/Groups L- Holiday Boutique	Day 5A 28 B- Holiday Boutique L- Holiday Boutique Extended Mtg	Day 6A 29 C- Holiday Boutique	Day 1B 30 C- Holiday Boutique	

December 2018

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2 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown	3 Day 2B L- Winter Concert 9:15 AM SEPTA Mtg 7 PM at Chatterton	4 Day 3B L- Winter Concert 9:15 AM L- Winter Concert 7 PM	5 Day 4B L- Photo Retake Faculty Mtg	6 Day 5B B- Photo Retake & Gr. 6 Cap and Gown Day	7 Day 6B	8 DRO- Feast of the Immaculate Conception
9	10 Day 1A Hanukkah Ends at Sundown B- Winter Concert Rehearsal 9:30 AM B- Winter Concert 7 PM	11 Day 2A BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	12 Day 3A	13 Day 4A	14 Day 5A	15
16	17 Day 6A C- Winter Concert for School 9:30 AM C- Winter Concert 7 PM	18 Day 1B	19 Day 2B	20 Day 3B	21 Day 4B	22
23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29
30	31 New Year's Eve	SCHOOLS CLOSED - HOLIDAY RECESS				

January 2019

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		1 Schools Closed New Year's Day	Day 5B 2	Day 6B 3	Day 1A 4	5
6 DRO- Feast of Epiphany	Day 2A 7	Day 3A 8 BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	Day 4A 9 All County Division 1 Extended Mtg	Day 5A 10 L- Gr. 2 Sports Night 7 PM L- Gr. 3 Sports Night 8:10 PM	Day 6A 11 All County Division 1 <div>Chatterton PARP Kickoff</div>	12 All County Division 1
13	Day 1B 14	Day 2B 15 C- Book Fair School Day C- Book Fair 6 PM-8 PM	Day 3B 16 All County Division 2	Day 4B 17 All County Division 2 B- Photo Day Gr 6 Clubs/ Cap and Gown Retake C- BINGO for Books 6 PM	Day 5B 18 <div>Birch PARP Kickoff</div> C- Community Read Aloud	19 All County Division 2
1/11/18-1/18/18 - PARP WEEK - Pick a Reading Partner - Chatterton School						
20	21 Schools Closed Martin Luther King Jr. Day Schools Closed	Day 6B 22	Day 1A 23 C- PTA Mtg 7 PM L- PTA Meeting 7:30 PM Faculty Mtg	Day 2A 24 B- Founder's Day 7 PM	Day 3A 25	26
1/18/18-2/4/18 - PARP WEEK - Pick a Reading Partner- Birch School						
27	Day 4A 28 C- Gr. 6 On Stage Assembly 9:15 AM C- Gr. 6 On Stage Tech	Day 5A 29 B- PTA Meeting 7:30 PM C- Gr. 6 On Stage Tech MFA General Mtg	Day 6A 30 C- Gr. 6 On Stage Performance 6:30 PM L- Theater Production 9:15 AM & 7 PM	Day 1B 31 C- Gr. 6 On Stage Performance 6:30 PM L- Theater Production 9:15 AM & 7 PM		
1/18/18-2/4/18 - PARP WEEK - Pick a Reading Partner - Birch School						

February 2019

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C- Chatterton Elementary School
L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

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					Day 2B 1 B- Community Read Aloud B- PTA Bingo Night 7 PM C- Gr 6 On Stage Performance 4:30 PM	2
3	Day 3B 4 Birch PARP Celebrations SEPTA Mtg 7 PM at Lakeside	Day 4B 5	Day 5B 6 Faculty Mtg	Day 6B 7 C- Sweetheart Social 6-8 PM	Day 1A 8	9
KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION						
10	Day 2A 11	Day 3A 12 BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	Day 4A 13	Day 5A 14	Day 6A 15	16
17	18 Presidents' Day	19	20	21	22	23
SCHOOLS CLOSED- WINTER RECESS						
24	Day 1B 25	Day 2B 26	Day 3B 27 C- PTA Meeting 7 PM	Day 4B 28		

March 2019

B- Birch Elementary School
C- Chatterton Elementary School
L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

