

Public Schools Calendar 2007-2008

SEPTEMBER

5	Wednesday	Staff in Service
6	Thursday	First Day for Students
13	Thursday	Rosh Hashanah

OCTOBER

NOVEMBER

8, 9	Thursday, Friday	Teachers Convention
21	Wednesday	Early Dismissal
22, 23	Thursday, Friday	Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

21	Friday	Early Dismissal
24-31	Monday – Monday	Winter Recess

2008

JANUARY

2	Wednesday	Schools Reopen
21	Monday	Martin Luther King, Jr.

FEBRUARY

18-22	Monday – Friday	February Recess
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MARCH

21	Friday	Good Friday
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APRIL

3, 4	Thursday, Friday	Early Dismissal, Staff in Service
21-25	Monday – Friday	Spring Recess

MAY

26	Monday	Memorial Day
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JUNE

20	Friday	High School Graduation Last Day of School
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Any additional snow days or other emergencies causing schools to close will be made up during Spring Recess starting with Monday, April 21st, then Tuesday, April 22nd, etc. Unused snow days will be applied to Friday, May 16th and then Monday, May 19th.



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Home & School Association Meetings 2007-2008

H&SA General Program Meetings:

October 23	Tuesday, 7:30 p.m.	MLHS
January (date TBA)	7:30 p.m.	MLHS
March (date TBA)	7:30 p.m.	MLHS
May (date TBA)	7:30 p.m.	MLHS

Be “In the Know!”

H&SA Business Meetings:

All meetings are scheduled on Fridays from 9a.m.-11a.m. at Borough Hall and are open to all. Please attend, learn what H&SA is doing, ask questions, bring your ideas and opinions. We want your help.

September 14	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
October 5	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
November 2	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
December 7	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
January 11	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
February 1	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
March 7	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
April 11	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
May 2	Friday, 9:00 a.m.	Borough Hall
May 30	Business Meeting, Friday, 10:30 a.m. Annual Recognition Luncheon, 12:00 p.m.	Location TBA

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BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2007-2008

Wildwood New Parent Social		September 19	7:30 p.m.
Briarcliff School	Grades 6, 7 & 8	September 20	7:00 p.m.
Lake Drive	Preschool-8	October 3	7:30 p.m.
Wildwood School	Grades K-5	October 4	7:00 p.m.
High School	Grades 9-12	October 11	7:30 p.m.

School Hours

Kindergarten morning section (Wildwood): 8:45-11:30

Kindergarten afternoon section (Wildwood): 12:25-3:10

Grades 1-5 (Wildwood): 8:30-2:55

Grades 6-8 (Briarcliff): 8:00-2:36

Grades 9-12 (High School): 8:00-2:36

Hearing Impaired (Lake Drive): 8:45-2:45

Preschool morning: 8:45-11:15

Preschool afternoon: 12:15-2:45

Wildwood Supervision

Unaccompanied students in grades 1-5 should report no earlier than 8:25 a.m.,
and kindergartners no earlier than 8:40 or 12:20 p.m.

Students reporting early are not supervised by school personnel.

School Closing

Regular sessions of school are cancelled only in case of emergency.

Notice of school closing or delayed opening (see times below) will be posted on:

Web

1. Weather announcements will be posted on our district website
<http://www.mtlakes.org/district>
The notice will appear at the top of the board in bold, red text.
2. Notice will also be posted on cancellations.com. This can be reached
through a link in the closing/delays page on our home page, or
<http://www.cancellations.com>

Television

1. WCBS (Channel 2)
They will place the district on the text scroll during their morning show broadcast.
2. News 12 (Channel 12)
They will place the district on the text scroll during their morning show broadcast.

Radio

1. WMTR (1250 AM)

Telephone

1. Emergency closings and delays will be taped on the Board of Education answering
machine on the mornings they occur. This machine can be reached at (973) 334-8280.

Once school starts, every effort will be made to complete the day. Parents will be notified if an early closing is necessary. **Please DO NOT call the police or the radio stations.**

Delayed Openings

High School and Briarcliff: 9:30 a.m. • Wildwood and Lake Drive: 10:00 a.m.

Stormy Days

On stormy days children in grades 1-5 may enter Wildwood by the main entrance any time after 8:25 a.m. (kindergartners after 8:25 or 12:05 p.m.). Students may enter Briarcliff after 7:30 a.m. and the high school after 7:15 a.m. on these days.

Reports to Parents

MOUNTAIN LAKES HIGH SCHOOL

Progress Reports: October, December, February, May
End of Marking Period: November 7, January 18, April 2, June 13

BRIARCLIFF

Progress Reports: October, December, March, May
End of Marking Period: November 7, January 25, April 8, June 14

WILDWOOD

Report Cards: November 19, February 4, April 18, last day of school

LAKE DRIVE

Report Cards: November 19, January 28, last day of school

Conferences

Conferences for parents of all children enrolled at Wildwood and Briarcliff will be conveniently scheduled between the opening of school and the February recess. Parents can request and receive conferences with teachers in any of the schools at any time during the school year. Teachers may also ask to confer with parents at various times during the school year. IEP conferences for Special Education students will be scheduled at appropriate times.

