



## HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

“Aspire to Inspire”

*Antoine L. Gayles, Ed. D.  
Superintendent of Schools*

*April Lowe  
Principal  
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Dear A.P. Morris Family,

On behalf of the staff at A.P. Morris School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2018-19 school year! We are looking forward to a partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. With support from both home and school, your child (scholar) will have an **UN-BEE-LIEVABLE** year. The first day of school can be filled with anxiety for both parents and scholars. However, if you are aware of the first day of school procedures, this can lead to a smooth transition. **Please take a moment to review this letter.**

You and your scholar are invited to “**Meet the Teacher**” on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.** During this informal meeting, you and your scholar will have a chance to meet the teacher and see their classroom. The first day of school for scholars is **Thursday, September 6, 2018.**

### Arrival/Dismissal Plan

**Pre K 3, Pre K 4, and Kindergarten** scholars are to report to school **no earlier than 8:45 a.m.** and no later than 9:00 a.m. Upon arrival, Pre K and K scholars should enter using the auditorium doors, which are on the side of the ECC building. Staff members will be there to assist and supervise the children. ***Due to our large student population, it is critical that parents and scholars do not arrive prior to 8:45 a.m.*** Breakfast after the bell (free breakfast) will begin on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. **Pre K 3 and Pre K 4 scholars will be dismissed at 2:35 p.m. from classroom doors.** Pre K 3 and Pre k 4 scholars that have a bus pass will be placed on the appropriate bus. **Kindergarten scholars will be dismissed at 3:20 p.m. from various classrooms.** Kindergarten scholars that have a bus pass will be placed on the appropriate bus. Dismissal locations for Pre K 3, Pre K 4 and Kindergartners will be posted on our website on August 1, 2018.

**First Grade** scholars are to report to school no earlier than 8:00 a.m. and no later than 8:15 a.m. Upon arrival, they are to report to the auditorium, which is on the side of the ECC building. Staff members will be there to assist and supervise the children. ***Due to our large student population, it is critical that parents and scholars do not arrive prior to 8:00 a.m.*** Breakfast after the bell (free breakfast) will begin on Tuesday, September 11, 2018. Dismissal is at 2:35 p.m., and the scholars will exit from the front of the A.P. Morris building. Scholars that have a bus pass will be placed on the appropriate bus.

### Scholar Valet Drop off

**If we continue with the scholar valet service, it will not begin until Tuesday, September 11, 2018.** Please plan to park and walk your scholar to the appropriate location the first two days of school.

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143 Coe Ave, Hillside, NJ 07205-2798  
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### Lunch

Lunch will be served daily with the exception of early dismissal days. Lunch applications must be completed online. Each scholar that has a completed lunch application online will receive a Bee Buck. **Scholars' lunch status will remain as it was last year until October 1<sup>st</sup>.** The cost for lunch is **\$2.70** and will be served on all full day sessions.

### School Uniforms

The school uniform represents self-pride and confidence. **Parents/Guardians, please help us by making sure your scholar wears the uniform to school daily.** Uniforms can be purchased at *Kids Place* (126 Board St. in Elizabeth) or any other department store.

**Girls Uniform:** Khaki jumpers, skirts, pants or shorts, navy blue polo shirts and sweaters

**Boys Uniform:** Khaki pants or shorts, and navy blue polo shirts and sweaters

### Supplies

Please check the A.P. Morris website for a suggested supply list for each grade level.

### Before and After School Child Care

If you are interested in signing your scholar up for the Stepping Stones Before and Aftercare Program, please call (973) 375-5437.

### Back to School Night

Back to School Night will be held **on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.**

### Busing

**If you have not received a bus pass, please call the department of transportation at (908) 352-7664 ext. 6453. Bus passes are created by the transportation department. The schools are not responsible for printing bus passes. Please do not wait until September to inquire about bus passes. Your scholar will not be able to ride the bus without a pass.** If your scholar has a bus pass, please have your scholar at the bus stop at least five minutes prior to their scheduled pick up time. **Please be on time to pick up your scholar from the bus stop at the end of the day.** The pass must be attached to your scholar's backpack. This pass will match the animal picture on the window of your scholar's bus. **Scholars will not be allowed to ride the bus without a pass.** Parents/Guardians must provide a signed letter if a scholar is not riding the bus on any particular day.

### PTA

Please consider joining the A.P. Morris PTA. Our scholars benefit from your involvement and contributions to the school's program and its operations. More information about the PTA will be given at **Back to School Night on Thursday, September 20, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.** School spirit t-shirts will also be sold at **Back to School Night.** They are **\$10 for short sleeve and \$15 for long sleeve shirts.** The PTA will only accept cash for the t-shirts.

I look forward to seeing you on **Wednesday, September 5, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.,** when you attend **"Meet the Teacher."**

Enjoy the rest of the summer!



April Lowe  
Principal

**Si necesita una copia de esta carta en español, visite nuestra página en el internet.**

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