FEBRUARY 2019						
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
IMPORTANT NOTICE: TRANSPORTATION REQUESTS FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING PRIVATE/ PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2019.					Day 5B 1 LISFA	2 LISFA
3	Day 6B 4	Day 1A 5 C- Founder's Day 7 PM	Day 2A 6 DRO- Ash Wednesday	Day 3A 7 L- Reflections 7 PM L- Founder's Day 7:30 PM	Day 4A 8 B- Penny Auction 7 PM Lakeside PARP Kickoff/Community Read Aloud	9
10	Day 5A 11	Day 6A 12 BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg	Day 1B 13 B- Book Fair L- Book Fair	Day 2B 14 B- Book Fair L- Book Fair Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:15-9:15 PM	15 No School for Students Parent/Teacher Conferences	16
3/11/18 - 3/14/18 - PARP WEEK - Pick a Reading Partner - Lakeside School						
17 St. Patrick's Day	Day 3B 18	Day 4B 19 B- PTA Meeting 7:30 PM Merrick Blood Drive at Birch School	Day 5B 20 L- PTA Meeting 7:30 PM Faculty Mtg	Day 6B 21 DRO - Purim Begins (Sundown)	Day 1A 22 DRO- Purim	23
24	Day 2A 25	Day 3A 26	Day 4A 27	Day 5A 28 B- Theater Residency Rehearsal 9:30 AM Performance 7 PM	Day 6A 29 B- Theater Residency Performance 4:30 PM C- Principal/PTA Breakfast 9:15 AM	30
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April 2019

B- Birch Elementary School
C- Chatterton Elementary School
L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

MARCH 2019						
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Transportation Requests for Students Attending Private/Parochial Schools are due no later than April 1, 2019.	Day 1B Gr. 3-6 NYS ELA Assessment 1	Day 2B Gr. 3-6 NYS ELA Assessment SEPTA Mtg 7 PM at Birch 2	Day 3B Gr. 3-6 NYS ELA Assessment 3	Day 4B Gr. 3-6 NYS ELA Assessment 4	Day 5B 5	6
	7	Day 1A BOE Mtg 7:15 PM MFA Executive Mtg 9	Day 2A C- Spring Photo Day Faculty Mtg 10	Day 3A 11	Day 4A B- Kindergarten Play 9:30 AM & 10:15 AM 12	13
14 DRO- Palm Sunday	Day 5A B- Kindergarten Orientation-New Parents 9:30 AM 15	Day 6A B- Kindergarten Orientation-Returning Parents 9:30 AM C- Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 AM L- Kindergarten Orientation 9:15 AM 16	Day 1B B- STEAM Day 17	18 DRO- Holy Thursday <div>SCHOOLS CLOSED - SPRING RECESS</div>	19 DRO- Good Friday Passover Begins at Sundown	20
21 DRO- Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27 Passover Ends at Sundown
	SCHOOLS CLOSED- SPRING RECESS					
28	Day 2B 29	Day 3B Gr. 3-6 NYS Math Assessment 30				

May 2019

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L- Levy Lakeside Elementary School

APRIL 2019						
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			Day 4B Gr. 3-6 NYS Math Assessment SEPTA Mtg 7 PM at Chatterton	Day 5B Gr. 3-6 NYS Math Assessment Marching Band Rehearsal	Day 6B Gr. 3-6 NYS Math Assessment NYSSMA	NYSSMA
5	Day 1A 6	Day 2A 7 L- PTA Staff Appreciation Lunch MFA Executive Mtg BOE Mtg 7:15 PM	Day 3A 8 B- Staff Appreciation Lunch B- Spring Concert Rehearsal 9:30 AM B- Spring Concert 7 PM	Day 4A 9 B- Plant Sale C- Grade 3 Dance Performance 6:15 PM L- Plant Sale Marching Band Rehearsal	Day 5A 10 B- Plant Sale C- Plant Sale L- Plant Sale	11
All Schools: Kindergarten Screening						
12	Day 6A 13 PTA Joint Meeting 7 PM at Chatterton Budget Presentation	Day 1B 14 L- Spring Concert 9:15 AM	Day 2B 15 C- Spring Concert for School 9:30 AM C- Art Show 6-7:30 PM C- Spring Concert 7 PM L- Spring Concert 9:15 AM & 7 PM	Day 3B 16 B- PTA Dinner 6:30 PM Marching Band Rehearsal	Day 4B 17 C- STEAM Day	18
19	Day 5B 20 L- PTA End of Year Dinner	Day 6B 21 Budget Vote 7 AM-9 PM	Day 1A 22 Gr. 4 NYS Science Performance Test B- Grade 3 Dance Performance 7 PM Extended Mtg	Day 2A 23 Gr. 4 NYS Science Performance Test C- Staff Appreciation Luncheon L- STEAM Day Marching Band Rehearsal	24 Schools Closed* Emergency Make-Up Day #2	25
26	27 Schools Closed Memorial Day Parade	28 Schools Closed Emergency Make-Up Day #1	Day 3A 29 C- PTA Dinner 7 PM	Day 4A 30 DRO- Ascension Thursday	Day 5A 31 C- Gr. 3-4 Concert (Parents) 9:30 AM (School) 1:30 PM L- Peace and Friendship Day	