General Registration

Registration for all new students will be at the elementary, middle and high school the child will attend. New students from out-of-state or out-of-country are required to have a valid documented Mantoux tuberculin test within six months of entrance. Documentation of an up-to-date physical examination (within six months of entry), birth certificate and legal documentation of the following immunizations are required at this time.

General Registration (continued)

Pupils born on or after 1/1/90 must have the following vaccinations:

- 2 MMR
- 4 DPT (one of which is given on or after the 4th birthday)
- 4 polio (one of which is given on or after the 4th birthday)

Pupils born before 1/1/90 must have the following

- 1 MMR
- 3 DPT
- 3 polio
- Hep B

All immunization and physical examination records and test results need to be submitted to the School Nurse for evaluation before registration can be completed. Please keep the school nurse updated as to boosters and other vaccinations such as MMR, Hep B and DT's (updates to be reported). This will be recorded on the student's school health record.

Medication Policy for School Students

AT SCHOOL

All medications, including all over-the-counter drugs, to be taken by any student in school will be administered by the School Nurse following the guidelines below:

1. Students requiring medication at school must have a written statement of permission to administer medication from his/her physician which identifies the type of medication, dosage and time schedule and reason for medication.
2. A parent's permission note to the school nurse must accompany the physician's permission also with the identity of medication, dosage and the time schedule.
3. All medication must be in the original container, both for prescription and nonprescription medication, with the label clearly visible and updated, as needed.

SCHOOL TRIPS

For children needing medication on any trips away from school, the parents are responsible for making the necessary arrangements for their child to receive medication during that time.

Teachers and aides are not responsible for medication.

GENERAL

All medications kept by the school nurse must be picked up by a parent at the end of the school year or they will be discarded. We cannot be responsible for items left over the summer.

School Health Guidelines from the School Nurse

ILLNESSES

- ❖ If your child has a fever, he/she is expected to remain home a full 24 hours, fever-free, before returning to school.
- ❖ If your child vomits during the night or in the morning, please do not send him/her to school. If a child vomits in school, he or she will be sent home.
- ❖ If your child has been diagnosed with strep throat, he/she should not return to school until 24 hours after beginning anti-microbial therapy and until he/she is afebrile. Close contact with other children during this time should be avoided. If a strep test is pending, please keep child home until results are known.
- ❖ If your child has been diagnosed with pink eye/conjunctivitis, he/she must be on medication 24 hours before returning to school. Students must bring a physician's note stating student may attend school while on medication.
- ❖ Please notify the school nurse if your child has chicken pox (varicella). Chicken pox requires the child to be home until all pox (blisters) are scabbed and dry (average of 7 days). Chicken pox is most contagious two days prior to outbreak and until all pox are scabbed. Clearance from the school nurse is necessary before returning to school. You may wish to consult your physician about the varicella vaccine.
- ❖ Any rash of unknown origin must be evaluated by a physician. Your child may return to school when not contagious and with a physician's note explaining the condition and treatment. This would include such conditions as ringworm and impetigo.

OTHER MEDICAL CONDITIONS AND CONCERNS NECESSITATING NOTIFICATION OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

- ❖ Regarding head lice, it is very important that the school nurse is notified if head lice or nits are found in your child's hair. After an infestation your child must be nit free before returning to school.
- ❖ If your child needs to be excused from physical education for an extended time, a note is required from the treating physician explaining the condition. This note must be submitted to the school nurse who will inform the P.E. staff.
- ❖ A physician's note is required for a student's disability or restriction in school. Parents must notify the school nurse if a child is placed on crutches or receives a cast or brace of any kind. An explanation of the injury or condition along with any special restrictions and/or instructions is required.
- ❖ It is recommended that the school nurse be notified of any significant medical history which affects the student while in school.

Kindergarten Entrance

For the 2007-2008 school year, children will be admitted to kindergarten if they turn five years old by October 1, 2007. Registration dates for kindergarten will be announced in the spring. Parents are asked to register children in advance. A physical examination, birth certificate and written evidence of immunizations, as described under GENERAL REGISTRATION, are required. In accordance with New Jersey State law, a waiver shall be granted to the immunization requirements on religious grounds, if requested. A tuberculin test is only required for students who transfer from out of state or country. A certificate confirming that the child has had a tuberculin test should be submitted upon admission, or, if not available at the time, within the following six weeks.

Transfer of Pupils to other Districts

A family leaving the school district at any time during the year (including summer) should inform the school principal of their new address so that transfer cards and records can be completed and sent promptly.

Attendance

Regular attendance at school is required by law. The only legal excuses for absence from school are personal illness, quarantine, religious observance, death in the family, or a required court appearance.

