

**Montclair Public
Schools (MPS)
Highlights**

**School Year 2022-23
March 8, 2023**

**Dr. Jonathan Ponds
Superintendent**

All Kids can Learn



All Kids are Special

All Students WELCOME!

Ages 3 to 18 years old

Montclair Public School District

*Committed to educating our youngest learners through
high school in innovative, challenging and engaging ways*

YOUR SCHOOLS for YOUR CHILDREN



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Back to Basics for Future Success

READING

To improve our reading programming and curriculum

Intervention & Referral Services and Response to

Intervention models and protocols

Science of Reading Training

- Phonemic Awareness
- Phonics
- Fluency
- Vocabulary
- Comprehension

Orton Gillingham and IMSE Training

- Sensory method to help not only struggling readers but all readers in Gen Ed and Spec Ed
- Identify Dyslexia early



Back to Basics for Future Success

MATH

To improve our instructional math programming using research-proven strategies and coaching

Math Workshop Model

- Professional Development for teachers
- Increase engagement and address multiple learning styles
- Think aloud strategies
- Rich math tasks/sense making - deeper learning that requires high levels of thinking, reasoning, and problem solving



ESL (English as a Second Language) Services

More Services for a Growing Population of ELLs (English Language Learners)

Partnering: Local groups to share services to our ELL population

More translated materials available



ESL Programming

Bilingual Liaison Teacher in each ESL school: Northeast, Edgemont, Nishuane, Buzz, MHS

Bilingual Outreach, Translation and Interpreter Teams

Free Adult ESL Classes:

Parent/Family Workshops

Beginning March 27, every Monday for 10 weeks

Sheltered English Instruction for all teachers who have ELLs in class

Special Education (SE)

Restructuring to meet the academic needs of all students

- Training teaching staff to meet students at their academic level of maturity
- Science of Reading: Exposure to sensory support instruction
- Orton Gillingham professional teaching program in collaboration with FDU
- Institute of Multisensory Education (IMSE): Training for all of our reading and instructional support teachers for identified students in tiered support populations
- Examine the validity of all SE programs: Undergoing complete program review offered to classified students in collaboration with SE supervisors, teachers, and parents to not only audit but make recommendations for SY 2023-24
- Quarterly newsletter for parents and community



Ongoing Initiatives

Tutoring

Accountability with partners to ensure we are doing everything we can to support students' overall achievement; reaching all students through after-school and Saturday programming (COSEBOC, MNDC, Sister to Sister, Brother to Brother, IMANI)

Cultural Responsiveness

Ongoing training to consistently reinforce the importance of being culturally responsive in all situations with students, staff, families and community

Leadership

Build and organize a **solid team of Central Office administrators** who can work with school leadership to implement goals, enforce policy, and most importantly, **positively impact student learning and achievement**

Music and the Arts

**New Jersey Symphony Orchestra Collaboration
Slated for SY 2023-24**

All Schools offer Music and Art classes

Offerings include:

- **Art: Studio, foundations, drawing/composition**
 - Vocal/Chorus
 - Dance
 - Acting
 - Photography
 - Theater
- Music appreciation and theory
 - Band
 - Orchestra

and more!



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Restorative Justice (RJ)

Social Emotional: Wellness



Philosophy/approach to transforming school culture toward reparations and relationships and away from punishment and suspension

Fosters social/emotional well-being, acceptance, empowerment and mutual respect

Build an environment and relationships of inclusion, shared responsibility and accountability

RJ across all disciplines; Health and Wellness opportunities for staff, students and families

RJ across all schools with circle keeping, spaces such as serenity room at MHS, farm-to-table garden at MHS

PreK Expansion

Year Two of a Five-Year Expansion towards Universal PreK

MPS along with Partners YMCA, Montclair Community PreK, Head Start, and Montclair Neighborhood Childcare Center