June 2019

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MAY 2019						
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2	Day 6A Gr. 4 NYS Science Written Assessment B- Gr. 6 Awards Assembly 9:30 AM	Day 1B B- Gr. 3-4 Concert Rehearsal 9:30 AM L- Gr. 4 Concert	Day 2B B- Gr. 3-4 Concert (Parents) 9:30 AM C- Gr. 6 Dance 6:30 Faculty Mtg	Day 3B C- Gr. 6 Picnic L- Gr. 3 Recorder Concert	Day 4B B- Friendship Day L- Gr. 6 Picnic	8
9	Day 5B DRO- Shavuot C- On Stage Assembly 9:15 AM C- Gr 5 Stage Tech	Day 6B B- Birch Boutique B- PTA Meeting 6:30 PM C- Gr. 6 Awards Assembly 9:30 AM C- Gr. 5 On Stage Tech MFA Executive Mtg BOE Mtg 7:15 PM	Day 1A B- Birch Boutique C- Gr. K End of Year Celebration C- Gr. 5 On Stage Performance 6:30 PM C- Gr. 6 Picnic (Rain date)	Day 2A B- Gr. 6 Dance 6:30-9 PM C- Gr. 5 On Stage Performance 6:30 PM	Day 3A C- Gr. 5 On Stage Performance 4:30 PM	15
16	Day 4A B- Gr. 6 Picnic L- Gr. 6 Moving Up Day Rehearsal	Day 5A L- Gr. 6 Moving Up Day 9:15 AM MFA General Mtg	Day 6A C- Gr. 6 Moving Up Day Rehearsal	Day 1B B- Gr. 6 Moving Up Rehearsal 9:30 AM C- Gr. 6 Moving Up Day 9:30 AM L- Gr 6 Dance	Day 2B C- PTA Volunteer Breakfast 9 AM C- Peace and Friendship Day B- Gr. 6 Moving Up Day 9:30 AM B- Last Day of School Lunch	22
23	Day 3B	Day 4B	Day 5B Last Day of School	27	28	29
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July 2019

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August 2019

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September 2019

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AUGUST 2019						
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Parental Involvement in the School Program

An open house is held at each school at the beginning of the school year. Parents visit the classrooms, meet teachers, and receive an overview of curriculum, homework policy and academic expectations.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are held twice during the school year, providing an opportunity to discuss your child's strengths and weaknesses. Parents receive report cards indicating the performance and effort made by children in curriculum areas. If a parent has a specific question about his or her child's education, inquiries should be directed through a specific line of communication:

- 1) The teacher or other appropriate staff member;
- 2) The building principal;
- 3) The Assistant Superintendent for Instruction and Educational Services;
- 4) The Superintendent;
- 5) The Board of Education.

All **visitors and volunteers**, including parents and guardians must call the school to schedule their visit prior to entering the school. In the event of an urgent situation, please call the main office before your arrival at the school. All visitors will be required to provide a valid federal or state-issued photo identification which will be scanned into the visitor identification system upon entering the building. All visitors will receive an identification badge from the greeter which must be worn at all times. After receiving the badge, the visitor must report directly to the main office. While in the school building, visitors should remain in the area designated for their appointment. No one will be permitted to visit other parts of the building (e.g. stop into a classroom or cafeteria, visit another office).

