

Camden Street Elementary

Samuel Garrison, Principal



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Dear Parents,

On behalf of the staff at the Camden Street School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year! I would like to congratulate and thank you and your child for your resilience during the 2020-2021 academic term. We are still undergoing an unprecedented challenge, but we are encouraged by the leadership of the Newark Board of Education and Superintendent Leon in their proactive approach to addressing these challenges. Consequently, please know that the safety of your child is still our top priority followed by a delivery of a world class education. We are looking forward to a continued and productive partnership with you, our parents, to ensure student safety and academic achievement. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, your child needs support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you is vital for flexibility; this global pandemic continues to present challenges that change on a daily basis. As partners, our shared responsibility for your child's safety and success will be guided by the following:

- 1. First Day of School Tuesday, September 7th, 2021!
- Strict adherence to CDC guidelines and safety protocols which require physical distancing, wearing masks, hand washing and sanitizing. Accordingly, our schools will continue to operate as contactless sites until further notice from the Superintendent. Therefore, non-employees will not be allowed in the school. Additionally, our previous protocols outlined in the safe return to school plan will continue as it relates to ingress and egress.
- 3. School Hours 8:25a.m.-2:55 p.m.
- 4. School Uniform Colors Khakis (Pants/Skirt) and Navy Blue Shirt.
- 5. New student registration continues throughout the month of August. All students must be registered by August 26th 2021 to ensure a seat.
- 6. Due to COVID, our annual meet and greet will be virtual on August 31st, 2021 from 6pm to 7pm.
- 7. Our school supply lists are posted on our school's webpage, will be discussed at the meet and greet on August 31st, and will be provided on the first day of school by your child's teacher.
- 8. Lunch Applications MUST be completed by all students. Effective October 1st, 2018, no free meals will be served to students who do not have an approved application on file. Kindly complete the lunch application for your child in Schoolmint.
- 9. Our virtual Back to School Night is on Wednesday, September 22nd, 2021, from 6:00-8:00pm. You will have the opportunity to meet your child's teacher and hear more about our program and district curriculum. Please join us for this important informational evening.
- 10. All students should have completed their summer reading prior to September 7th and are expected to take the corresponding assessment along with any other assessments administered throughout the year.

On the first day of school you should expect to receive a school-to-home packet containing important information. Please review all of the documents and promptly return any forms requiring signature. Student classroom placements at Camden Street School were made by teachers and administrators based upon the needs of individual students. Our intent for all classroom placements is to provide a carefully balanced classroom community that provides the best learning experience for your child. Classroom placements are posted in the school, and will be available at our Virtual Meet and Greet on Tuesday, August 31, 2021. Additionally, our school rules will be reviewed at our virtual Back to School Night on September 22nd 2021 (6pm — 8pm). We want you and your child to be fully informed regarding standards related to appropriate behavior to ensure a safe and productive school year. Accordingly, in terms of the current crisis, we have outlined in detail what our return to school looks like and you can access this information via our safe return plan, located on our school website under the parent portal.