If other special circumstances require a pupil to be out of school, the request must be discussed with the principal of that school before the absence can be approved.

A note explaining the reason for absence is required upon the student's return to school.

Students who become ill during the school day must obtain permission to leave school from their parent or guardian. If no one is at home, parent work numbers will be called. The school will work with the "emergency parent" in emergency situations.

When parents are out of town, schools must be notified where students are living and who is the temporary guardian.

Should a student miss a test given during an excused absence, it is the student's responsibility to contact the teacher immediately upon his/her return to school in order to arrange for a make-up test.

Attendance (continued)

Students who are to be excused from school for medical or dental appointments must submit a note from home to the school office stating the time to be excused and the name of the physician.

If a student is not in school due to illness or an excused absence, he/she may not participate in any after-school activities on that day.

A student absent without the consent of his/her parent is truant. This is an unexcused absence and the student will not be readmitted to the school unless his/her parents accompany him/her. Repeated truancy may be cause for suspension or legal action.

Parents of high school students should refer to the High School Attendance Policy which is presented in the Student Handbook.

Home Instruction

New Jersey State law requires the local school board to provide instruction for a pupil who is absent because of prolonged illness. Arrangements should be made through the school principal or through the director of student services.

Miscellaneous ~ All Schools

Many additional and helpful facts concerning Mountain Lakes schools may be found in the handbooks issued by Wildwood and Briarcliff Schools and in the "Student Handbook," which is mailed to the student body of the high school. Please visit our website at www.mtlakes.org

Help After School

After dismissal, teachers remain in the classroom, except when they are attending meetings, to work with pupils who need extra help. No written notice can be given to parents to cover this time as it very often cannot be anticipated. Many teachers are also available before school for extra help when necessary. Elementary school students staying after-hours will ordinarily be excused by 3:15 pm so they may walk home before the crossing guards go off duty. Parents/guardians may clear up any questions about a child's being detained by phoning the school office.

Safety

Crossing guards are stationed at the following points to assist students at busy intersections:

BRIARCLIFF AND BELLVALE
GLEN ROAD AND BOULEVARD
GLEN ROAD AND BRIARCLIFF ROAD
GLEN ROAD IN FRONT OF WILDWOOD SCHOOL
MORRIS AVENUE AND ELM ROAD

Transportation

Most children in Mountain Lakes either walk to school, ride bicycles (for which racks are provided) or are driven by car. Licensed high school students may drive to school, and parking facilities are available for seniors only. NJ law requires bicycle helmets.

By state law, bus transportation is provided for elementary school children who live 2 miles or more from school and for high school students who live 2.5 miles or more from school.

Pupil Personnel Services

Pupil personnel services for the Mountain Lakes School District include a Child Study Team, the Guidance Departments, Health Services and the Student Assistance Program at the high school.

Child Study Team

The Child Study Team offers a multi-disciplinary approach to recognizing, diagnosing, and treating learning disabilities whether social, emotional, physical or intellectual in origin. The referral process for any child in the borough system between the ages of 3 and 21 may be initiated by parent, teacher, principal, counselor, school nurse or, in the case of high school students, by the student himself/herself. Consultation with the Child Study Team is available.

Child Find

Children are not all alike...some have special problems and need extra help. The Mountain Lakes Child Study Team can offer services and provide programs for children ages 3-5 who may have physical, cognitive or language difficulties. The help is free, professional, and confidential. Contact the Child Study Team Office at 973-334-2587 for information.

Guidance Department

Guidance services are provided to students at Wildwood, Briarcliff and Mountain Lakes High School.

The Guidance Department provides a program of testing, counseling and placement. The counselors work with students and parents to identify students' interests, abilities and achievements; to assist with problems related to personal, social and academic adjustments; and to plan high school schedules with college, career and vocational goals in mind. Parents are encouraged to contact counselors at any time.

A program of testing is provided for grades K-12. This objective measurement of students is used to add another dimension to the subjective evaluation made by teachers and the professional staff. Cumulative records are kept on all students from kindergarten through grade 12, and parents may review these files at any time. Details of the testing program can be found in the publication "Know Your Schools," produced by the Mountain Lakes League of Women Voters.

School Health Services

A school physician develops the health-care program, conducts physical examinations, cooperates with the Borough's Board of Health, attends all home football games, cooperates with the Child Study Team in reviewing cases for special services and issues regulations governing procedures relating to the health and safety of pupils.

Four full-time certified nurses are available for
the four schools in the district

WILDWOOD ~ Peggy Maiuro RN

BRIARCLIFF ~ Nicole Renna RN

HIGH SCHOOL ~ LuAnn Wojcik RN

LAKE DRIVE ~ Regina Mickel RN

Student Assistance Program ~ High School

The Student Assistance Program is designed to recognize and offer help to any student experiencing personal or family problems, including those problems related to alcohol or other drugs. The program provides the following:

- Help to students during a crisis through counseling and other intervention strategies.
- Information, counseling and/or appropriate referral to students concerned about their own use or others' use of alcohol/drugs.
- Support of students in effective decision making, communication and other interpersonal skills.