Homework is a vital part of the school's total curriculum. The actual experience of completing homework assignments independently is what is of value. Homework is given in a number of different forms, and may be given for completion overnight or for an extended period. The purposes of homework are to reinforce and apply concepts introduced in class; to develop the habit of working and learning; to develop a sense of responsibility; to develop sound organizational and study skills; and to provide a sharing of learning experiences between parents and their child. Parents can assist by providing a specific place for the student to work, free from distractions, encouraging the establishment of a time schedule for homework completion, and by showing interest in homework assignments.

An Environment Conducive to Learning

The philosophy of the Merrick Public Schools is to help all children develop their fullest potential to the greatest extent possible, so they can take their place in society as productive, well-adjusted, responsible citizens.

Discipline can be viewed essentially as a matter of self-control. Those who know how to follow the rules and consider the feelings and needs of others most likely will not be disruptive in school.

In accordance with the requirements of the State Education Department, the Merrick School District established a code of conduct designed to promote responsible student behavior. The code includes student rights and responsibilities, a dress code, along with a range of disciplinary procedures, consequences, and procedures for the resolution of discipline problems. The code is explained to all students on an annual basis. Copies of the code are available in each school office for review and on the district website. An emphasis on Character Education is evident throughout the district.

We have a strong commitment to ensuring that Merrick Schools are **Drug-Free and Weapons-Free Schools**. Drug and alcohol possession or use is not permitted at our schools or school events.

Regular **attendance** is important to the learning process. While it is recognized that children learn from many sources, the classroom learning environment is a key ingredient in the success of students. State education law defines a legal absence as sickness, sickness or death in the family, impassable roads or weather, religious observation, religious instruction (up to one hour per week) or presence in court. If your child is going to be absent, please call the school nurse. A note explaining the cause of absence, or any lateness, is required when the child returns to school. In the interest of safety, if a child is to be released from school at a time other than dismissal and/or if an adult other than the parent is to take the child from school, prior written notification is required.

The district has recognized a number of **days of religious observance** throughout the year. These days are listed in the school calendar, marked by the symbol (DRO). Students may be excused from classes with a note from their parent or guardian.

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Serving the Whole Child

Student Services

In addition to its full instructional program, Merrick provides extensive support services to help meet the needs of our students. The Director of Student Services supervises these programs which include special education classes, resource room services, placement of students with disabling conditions, psychological services, English as a New Language, speech and hearing services, testing, social work services and health services. A Committee on Special Education oversees the program of each child receiving special education services, and a Committee on Preschool Special Education oversees the identification and provision of services to children who require special education services prior to their entry into kindergarten for students ages 3-5. Individuals wishing information about any of these services can contact the Director of Student Services at 992-7293.

Child Find

Consistent with Part 200 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, please notify the Student Services Office at 992-7293 if you have a child up to 12 years old with a suspected disability who may require special education services. All information is kept confidential.

Summer Instruction

A Summer Instructional Program is offered to children who need assistance to maintain academic gains made during the regular school year. Daily instruction is provided over a five-week period in areas such as reading, writing and mathematics.

Summer Recreation

A five week Summer Recreation Program is offered to children who will be entering grades K-6 the following fall. Open to the children of district residents, the program meets Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and offers experiences in art, physical education, music and drama. Registration and fee information is posted on the district website in late winter.



Before/After School Programs

In response to the needs of Merrick's many working parents, the District provides space at each school for both Before and After School Programs. These programs are operated by the Merrick Before/After School Program (BASP) which has been providing quality School-Age Child Care service to the children and parents in the Merrick U.F.S.D since September 1982. The Merrick Before/After School Program Inc. (BASP) is an independent not-for profit organization governed by a Parent Board of Directors.

The Before School Program is in session at each elementary school in the district and is open on all school days from 7 a.m. until the start of school. There is a minimum of two days participation per week. Parents must bring their child or children into the school and sign them in each day.

