



**MEDFORD LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Neeta Elementary School**

**Welcome to our 6th Grade  
Orientation...**

**...And to  
MIDDLE SCHOOL!!**

# **The Medford Lakes School District Board of Education (MLBOE)**

The Board of Education consists of elected people from our community that help make our district GREAT! They have a public meeting each month to help keep the school district running smoothly! We thank them for all they do for our staff and students! You will find the meeting dates on our school website under the Board of Education tab.

[www.medford-lakes.k12.nj.us](http://www.medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)

## **Board Members**

**Mrs. Bezanis, President**

**Mr. Kerfoot, Vice President**

**Mrs. Schultz, Member**

**Ms. Moore, Member**

**Ms. Connerly , Member**

# **Welcome To Middle School!**



**Dr. Dent,  
Superintendent  
Neeta Principal**

# Meet the Administrative Team



**Mr. Vrettos,  
Business  
Administrator**



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



**Mr. Vanderzee,  
Supervisor of  
Buildings &  
Grounds**

# Meet Our AWESOME Office Staff



← Mrs. Heicklen,  
Administrative Assistant to  
Dr. Dent

Mrs. Walsh,  
Child Study Team  
Secretary →





**Welcome to  
Neeta  
*MIDDLE*  
School!**

**Grades 6th-8th  
8:09 AM-3:02 PM**

**Early Dismissal  
12:23 PM**

# MLEF Foundation



[www.medfordlakeseducationfoundation.org](http://www.medfordlakeseducationfoundation.org)



## Medford Lakes Education Foundation





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# 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**

# CAMP OCKANICKON

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



# WE ARE ALWAYS LOOKING FOR NEW MEMBERS



## MEDFORD LAKES EDUCATION FOUNDATION

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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](mailto: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!**





# LAKERS SEPAC



## 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

# ARRIVAL

## Carline/Walkers Arrival/Drop off 8:00 AM-8:09 AM

Students in grades 6-8 enter the building through the APR lobby door. The doors open at 8:00 AM and students are expected to go directly to their locker.

- **Students arriving after 8:10 AM, MUST BE SIGNED IN BY A PARENT IN THE FRONT OFFICE.**
- **Students marked late 5x will receive a DETENTION!**

Neeta MIDDLE School

Encouraging RESPONSIBILITY!



# Middle School Sports

## FALL SPORTS

- ★ Soccer (boys & girls)
- ★ Field Hockey (girls)

## WINTER SPORTS

- ★ Basketball (boys & girls)
- ★ Cheer (boys & girls)

## SPRING SPORTS

- ★ Lacrosse (girls)
- ★ Baseball (boys)
- ★ Neeta Sports Booster Club (Please join!)

# Academics in 6th Grade

## Math

***Big Ideas***

**Grades 6,7,8**

## ELA (English Language Arts)

***Elements of Language***

**Grades 6,7,8**

***Instructional Coach***

**Grades 6,7,8**

## Science

***Science/Dimensions***

**Grades 5,6,7,8**

## Social Studies

***History Alive!***

**Grades 6,7,8**





# SUPPORT SERVICES

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Mrs. Stuby

[hstuby@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us](mailto:hstuby@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)

Mrs. Lembo

[elembo@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us](mailto:elembo@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)

## SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Collins

[acollins@Medford-lakes.k12.nj.us](mailto:acollins@Medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)

## CST - "CHILD STUDY TEAM"

Mrs. Summerville

[jsummerville@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us](mailto:jsummerville@medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)



When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, "Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping."

- Mister Rogers

# STUDENT COUNCIL

- **Student Council represents the students and try to make your voice heard.**
- **We organize fundraisers, Spirit Week, dances, relay race, and many other student activities**
- **Think of creative ideas to make the school year fun**
- **Communicate to your other classmates on what activities are coming up.**



# TOOLS OF COMMUNICATION

## SCHOOL DISTRICT WEBSITE

[www.medford-lakes.k12.nj.us](http://www.medford-lakes.k12.nj.us)

- Access to Parent Portal
- Link to [www.MyFoodDays.com](http://www.MyFoodDays.com)
- Posting of current announcements
- Calendar of school and district events
- Highlights of school and district happenings
- Links to teachers email address

## Thursday “LAKERS LINKS” (email blast)

- Emailed each Thursday
- Weekly notices
- Important Reminders
- Highlights of school & community happenings

## Realtime Parent Portal

- Grades
- Schedule
- Daily Attendance,
- Contacts
- Notification Preferences

# Required Health Office Documents

## YEARLY PHYSICAL

- 6th 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**

## IMMUNIZATIONS

- **TDap**- 1 dose required for all entering sixth graders who are 11 years of age or older
- **Meningococcal**- 1 dose required for all entering 6th graders who are 11 years of age or older

**Note: Immunization records are required to be submitted to the Health Office no later than 9/20/2024.**

**If your child is not due for immunizations, please supply the Health Office with a note including the date and time of his/her appointment**

**\*\* The Burlington County Department of Health immunization audit will take place October 2024. Failure to provide documentation will result in student exemption\*\***

# Required Health Office Documents Continued

## 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 9/23/2023

Link: [Yearly Health Update Form](#)

## 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 Lozengers/Cough Drops**

**Antacid Tablets (Tums)**

# Camp Ockanickon



## Required Health Camp Forms

1. **Confidential Health Information Form** - this form indicates if your child has any specific dietary needs/restrictions, phobias, mental/social/emotional health concerns etc

Link: [Camp Ockanickon Emergency Contact/Health Form](#)

## Medications

ALL medication must be supplied to the the Health Office in the original bottle by a parent/guardians

Medication must have a valid expiration date

Medication and appropriate administration forms must be supplied to the nurses office no later than 7 days prior to the trip.

# MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



**Mrs. Agin**  
**Science Teacher**



**Ms. Clark**  
**PE Teacher**

# MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



**Mrs. Gibson**  
**Math Teacher**



**Mr. Heggan**  
**Science Teacher**



# **MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**



**Mrs. Craig**  
**Basic Skills Teacher**

# **MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**



**Mr. McCall**  
**POR Math Teacher**



**Mrs. Morales**  
**ELA Teacher**

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**Mr. Meakim**  
**Social Studies Teacher**



**Mrs. Haziza**  
**Music Teacher**

# **MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**



**Mr. Moorhead**  
**ICR Teacher**



**Mrs. O'Brien**  
**Math Teacher**

# MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



**Mrs. Reid**  
**Math Teacher**



**Mrs. Ross**  
**ELA Teacher**

# **MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**



**Mrs. Summerville**  
**Spanish Teacher**



**Mrs. Swindells**  
**Media Specialist**

# MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



**Mrs. Walsh**  
**Social Studies**



**Mr. Wassell**  
**Computers**



# MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS



**Mrs. Wells**  
**Art Teacher**



**Mrs. Wharton**  
**ELA Teacher**



# **MEET OUR MIDDLE SCHOOL TEACHERS**



**Mr. Lepere**  
**ICR ELA Teacher**

# Meet Our School Counselors



**Mrs. Stuby**  
**Grades 6-8**



**Mrs. Lembo**  
**Grades 3-5**



# L.A.K.E.R.S.

**L**eadership  
**A**ccountability  
**K**indness  
**E**nthusiasm  
**R**espect  
**S**ervice

# Questions???

**Important  
information for  
families here!!!**

**Neeta MIDDLE 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)**