Students can seek assistance for themselves or for friends by contacting the Student Assistance Coordinator. Students use this program to get information or to discuss friend or family concerns, loneliness, depression, alcohol or other drugs, suicide, eating disorders, abuse, or any crisis.

Parent Advisory Committees

Each school will have a Parent Advisory Committee made up of a parent representative for each grade level. These committees are set up by the principals of each school and meet at the discretion of the principal. The purpose of these committees is to increase communication and act as a liaison between the parents and the particular school administration.

As soon as the representatives are chosen in the fall, their names and phone numbers will be printed in
The Home & School Association *Bulletin*
and/or the school web site.

High School Health Services

All students considering participating in a school sport athletic program are required by the NJSIAA (New Jersey State Interscholastic Athletic Association) to complete the *Medical History Questionnaire, Physician's Examination Form**, as well as a *high school Athletic Emergency Card*. Students may have their family physician or our school physician administer the physical, and a parent/guardian must complete the medical history. Students /parents are offered a school physical in the nurse's office at the high school in mid-July and mid-August. Our school physician provides physicals throughout the new school year (dates and times to be announced) for fall, winter and spring sports. School physicals are additionally provided for any student requiring working papers and/or special requests for a school physical. A completed physical form is valid from July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. In accordance with the state (NJSIAA) regulations, any participating player in an additional sport is responsible for completion of the Medical History Update form available from the school nurse.

All forms must be returned to the school nurse completed, before the first practice. No student will be allowed by their coach to begin practice until all these requirements are completed. Parents/guardians and students must complete the Athletic Permit and Training Rules Statement. No student is allowed to practice without all documents completed.

❖ The Mountain Lakes Medical History Questionnaire/Physical Examination Form is the only acceptable document.

Disruptive, Dangerous or Threatening Behaviors

Whether verbal or physical, any potentially injurious intentional behavior is unacceptable at, or on the way to or from, school, on a school bus, or at any school-sponsored activity in the Mountain Lakes School District. Every report of such behavior will be addressed in an effective and consistent manner, beginning with an administrative investigation, and every instance of these behaviors, whether single or chronic, will be treated in an individual manner.

Disruptive behavior will be defined as any willful activity that unduly interrupts, impedes, or in any way interferes with a student's ability to learn or a school's ability to educate its students in a safe environment. These behaviors can include but are not limited to bullying, vandalism, theft, and academic or personal dishonesty.

Disruptive, Dangerous or Threatening Behaviors (continued)

Dangerous behavior will be defined as an activity that has the potential to involve or cause harm to self or others. These behaviors can include but are not limited to bullying, assault, possession of a controlled substance or weapon, and reckless behavior around vehicles.

Threatening behavior will be defined as any written, verbal, or physical act that is reasonably perceived by another as menacing or frightening. These behaviors can include but are not limited to bullying, verbal assault, and intimidating, intolerant, or demeaning statements against individuals or groups.

The Board and the high school also prohibit acts of harassment, intimidation and bullying directed towards district students that are done through electronic media (including, without limitation, electronic groups such as *FaceBook* or *My Space*) or electronic means (including, without limitation, e-mail, text messaging and use of image-altering software).

Hazing is considered to be an individual or group act of harassment of another individual or group by banter, ridicule, criticism, or by exacting unnecessary work, or participation in a disagreeable/unpleasant activity for the purpose of initiation. The practice of hazing is unhealthy and counterproductive to the positive climate promoted by student participation in athletic and other programs.

Under no circumstances will hazing in any form be tolerated within the scope of programs (extra-curricular and co-curricular) sponsored by Mountain Lakes High School. The Principal/or designee and Director of Athletics will determine the level and severity of the disciplinary action to be taken including detention, suspension and/or removal from the team or school activity for students participating in hazing practices. Student leaders (captains, club officers, etc.) are expected to discourage and report hazing to their coach, teacher, and/or the administration.

Summary of the Mountain Lakes Board of Education

Policy on Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse

The Mountain Lakes Public Schools recognize that dependence upon mood-altering chemicals represents a most serious and prevalent threat to the health and welfare of our youth and an impairment to our educational process. The Board directs that the sale, purchase, transfer, use, or possession of mood-altering chemicals on school premises is prohibited. The primary objective of this policy is to direct the energies of school and community to the prevention of substance abuse.

All students will be given instruction on the nature of tobacco, alcohol, drugs and narcotics, their effects on the human system and the laws relating to these subjects. An educational curriculum, grades K-12, emphasizing primary prevention will provide students with information and developmental exercises regarding chemical substances.

