



Medford Lakes School District

**3rd Grade
Orientation
Presentation**

May 13, 2024

Medford Lakes Board of Education

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Welcome to Neeta School!

Dr. Dent

**Superintendent
Neeta Principal**



Mrs. Heicklen

**Administrative Assistant
to Dr. Dent**



Meet the CST Staff!



**Mrs. Summerville,
Director of Special
Services**



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Meet Our 3rd Grade Teachers!

Mrs. Reier



Ms. Leone



Meet Our 3rd Grade Teachers!

Mrs. Terruso



Mrs. Nufrio



Meet Our PE Teachers!

Ms. Clark



Coach Z



Meet Our Counseling Staff



**Mrs. Stuby,
School
Counselor**



**Mrs. Lembo,
School
Counselor**

Meet Our School Nurse!



**Mrs. Collins,
School Nurse**

Required Health Office Documents

YEARLY PHYSICAL

- 3rd Grade Students are required to have a yearly physical prior to starting the school year.
- Due Date: 9/20/2024
- Click on link to be directed to the **Universal Health Physical Form**

Note: If your child is not due for his/her annual physical, please supply the Health Office with a note including the date and time of his/her appointment no later than 9/20/2024

Consent for Health Services/Yearly Health Update Form

- Medford Lakes requires the Yearly Health and Health Services Consent Form to be completed no later than 9/20/2024

Consent for Over The Counter Medications

- Medford Lakes School District requires the OTC consent form to be completed and returned to school
- All OTC medications of been approved by the Medford Lakes School District Physician

Approved Medications:

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
Ibuprofen (Motrin)
Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)
Throat Lozenges/Cough Drops
Antacid Tablets (Tums)

Medication Forms

All forms can be found on the District website under Health Services

Medication Administration

New Jersey State law PROHIBITS administration of ANY medication, including “over - the - counter” medication without a DOCTOR’S ORDER.

- All medications MUST be in its original container with the student’s name and valid expiration date
- Medications must be handed to the school nurse by a parent/guardian

****STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO CARRY THEIR OWN MEDICATION INCLUDING OTC****

Link: [Medication Administration Order Form](#)

Asthma Action Plan

- If your child has Asthma and needs and inhaler or nebulized treatments during the school day, a physician **MUST** complete an **Asthma Action Plan**
- With physician authorization only, students may be permitted to self carry their inhaler

****NOTE: A new Asthma Action Plan needs to be completed for every school year****

Link: [Asthma Action Plan](#)

Allergy Action Plan

- If your child has a life threatening allergy and requires an EpiPen, a physician **MUST** complete and **Allergy Action Plan.**
- In the case that the school nurse is not immediately available, parents can opt to have a trained delegate to administer an EpiPen to your child by completing the **Delegate Form.**
- With physician authorization only, students may be permitted to self carry their EpiPen

****NOTE: A new Allergy Action Plan needs to be completed for every school year****

Link: [Permission for EpiPen Delegate](#)

Link: [Allergy Action Plan](#)

Health Office Need To Knows



Tips & Tricks

Attendance

If your child will be absent from school, please call the school to report his/her absence and reason why.

Excused Absences: please provide a parent/doctor note with the reason your child was absent. Attendance will be updated according to the district's policies.

REMINDER: If your child is absent for 3 or more consecutive days, a doctor's note is required.

Physical/Injury Restrictions

If your child has an injury and is unable to participate in gym or recess, please send in a doctor's note stating the restrictions and length of time.



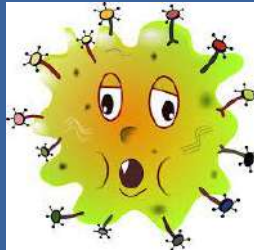
Snacks

Snacks will **ONLY** be for 3rd and 4th Grades

Please be sure that your child has a good night's sleep and has breakfast in the morning. Please send a healthy snack to school with your child every day.