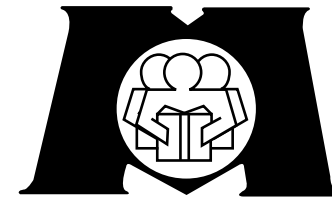
Important Note: In the event that there is a delayed school opening (10 a.m.) due to inclement weather (e.g. snow or ice, etc.) the Before School Program will be closed. Parents will be notified by telephone by the school district whenever there is a delayed school opening.

The After School Program runs daily from 2:55 p.m. – 6 p.m. at each of the three elementary schools in the district. Time and assistance are offered for completion of homework assignments. Students are also provided with a variety of supervised activities, which include arts and crafts, physical education and computers. Snacks (milk and cookies, etc.) are provided daily to the students. Children must attend a minimum of two days per week. Parents must pick their children up no later than 6 p.m. and must sign them out each day. Parents interested in the Before and/or After School Program are invited to call our Program Office at 379-4245 or to view their website: www.merrickbasp.com.

FERPA (The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)

Consistent with FERPA, and with certain exceptions, the Merrick School District cannot release personally identifiable information from a student's educational records without a parent or guardian's written consent. However, "directory information" may be disclosed, typically by way of a districtwide or school building publication, without written consent unless a parent or guardian provides written objection to the building principal. The Merrick School District has designated the following information as directory information: name, address, telephone listing, grade level, photograph and video image.

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Student Photos

The Merrick School District has designated student photographs and video image as "directory information" pursuant to the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). As a result, parents/guardians who do not want their child's photograph and/or video image utilized by the school district or its employees in district publications, news outlets and/or social media sites, should send written notification to the building principal advising the school district that they do not consent to the use of their child's photograph and/or video image in district publications, news outlets and/or social media sites.

Transportation

Pupils who live over one-half mile from school are eligible for bus transportation. Busing is also provided for students who attend non-public schools located within 15 miles of the child's home. State law requires that parents annually file, prior to April 1, a written request with the Business Office for non-public school transportation.

Safety First

We want our students' ride on Merrick school buses to be a pleasant and safe one. Parents are urged to be sure their children understand that disorderly behavior is extremely dangerous on a moving bus. Children must remain seated and obey the driver. If necessary, school officials may suspend a child's bus riding privileges.

Bus Safety

- Cross 10 feet in front of the bus, waiting for the driver's signal to cross.
- Never cross behind a bus.
- Keep head and arms inside the vehicle at all times.
- Remain seated until the bus comes to a full stop.
- Enter and leave the bus only when it is completely stopped.

Many of our students walk or ride bikes to school, with their parents' permission. Each school has bike racks where children can chain and lock their bikes. Residents should be particularly alert to our young children during the hours of arrival and dismissal from school. Remember, the safety of our students is a cooperative effort on the part of the community, parents and drivers. Let's all work together to make this a safe year for Merrick students.

Health Policy

Beginning in the 2017-2018 school year, the district implemented modifications to the regulations associated with the student health services policy. To increase food safety, particularly for children with food allergies, these regulation changes were adopted by the Board of Education during the 2016-2017 school year.

Specifically, the regulation (Student Health Services 5075) outlines the following:

Celebrations and Parties

Celebrations for birthdays, holidays and other special events will focus on acknowledgement of the student(s) and the significance of the event. Foods will not be permitted at celebrations with the following exceptions: Peace and Friendship Day and the Sixth Grade Picnic. For these two events, the selection of foods must include options that are free of target allergens so that all students may be included in the celebration.

Snacks

Snacks brought from home are for personal consumption only. Students will only eat food from their home or a parent approved school supplied snack. Students will receive instruction about allergy awareness. Teachers will discuss with students, in an age appropriate manner, the seriousness of life-threatening allergies and the importance of not sharing or trading food with classmates. As a further precautionary measure, if a class has a student with a life-threatening food allergy, parents of classmates will be advised that each student's snack must be free of the life-threatening food allergen. In all classes, all student's snack must be purchased in stores, commercially-prepared and packaged, and contain complete ingredient lists. However, fruits and vegetables are acceptable in the classroom without a life-threatening allergy to the fruits and vegetables.

The policy in its entirety can be found on the Merrick website in the Board of Education policy section.

