Montclair Public Schools (MPS) Highlights

School Year 2022-23
March 8, 2023

Dr. Jonathan Ponds Superintendent

All Kids can Learn

All Kids are Special
All Students WELCOME!

Ages 3 to 18 years old

Montclair Public School District

Committed to educating our youngest learners through high school in innovative, challenging and engaging ways

YOUR SCHOOLS for YOUR CHILDREN
# Back to Basics for Future Success

## Reading

**To improve our reading program and curriculum**

- Intervention & Referral Services and Response to Intervention models and protocols

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**Science of Reading Training**

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

**Orton Gillingham and IMSE Training**

- Sensory method to help not only struggling readers but all readers in Gen Ed and Spec Ed
- Identify Dyslexia early
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MATH

To improve our instructional math programming using research-proven strategies and coaching

Math Workshop Model
- Professional Development for teachers
- Increase engagement and address multiple learning styles
- Think aloud strategies
- Rich math tasks/sense making - deeper learning that requires high levels of thinking, reasoning, and problem solving
ESL (English as a Second Language) Services

More Services for a Growing Population of ELLs
(English Language Learners)

Partnering: Local groups to share services to our ELL population
More translated materials available

ESL Programming
Bilingual Liaison Teacher in each ESL school: Northeast, Edgemont, Nishuane, Buzz, MHS
Bilingual Outreach, Translation and Interpreter Teams

Free Adult ESL Classes:
Parent/Family Workshops
Beginning March 27, every Monday for 10 weeks

Sheltered English Instruction for all teachers who have ELLs in class
Special Education (SE)

Restructuring to meet the academic needs of all students

- Training teaching staff to meet students at their academic level of maturity
- Science of Reading: Exposure to sensory support instruction
- Orton Gillingham professional teaching program in collaboration with FDU
- Institute of Multisensory Education (IMSE): Training for all of our reading and instructional support teachers for identified students in tiered support populations
- Examine the validity of all SE programs: Undergoing complete program review offered to classified students in collaboration with SE supervisors, teachers, and parents to not only audit but make recommendations for SY 2023-24
- Quarterly newsletter for parents and community
Tutoring

Accountability with partners to ensure we are doing everything we can to support students’ overall achievement; reaching all students through after-school and Saturday programming (COSEBOC, MNDC, Sister to Sister, Brother to Brother, IMANI)

Cultural Responsiveness

Ongoing training to consistently reinforce the importance of being culturally responsive in all situations with students, staff, families and community

Leadership

Build and organize a solid team of Central Office administrators who can work with school leadership to implement goals, enforce policy, and most importantly, positively impact student learning and achievement
Music and the Arts

New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Collaboration
Slated for SY 2023-24

All Schools offer Music and Art classes

Offerings include:

- Art: Studio, foundations, drawing/composition
  - Vocal/Chorus
  - Dance
  - Acting
  - Photography
  - Theater
- Music appreciation and theory
  - Band
  - Orchestra

and more!
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<th>Philosophy/approach to transforming school culture toward reparations and relationships and away from punishment and suspension</th>
<th>Build an environment and relationships of inclusion, shared responsibility and accountability</th>
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<td>Fosters social/emotional well-being, acceptance, empowerment and mutual respect</td>
<td>RJ across all disciplines; Health and Wellness opportunities for staff, students and families</td>
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### PreK Expansion

#### Year Two of a Five-Year Expansion towards Universal PreK

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- SY 23-24 Enrollment reflecting 20% Free and Reduced Lunch population
- Looking forward to expanding to new partnerships
- Foundation for building success for young learners
- Art, music, water carnivals are in the making

MPS along with Partners YMCA, Montclair Community PreK, Head Start, and Montclair Neighborhood Childcare Center
**Community Schools**

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<th>In Partnership with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center</th>
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**Hillside and Glenfield Schools**

- Health screenings
- Talk to nurses, doctors & dentists
- Receive referrals; have appointments made
- Lecture series on common health problems; diabetes, hypertension, stress management, nutrition

**Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7 PM**

Accessibility assistance at both sites

See our website for detailed schedule

- Partnering with Toni’s Kitchen; meal boxes in March with attendance at nutrition class
- All classes and services in multiple languages
**COSEBOC Training**

**The Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC)**

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<td>Culturally Responsive Training</td>
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<td>Promoting Equity and Excellence for all students:</td>
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<td>using and interpreting data</td>
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## ROBOTICS & STEM EDUCATION

### Robotics

- Just announced for SY 2023-24
- MHS Robotics will be an official TEAM!

- Budget Line
- Equipment
- All the privileges of varsity sports

### STEM & STEAM

- New 3D Printers
- Innovation Science Labs
- Weston Scholars Programs: STEM Courses at MSU
  - Expanding from a High School-only program to all three Middle Schools
- K-12 Curricula; including scientific investigation and engineering design

### Visiting MakerBot Facilities
# Career and Technical Education

## New Pathways for Success after High School

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| **Carpenters Union**                        | • Classes in Carpentry  
• Carpentry Exam  
• Opportunity for Apprenticeships  |
| **WHIP/Weston Health Internship Program**    | Students interested in pursuing a career in medicine can shadow doctors and administration at Mountainside |
| **Career Internship Program**                | Seniors interning with various local companies, government agencies, community groups and more. A great way for students to see what the workforce is all about and make networking connections |
| **Essex County Schools of Technology**       | • Shared-time educational program  
• Various career opportunities  
• West Caldwell campus  |

Growing enrollment
# DUAL ENROLLMENT

Enter at PreK - Graduate with Diploma & Associate’s Degree

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<th>Two Partnerships</th>
<th>Montclair Academic Dual Enrollment (MADE)</th>
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<td>Entering its 4th year with fall and spring semester courses</td>
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<td>New for School Year 2023-24</td>
<td>Possibility of partial credits or full credits for Associate’s Degree upon graduation</td>
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<td>Classes at MHS and the new ECC Campus in West Caldwell</td>
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# Community Investment/Bond Referendum

## Commitment to the Community

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<th>Work begins for Year 1 of the $188M Bond Package</th>
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<td>The District is grateful to the community who overwhelmingly supported the passing of the Bond. And thanks to the enormous efforts of PTA volunteers who championed the needs of the schools and worked side-by-side with the District</td>
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<td>The DISTRICT schools are YOUR SCHOOLS</td>
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<td>• We are designing spaces and fields for community use</td>
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<td>• Improvements to infrastructure, HVAC and quality upgrades serve not only our students and staff but the community as a whole</td>
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<td>• Safety is our top priority in all projects</td>
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# Workforce Development

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<th>Classes for Adults, Parents, and Senior Population</th>
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- Development stages
- Partnering with community groups such as Gateway to Aging, Toni’s Kitchen, MNDC
- Classes being considered are home healthcare, technical skills, job skills, ESL, and more
- Sites: Essex County College West Caldwell Campus and our Community Schools Hillside and Glenfield, and MHS
STRATEGIC PLANNING

COMING SOON!

Collaboration with Board, District Administration, MEA, MPA, and most importantly you, our

Community Partners
Thank you Montclair Community for believing and working together.

Montclair Neighborhood Development Corp.
YMCA
Toni’s Kitchen
MFEE
Montclair State University
NAACP
NIBPA
Essex County College
Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center
Partners for Health
Head Start
Montclair Neighborhood Childcare Center
Montclair Community PreK
IMANI
Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister
Succeed2Gether
Gateway to Aging in Place
St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish, St. Peter Claver Parish
Union Baptist Church
Jewish Community Leaders

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