ALL CLASSROOMS ARE PEANUT/ TREE NUT FREE

Health Office Need To Knows Continued



When to Keep Your Child Home

Fever 100.0 or higher

Vomiting x1

Diarrhea (2 or more episodes)

Symptoms that keep your child from participating in school:

- Moderate/Severe Lethargy (Tiredness) and/or lack of appetite
- Cough that cannot be controlled
- Headache, body aches, lethargy
- Sore throat with the following symptoms: headache, stomachache, or rash (may be indicative of strep throat)

Medications

All medication must be brought to school in the original labeled container prepared by the pharmacy, doctor, or pharmaceutical company (i.e., no envelopes, foil, or baggies).

All medication must have a valid expiration date

All medication must be given to the Health Office by a parent/guardian

24 HOUR RULE

- **FEVER:** Keep your child home until fever free **WITHOUT** the aid of medicine for 24 hours.
- **VOMITING and DIARRHEA:** Keep your child home for 24 hours from the **LAST** episode of vomiting and/or diarrhea.
- **ANTIBIOTICS:** Keep your child home for 24 hours after the **FIRST** dose of antibiotics.

What Time Does School Start?

**Neeta School
begins at 8:09*am**

*students are asked to arrive at school
no earlier than 8:00 am.

Where Do Elementary Students Park Their Bikes?

- All bikes are parked at the bike rack.
- Bikes should be placed in a bike rack and not thrown on the ground.



Where Is The Carline?

- Parents driving students to and from school are asked to use the carline.
- “Drop off” is anywhere along the yellow curb – the yellow curb runs the length of the building.
- Please assist your child so that they are ready to “hop out” of your car.



Where Do Elementary Students Enter The Building?

- Elementary students enter the building through the side entrance near the bike rack.



Where Do Elementary Students Wait Until The Bell Rings?

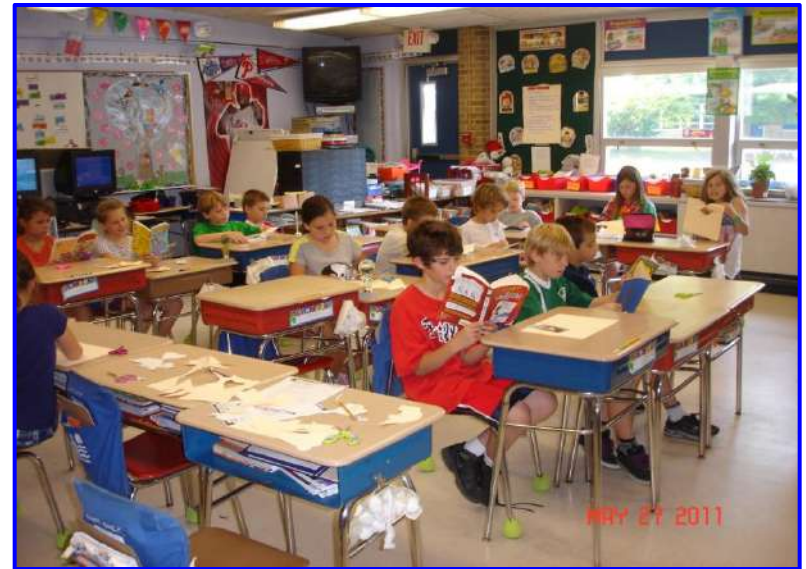


- Students wait in the bike area until the bell rings except when there is inclement weather and then students sit along the wall in the main hallway.
- Students can talk with friends or read a book (NO CELL PHONES) as long as they remain seated.
- The bell rings at 8:09 am and students stand and walk down to their classrooms.

Academics in Third Grade

To support a smooth academic transition from Nokomis to Neeta, our third grade friends continue with familiar routines, programs, and materials.

- Responsive Classroom
- Reader's Workshop
- Guided Reading
- Independent Reading
- Writer's Workshop
- Words Their Way
- Mathematics
- Science
- Social Studies



Lunch

Students can bring lunch from home or lunch can be purchased through the Home & School Association lunch program. Student's may choose their own seats.



What Related Arts Subjects Will My Third Grader Have At Neeta ?



- All 3rd graders have art, computers, music, spanish, and library.
- Students will also participate in physical education, SEL (social/emotional learning), and health class.

