

Dr. Joyanne D. Miller Elementary School

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Dear Joyanne D. Miller School Families,

Welcome to the 2020-2021 school year! I hope your families are safe, healthy and have enjoyed your time together this summer. Everyone realizes that our current reality regarding Covid 19 and the impact it has on education is unprecedented, however, I can assure you that the entire Joyanne D. Miller School (JDMS) staff misses each of our students and will work diligently with you and your children to deliver a high quality educational experience in the virtual learning environment.

The Egg Harbor Township School District (EHTSD) will follow a virtual learning schedule from September 8th until October 23rd. The JDMS students will be working virtually with staff members on an abbreviated day schedule from 8:30-1:23. The students are still responsible for meeting the requirements of EHTSD attendance policy and must be present for their live instruction each day. [EHTSD Attendance Policy 5200](#)

On Mondays of each week the students will follow an asynchronous schedule, also known as “On Demand” learning, where students will have live check-ins with teachers, receive and complete assignments for the day, and have a glance at the expectations for the week. On Tuesday through Friday of each week students will follow a synchronous schedule, also known as “Live” learning, where teachers will be delivering live online instruction with students during their scheduled time (as if they were in school). Specific student schedules for the day will be provided from the homeroom teacher on the first day of school.

All families will need to access their Parent Portal accounts on Tuesday September 1st to see each student's homeroom teacher. Once a student receives their homeroom teacher assignment they will then visit their teacher's website on Friday September 4th to retrieve their Google Classroom login information for the first day of school. If you are in need of a portal account send an email to icportal@eht.k12.nj.us. Your email needs to include the parent's name, student's name, student's school and grade level, student's birthdate, home or cell phone number and email address. Use the following link to access a “How to Video” for creating a parent portal account. [Parent Portal How to Video](#)

Below you will find a sample JDMS schedule that students will follow during virtual learning and (eventually) hybrid learning. Every student will receive a specific schedule to follow once they meet with their homeroom teacher on the first day of school. The student schedule will consist of eight (8)- thirty (30) minute periods. The daily schedule includes a double period of Math, English/Language Arts, and single periods of Science, Social Studies and a related arts class. The schedule also includes an AM and PM homeroom to allow students time to check in and receive important information for the day. In addition, the students have two built in 20 minute breaks. Teachers are also available daily to assist students from 2:00-2:45.

Period	Time
Homeroom	8:30-8:40
1	8:40-9:10
2	9:10-9:40
3	9:40-10:10
Break	10-10-10:30
4	10:30-11:00
5	11:00-11:30
Break	11:30-11:50
7	11:50-12:20
8	12:20-12:50
9	12:50-1:20
Homeroom	1:20-1:23
SGI/Virtual Help	2:00-2:45

Also, the JDMS will host student supply distribution nights from September 8th through Friday September 11th from 4pm until 7pm. This will be an opportunity to collect needed materials such as textbooks and meet members of our staff.

In order to keep you up to date about events within the Egg Harbor Township School District and at the Dr. Joyanne D. Miller Elementary School, the following communication networks have been established.

- Our Infinite Campus Parent Portal allows parents to track their child’s academic progress throughout the year.
- School Messenger will be used for mass notification of events throughout the district.
- Class Dojo
- District, school, and individual teacher websites can be viewed at www.eht.k12.nj.us
- Miller School has Instagram and Facebook pages. Please follow us to get up to date information on events throughout the school year.
 - Instagram @ehtnjmillerschool
 - Facebook @ehtnjmiller
- The JDMS Student Handbook is available on our web page under the Academic heading. Please review the handbook to understand the EHTSD policies and practices.

Enjoy the remaining days of your summer vacation.

Sincerely,

Jim Battersby

Principal