Pesticide Neighbor Notification

No pesticide applications took place this past year at any of our schools. Individuals may register to receive a written notice within 48 hours prior to a pesticide application. You may request information about the products that were applied, including any warnings that may appear on the pesticide label that pertains to the protection of humans, animals, or the environment. Please contact the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 992-7260 if you wish to obtain additional information.

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AHERA Compliance

The district's regular maintenance of schools includes asbestos inspections in all facilities; in compliance with the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) the district undertakes the following:

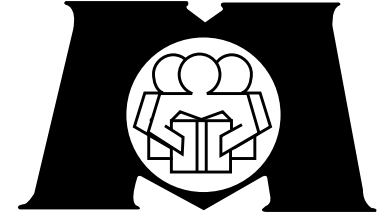
- Performs periodic surveillance and three year inspections for all asbestos building materials.
- Updates the district asbestos management plan.

Should anyone have questions they should contact the Director of School Facilities at 992-7255.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Merrick Union Free School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, religion, age, sex, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, military status, or genetic predisposition or carrier status in its educational programs or employment.

The Board of Education of the Merrick School District is committed to providing to its students and employees an environment free from all forms of unlawful harassment, including sexual. Any student or employee who believes that he or she has been subjected to unlawful harassment should report the alleged misconduct so that appropriate corrective action may be taken. The Board of Education Sexual Harassment Policy is available at the District Office. The Assistant Superintendent for Business and Technology serves as the District Compliance Coordinator for this policy.



An Important Part of Community Life

Get Involved In Education

For our educational system to flourish, it needs the involvement and participation of all members of our community. Each and every citizen of Merrick has an important contribution to make to the effective functioning of our school district.

Community Use of School Facilities

Non-profit community groups, whose members are primarily residents of the school district, may use school facilities when available for educational, civic and recreational activities. Applications and information may be obtained from the District Office.

Vandalism Hurts All of Us

Grounds of all three schools close at dusk, except when being utilized for activities approved by the Board of Education and for which permits have been issued. Persons on school grounds without authorization are subject to charges of trespassing. Acts of malicious damage to school property should be immediately reported to the district office or to the police. State law holds parents or legal guardians responsible for damage to school property.

Vandalism in our schools hurts all of us. Students and teachers lose the opportunity to utilize needed equipment, materials or facilities. The community as a whole suffers, not only because the climate of our schools is diminished, but because it is the community that must bear the financial burden of senseless vandalism. Working together as a community, we can help to put a stop to vandalism once and for all.

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The Merrick Board of Education

One way to become a part of the educational process is through participation in the meetings of the Board of Education. The seven-member Board serves without pay and is elected by residents to three-year terms of office. The Board generally meets at least once a month on Tuesdays beginning at 7:15 p.m. at the Katherine E. Reif Administration Center. Meetings are listed in the calendar, and visitors are welcome.

Voting and Registration

Residents of the district may vote in May on the annual budget, as well as for candidates to the Board of Education. To vote, a person must be a registered voter of the school district or a currently registered voter in Nassau County, a citizen of the United States, at least 18 years old and a resident of the school district for 30 days prior to vote. For registration to remain valid, a resident must have voted in a school district election or in general elections at least once in the past four years.

Save Time!

Residents may register to vote at all district schools on all school days of the school year between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. up to five (5) days prior to the budget vote. Additional information may be obtained from the District Clerk. Phone: 992-7240.

Votación y Registro

Los residentes del distrito pueden votar en Mayo sobre el presupuesto anual y elegir los candidatos de la Junta de Educación. Para votar, una persona debe ser un votante actualmente registrado en el distrito escolar o en el condado de Nassau, un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos, tener al menos 18 años de edad y ser residente del distrito escolar durante los 30 días anteriores a la votación. Para que la inscripción sea válida, el residente debe haber votado en una elección del distrito escolar o en elecciones generales al menos una vez en los últimos cuatro años.

¡Ahorra tiempo!

Para votar, los residentes pueden registrarse en todas las escuelas del distrito de lunes a viernes entre las 9:30 a.m. y las 3:30 p.m. durante todo el año escolar y tienen hasta cinco (5) días antes de la votación del presupuesto para votar. Si desea obtener mas información pueden contactar al Secretario del Distrito al teléfono 992-7240.





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