The Board shall employ a trained student assistance coordinator whose functions shall include providing assistance to students who demonstrate behaviors of concern, acting as a resource person to the school and community, providing referral services for students, and providing assistance to students returning to the community after completing therapy for a chemical use problem.

CHEMICAL SUBSTANCE USE AND ABUSE

The Mountain Lakes Board of Education maintains and enforces a comprehensive Substance Abuse Policy. A complete copy of the policy can be obtained from the principal or assistant principal of the high school. In brief, the policy divides itself into two parts. The first section pertains to the student who confidentially reveals his/her substance abuse problem and seeks help in dealing with it. The second section addresses instances when a student is suspected and found to be under the influence of a mood-altering chemical substance while in school or at a school activity.

The drug-affected student who self-reveals may approach any member of the professional staff or the student assistance coordinator in order to seek help. It may be deemed appropriate to have the student evaluated in order to discover the nature of the concern and/or the extent of the substance abuse problem. It is possible that a referral for treatment would follow the evaluation. Any student found to be or suspected of being under the influence or who has consumed any amount of a mood-altering chemical substance while in school or attending a school activity will be suspended from school. In such circumstances the following procedure will be followed:

Policy on Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse (continued)

1. The student's parents will be called to the school immediately.
2. The student will submit urine and/or blood samples in the presence of a school official; or the parents and/or school official will immediately accompany the student to a doctor's office or hospital emergency room for collection of the required sample.
3. The student must then undergo a thorough physical examination in order to ascertain whether he/she is fit (drug-free) to return to school. The exam report must be furnished to the parent, the principal and the superintendent within 24 hours of referral.

If results of the exam and screening are negative, the student may return to classes immediately and no record will be kept nor legal action taken against any individual involved in the procedure.

In the case of suspicion confirmed by chemical screening ...

4. The student will be suspended from school for a period of time set by the principal.
5. The student and his/her parent(s) must attend a re-admission conference with the principal. At the conference all pertinent health care issues and the disciplinary matters will be reviewed. All drug screening results will be discussed. The school's expectations will be set forth, including its right to randomly screen confirmed offenders of its policy.
6. The student and his/her parent(s) must make arrangements with a health care provider for a "chemical health assessment." The results of this evaluation must be shared with the principal and/or student assistance coordinator.
7. If the chemical health assessment finds a positive (drug-involved) result, the family will be required to arrange for the student to receive appropriate services from a licensed health care provider. The student will also engage in a series of subsequent support meetings with the student assistance coordinator.
8. The student may be removed from an extra-curricular activity in which they are participating at the time of the incident.
9. Any student discovered possessing or trafficking (selling) in mood-altering substances will, in addition to being subject to steps 1-8 above, be reported to the Mountain Lakes Police Department for prosecution.

Note: Every student has a federally protected right to confidentiality during this entire process.

Policy on Alcohol, Drug and Substance Abuse (continued)

If a student is involved in the trafficking or possession of a mood-altering chemical, he/she will be reported to the principal or vice principal and the superintendent and the parent/guardian will be notified. If it appears that the student is under the influence of mood-altering chemicals, the previously written procedure will be followed. The principal or vice principal will notify the local police and file a formal complaint to the extent required by law.

When a need has been determined for the referral of a student to an outside agency, meetings will be held with the student, his/her parents/guardians, the student assistance coordinator and the principal or vice principal to discuss referral options. Provisions for a program of instruction will be provided by the Board of Education while a student is receiving medical or therapeutic care for a diagnosed drug or alcohol dependency problem.

Students who have been determined to have abused drug/alcohol will meet with the student assistance coordinator on a weekly basis. Also, students returning from full-time outside drug/alcohol agencies will be expected to attend support group sessions led by the student assistance coordinator.

Copies of this entire policy are available in the main office of each school and the Board of Education Office.

Affirmative Action Plan/Equal Opportunity Employer

It is the policy of the Mountain Lakes Board of Education not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, ancestry, national origin or social or economic status in its educational programs or activities and employment policies as required by state law. Inquiries regarding compliance may be directed to Sandra Svenningsen at Mountain Lakes High School (973-334-8400).

The district affirmative action grievance procedure is available from Dr. Svenningsen. The grievance procedure may be utilized by any student, parent, staff or community member who has a concern arising from prejudice on the basis of race, color, creed, religion, sex, handicap, ancestry, age, national origin or social or economic status.

An annual affirmative action report is made to the Board of Education at a public meeting during the month of September. This report comments upon progress the district is making in employment practices, annual objectives and a self-evaluation process.