The school day ends at 3:02 pm



All elementary students are dismissed from the doors near the art room.

Activities & Field Trips

- Leon Todd Memorial field trip
- Cedar Run
- Medford Lakes Education Foundation's "Butterfly Project"
- Home & School Association's "Battle of the Books"

Leon Todd Memorial Park

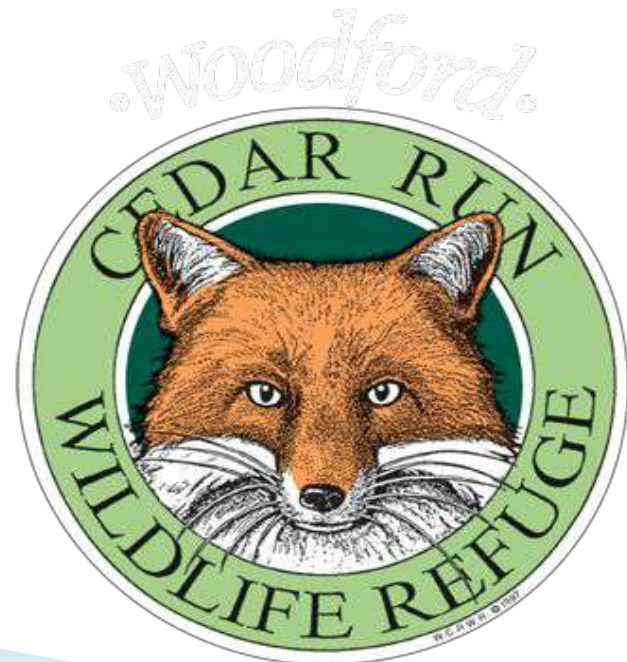
- The third grade classes visit the Leon Todd Memorial Park as a field trip.
- The goal of the field trip is to learn more about the following:
 - ☐ Leon Todd Memorial (Mr. Todd is the founder of Medford Lakes)
 - ☐ The Veteran's Memorial
 - ☐ The September 11, 2001 Memorial
 - ☐ Promote education on plant and animal species commonly found in the community.

3rd Grade Visit to the Leon Todd Memorial



Field Trip to Cedar Run

Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge is a 171-acre non-profit wildlife refuge, wildlife rehabilitation hospital & nature center on the edge of the New Jersey Pinelands.



Medford Lakes Education Foundation's Butterfly Project



MLEF Foundation



www.medfordlakeseducationfoundation.org



MLEF PROJECTS

Third Grade Butterfly Project

Nokomis Night at the Art

Project Infinity

Teacher Enrichment Grants

Updated Chromebooks

Tech Programs

Robotics Club

The Neeta Play

The Secret Garden at Nokomis

Upgrades to school computers

Smart Boards

Camp Ockanickon

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**MLEF donates
up to
\$5000.00
towards Camp
Ockanickon**



WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS!



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WHAT DOES MLEF DO ?

The Medford Lakes Education Foundation (MLEF) provides funding for enrichment programs, grants for teachers, computer upgrades and technology based initiatives,

Our mission and focus is clear :

EXCELLENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS

Email us MLEF.EDU@GMAIL.COM

HOME & SCHOOL ASSOCIATION (HSA)

- ★ **Meetings held monthly**
- ★ **Lunch Program**
- ★ **Book Fair**
- ★ **Classroom Parties**
- ★ **Holiday Shop**
- ★ **Bike Registration**
- ★ **...and SO much more!**





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Special Education Parents Advisory Council

- ✓ Offer parents **SUPPORT** and **SOLUTIONS**
- ✓ Provides input to district on different issues concerning students with disabilities
- ✓ **Meetings**: Monthly, 3rd Thu 6:30 pm Neeta Library

Neeta Elementary School is the beginning of a **NEW** and exciting adventure! If you have further questions, please email Mrs. Heicklen [**jheicklen@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us**](mailto:jheicklen@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)

Oh the places you'll go,
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting,
So ...get on your way!

--Dr. Seuss