Mountain Lakes High School ~ Grades 9–12

POWERSVILLE ROAD 973-334-8400

Lewis F. Ludwig	Principal
Stephen Ryan	Assistant Principal
Dianne Drager	Secretary to the Assistant Principal
Kathy Grayson	Secretary to the Principal
Debbie Kovar	Secretary/Bookkeeper
Michael Killingsworth	Athletic Director
Dianne Drager	Secy. to the Athletic Director
LuAnn Wojcik	Nurse
Janice Hurley	Librarian
Shari Russo	Student Assistance Coordinator (334-8455)
Patty McElduff	LINC Coordinator

Guidance Department 973-334-8580

Jacqueline Moore	Director of Guidance
Betsy Sullivan	Guidance Counselor
Joseph Bergen	Guidance Counselor
Daria Selepouchin	Guidance Counselor
David Wolfelsperger	Guidance Counselor
Linda Stalter	Secretary
Terry Caprara	Secretary

English Department 973-334-8422

Sandra Svenningsen, Ph. D.	Teacher/Supervisor
Jerome Leonardi	Teacher
Melissa Pecarific	Teacher
Jared Barbin	Teacher
Stephanie Pfau	Teacher
Melissa Cesaro	Teacher
Shana Kisatsky	Teacher
Ann Nitka	Teacher
Virginia Dunphy	Teacher

Mathematics Department 973-334-8452

Kurt Hanisch	Supervisor	Robert Downes	Teacher
Sandra Arthurs	Teacher	Bruce Dugan	Teacher
Dara Blood	Teacher	Amy Harrington	Teacher
Caren Pasquale	Teacher	Jessica Wall	Teacher
		Brenda Hartmann	Teacher

Mountain Lakes High School (continued)

Science Department 973-334-8400

Kurt Hanisch	Supervisor	Michael Polashenski	Teacher
Jodi Weeast	Teacher	Jerry Price	Teacher
Laureen Fuller	Teacher	David Fewell	Teacher
Christopher Wallace	Teacher	Lisa Cortese	Teacher
Rebecca Suckow	Teacher	Douglas Merritt	Teacher

Social Studies Department 973-334-8454

Pat Scanlon	Supervisor
Richard Ziccardi	Teacher
Margaret Connors	Teacher
Joyce Bruno	Teacher
James Smith	Teacher
Kate McCabe	Teacher

World Languages Department 973-334-8457

Angel Concepcion	Supervisor
Peggy Judge	Spanish
Matt Williams	Latin
Linda Brady	French
Patricio Quiroz	Spanish
Jennifer Larkin	Spanish
Susan Bessin	French

Arts and Applied Technology

Kandy Delgado	Home Economics
Chris Bernotas	Instrumental Music
Matt Anderson	Vocal Music
Suzi Atesoglu	Art
Linda Aldrich	Art
Matthew Jardim	Guitar
Carol Pinto	Computer/Home Economics
Kenneth White	Drafting and Design, Industrial Arts
Peter Bedell	Wood Tech/Careers/Computers
Meredith Sullivan	Instrumental Music
Jill Carkitto	Home Economics

Mountain Lakes High School (continued)

Physical Education Department

Michael Carmiche	Teacher
Noreen Lazariuk	Teacher
Tim Flynn	Teacher
Alison Preston	Teacher
Steve Feltmann	Teacher

Special Education 973-334-2587

Susan Silverstein	Director
Janet Wright	Supervisor
Arlene Falduto	Administrative Secretary
Mickey Ferguson	Lead Resource Center
Kathleen Banks	Resource Center
Tara McNaboe	Resource Center
Jeffrey Reid	Resource Center
Laura Knors	Resource Center
Diane Geveke	Resource Center
Rose Mazzeo	Resource Center
Dina Sweifach	Social Worker
Kathleen Finley	LDTC
Troy Jones	Special Education Aide
Jamie Racek	Special Education Aide

Support Staff

Diane Schlitzer	Media Aide/Secretary
Peggy Kobilarcik	Lunchroom Aide
Paul Bongiorno	Athletic Trainer

Custodial Staff

Xuyen Lam	Custodian
Ken Reitz	Custodian
An Huynh	Custodian
Lisa Young	Custodian
Vinh Pham	Custodian
Frank Acosta	Custodian
Hung Ta	Custodian
Shawn Biederwolf	Custodian

Briarcliff School ~ Grades 6, 7 & 8

BRIARCLIFF ROAD 973-334-0342

Constance Sakala	Principal
Sharon Shortt	Administrative Secretary
Eileen Ludwig	Guidance Counselor
Anne Mucci	Supervisor of Curriculum
Marie Bryant	School Psychologist

Sixth Grade Team

Robin Anderson	Science
Jen Peifly	Language Arts
Deirdre Lombardi	Mathematics
Joe Foster	Social Studies
Patti MacQueen	Special Education Resource

Seventh Grade Team

Mary Jean Wallace	Science
Christine Dam	Language Arts
Sandra Harmon	Mathematics
Erica Runyon	Social Studies
Dawn Durkin	Special Education Resource
Liz Stiles	Special Education Resource

Eighth Grade Team

Doug Mattoon	Science
Tom Stainton	English
Debbie Pelliconi	Mathematics
Dennis Cafiero	Social Studies
Claudia Belotti	Special Education Resource
Danielle Macaluso	Special Education Resource
Debra Merian	Special Education Aide

Allied Team

Dave Leshnower	Physical Education
Kevin Wallace	Physical Education/Health
Barbara Kokolus, Ph. D.	Vocal Music
Tom Casperson	Art
Avron Stoloff	Computer Technology
Nicole Renna	Health/School Nurse

Briarcliff School (continued)

Special Team

Adrienne Foutz	Instrumental Music
William Gleeson	Research Based Learning/Basic Skills
Dennis Posner	Media Specialist
Gabriella Arnold	Spanish
Marisa Wilhelm	French
James Mendello	Spanish/French
Barbara Kokolus	Chorus and Strings

Technology Department

Mark Huber	District Technology Coordinator
Trina Simone	Technology Assistant
Laura O'Malley	Head Technician
Daniel Halsey	Technician

Office Paraprofessionals

Jennifer Jones	Secretary
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Custodial Staff

Bob Beevers	Head Custodian
Le Khanh Lam	Custodian
Mark Stritch	Custodian
Arthur Mokray	Custodian

Cafeteria Staff

Connie Gengaro	Cafeteria
Frank Gengaro	Cafeteria

Wildwood School ~ Grades K-5

GLEN ROAD 973-334-3609

Robert J. Reid	Principal
Sean M. Dolan	Supervisor/Assistant Principal
Linda MacDonald	Administrative Secretary
Marion Turkot	Secretary
TBA	Office Aide

Kindergarten

Terri Hammer Lindsay Berardi

First Grade Teachers

Anne Brown Patricia Dyer
Barbara Jones Cynthia Gorzelnik

Second Grade Teachers

Christa O'Boyle Ellen Eismeier
Amy Lorber Rebecca Santana

Third Grade Teachers

Amy Coffey Lainie Lederman Allison Murphy
Tara Page Missy Siddron

Fourth Grade Teachers

Ellen Corn Lynn Martin Carol Marosits
Mary Ellen Deitrick Jennifer Munday

Fifth Grade Teachers

Darrell Fusco Amal Hussein Mark Walters
Elizabeth Burns Pamela Mason

Special Services

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT HIGH SCHOOL 973-334-2587

Robert DeMuth, Psy. D.	Neuro Psychologist
Trish Spence-Reid	Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant
Dina Sweifach	Social Worker
Debra Goldstein	Social Worker
Diana Hayes	Speech/Language Specialist
Christine Whitehouse	Speech/Language Specialist
Lisa Berhle	Speech/Language Specialist

Wildwood School (continued)

Special Areas

Gigi Lax	Instructor, B.S.I.
Trish Spence-Reid	Learning Disabilities Teacher/Consultant
Jeanette Meyer	Art
Irene Muka	Librarian
Gretchen Coleman	Computer/Special Education
Margaret Leo	Computer
Christina Jonas	Music
Joao Goncalves	Instrumental Music
Matthew Jardim	Strings
Federico Velazquez	Spanish
Susan Bessin	French
Peggy Maiuro	School Nurse
Susan Dukin	Special Education Teacher
Bridgett McManus	Special Education Teacher
Fern Strauss	Special Education Teacher
Claire Moehring	Special Education Teacher
Elizabeth Gonzalez	Special Education Teacher
Margaret Davis	Special Education Teacher
Cheryl Nakashian	Special Education Teacher
Vicki Allison	Special Education Classroom Aide
Janet Lee	Special Education Classroom Aide
Brenda Cordella	Special Education Classroom Aide
Dale Tenzer	Special Education Classroom Aide
Suzanne Nyman	Special Education Classroom Aide
Maria Petinakas	Special Education Classroom Aide
Lorianne Lewandowski	Guidance Counselor
Lindsay Kielley	Gifted/Talented Coordinator
Debbie Palazzi	Gifted/Talented Teacher
Carol Bernasco	Physical Education
Gerry Fox	Physical Education
Tammy Schmidt	Physical Education
Karen Nicola	Library/Media Secretary
Carol Petito	Head Custodian
Joyce Beston	Custodian
Joseph Colangelo	Custodian
Jose Reina	Custodian
Bill Beston	Custodian

Lake Drive Program for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

LAKE DRIVE 973-299-0166

TBA	Principal
Michelle Klimovitch	Supervisor of Instruction
Patricia Filiaci	Supervisor of Instruction
Grace Buro	Secretary to Principal
Bobbe Lord	School Secretary/EIP Secretary
Carol LoGrande	Secretary - Office
Mary Osborne, Ph. D.	Consulting Psychologist
Leslie Trott, Ph. D.	Consulting Psychologist
Laura S. McKirdy, Ph. D.	Consultant
Renie Kaufman	Consultant
Lori Boylan	Psychologist
Jennifer DeMuth	Psychologist
Beth Bachmann	Social Worker
Nora Rodriguez	Social Worker
Pat Witt	Social Worker
Janet Purn	Audiologist
Sandy Leo	Audiological Technician
Lanie Ballard	Physical Therapist
Debbie Searle	Physical Therapist
Kim Lappe	Physical Therapist
Christine Olwell	Occupational Therapist
April Cummins	Occupational Therapist
Mary Tengwall	Occupational Therapist
Maureen Worden	Occupational Therapist
Regina Mickel	Nurse
Denise Mastroieni	Art Teacher
Maureen Butler	Music
Deborah Caserta	Technology Teacher
Paul Carlough	Physical Education
Cathy Sprague	Librarian
Kathy Richter	Technical Maintenance
Elizabeth McFarland	Itinerant
Mary Ann Gazal	Itinerant
Kelly Oravec	Itinerant
Jessica Silva	Itinerant
Jennifer Alamorian	Itinerant
Rasheda George	Itinerant
Amy Flaker	Itinerant
Kara Dunlap	Itinerant

Interpreters

Karin Kasper	Rose Groll	Allen Reposh
Pam Schwartz	Wendy Ehrhardt	Gail Tournquist
	Penny Mittleman	

Classroom Teachers

Colleen Buckley	Mary Ellen Dolan	Suzanne Maglio
Ellen Buechner	Liz Felice	Megan Miller
Meredith Cea	Kim Franklin	Paula Nicolai
Melissa Cetta	Kristin Gates	Lauren Parente
Keri Ciasulli	Anita Goldberg	Deanna Richter
Marion Clark	GINNY Gopadze	Phyllis Rosenberg
Cathy Crimmins	Diane Hewitt	Leah Scalzo
Shari Danzi	Jeannette Hofbauer	Michael Somers
Nancy Del Russi	Julie Lazeration	Ann Sullivan-Reed
Allison Didden	Jennifer Lechleiter	Barbara Supple

Paraprofessionals

Joan Alesi	Barry Kessler	Dawn Rizzo
Joann Altomare	Sherri King	Kenneth Roebuck
Barbara Capozzoli	Suzette Koenig	Kelly Romano
Sandra Carr	Donna Kovach	Sandra Rossi
Mary Anne Catalano	Nancy Krauthaim	Liz Roszynski
Jessica Cohen	Christine Lepore	Corinne Sanzaro
April Connolly	Diane Lopez	Dayna Scheper
Rosemarie Conte	Karen Manning	Kristen Scheper
Sal Crivelli	Barbara McFadden	Maggie Schoder
Jeri Dedio	Beth Mania	Kristen Scott
Lorraine DeGroot	Gianna Marinello	Mary Sullivan
Denise DeGiacopo	Heather Meyer	Benjamin Veal
Catherine DiGirolamo	Lilliana Paslawskij	Mary Weiss
Ruthann Flint	Jennifer Percival	Heidi Wilson
Lisa Gangala	Barbara Reddington	Karen Wuester
Sean Jaeckel	Marion Redmond	

Speech/Language Specialists

Elizabeth Bellis	Madeline Hoffman	Kathy Saltzman
Marianne Bylo	Samantha Lake	Donna Salvo
Judy Ciurczak	Carla Marino	JoAnn Sassone
Jennifer Distell	Melanie Mossack	Joan Tandler
Lori Eggers	Pam Payne	Otilia Williams
Allison Finkelstein	Janice Petrocco	Joe Wohlgemuth
Cassie Gottilla	Pamela Sabato	

Custodians

Irene Cusack	Chung Lee	Hung Lee	Lisa Young
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Administration

John Kazmark, Ed. D.	Superintendent of Schools
Lewis Ludwig	High School Principal
Constance Sakala	Briarcliff Principal
Robert Reid	Wildwood Principal
TBA	Lake Drive Principal
Susan Silverstein	Director of Special Education

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BOROUGH HALL 973-334-8280

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Richard Durkin	Maintenance
Joseph Rossi	Maintenance
Robert Walsh	Maintenance
Susan Kostka	Custodian
John Russo	School Physician

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The public is encouraged to attend.

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The H&SA was founded more than fifty years ago as a forum for communication among the parents, school administrators and the Board of Education of Mountain Lakes. Through the decades, our organization has grown to provide a wide variety of programs and services to our schools and students, while continuing our long-standing tradition of communication. The H&SA publishes *The Bulletin* every month and the annual *Mountain Lakes Public Schools Handbook*. We also publish a yearly student directory for Wildwood, Briarcliff and the High School.

The H&SA Board looks forward to an exciting and productive year of hosting informative and fun events and to continuing the strong partnership with our schools' faculty and staff. Parents are encouraged to attend the H&SA meetings listed on the last page of this publication and which are also announced in *The Bulletin*.

We encourage you to remain or become involved with the H&SA. It's a great way to become involved in the educational enrichment of our children and to give back to this great community. So, become a member, make a donation, volunteer for a committee or join the board! We look forward to working with you.

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