- Year 1: 6 Classrooms
- Year 2: 12 Classrooms
- SY 23-24 Enrollment reflecting 20% Free and Reduced Lunch population
- Looking forward to expanding to new partnerships
- Foundation for building success for young learners
- Art, music, water carnivals are in the making



Community Schools

In Partnership with Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center

Hillside and Glenfield Schools



Wednesdays from 4:30 to 7 PM
Accessibility assistance at both sites
See our website for detailed schedule

- Health screenings
 - Talk to nurses, doctors & dentists
 - Receive referrals; have appointments made
 - Lecture series on common health problems; diabetes, hypertension, stress management, nutrition
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- **Partnering with Toni's Kitchen;** meal boxes in March with attendance at nutrition class
 - All classes and services in multiple languages



Hackensack Meridian
Mountainside Medical Center

Free Health Services for Residents



COSEBOC Training

The Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC)

Workshops and Trainings for Principals and Administrators

Workshops for School Partners

Culturally Responsive Training

Promoting Equity and Excellence for all students:
using and interpreting data



ROBOTICS & STEM EDUCATION



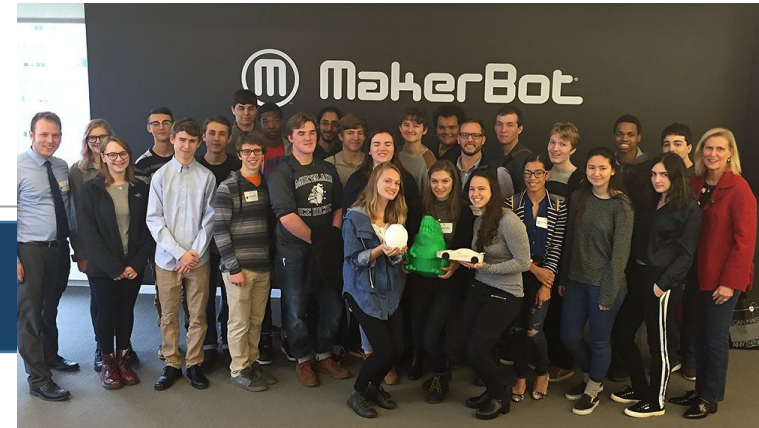
Robotics

**Just announced for SY 2023-24
MHS Robotics will be an official
TEAM!**

- Budget Line
- Equipment
- All the privileges of varsity sports

STEM & STEAM

- New 3D Printers
- Innovation Science Labs
- Weston Scholars Programs: STEM Courses at MSU
Expanding from a High School-only program to all three Middle Schools
- K-12 Curricula; including scientific investigation and engineering design



Visiting MakerBot Facilities

Career and Technical Education

New Pathways for Success after High School

Carpenters Union

- Classes in Carpentry
- Carpentry Exam
- Opportunity for Apprenticeships

WHIP/Weston Health Internship Program

Students interested in pursuing a career in medicine can shadow doctors and administration at Mountainside

Career Internship Program

- Seniors interning with various local companies, government agencies, community groups and more. A great way for students to see what the workforce is all about and make networking connections

Essex County Schools of Technology

- Shared-time educational program
- Various career opportunities
- West Caldwell campus

Growing enrollment

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DUAL ENROLLMENT

Enter at PreK - Graduate with Diploma & Associate's Degree

Two Partnerships



Montclair Academic Dual Enrollment (MADE)

- Montclair State University
- Entering its 4th year with fall and spring semester courses

Essex County College (ECC)

- New for School Year 2023-24
- Possibility of partial credits or full credits for Associate's Degree upon graduation
- Classes at MHS and the new ECC Campus in West Caldwell



Community Investment/Bond Referendum

Commitment to the Community

Work begins for Year 1 of the \$188M Bond Package

The District is grateful to the community who overwhelmingly supported the passing of the Bond. And thanks to the enormous efforts of PTA volunteers who championed the needs of the schools and worked side-by-side with the District

The DISTRICT schools are YOUR SCHOOLS

- We are designing spaces and fields for community use
- Improvements to infrastructure, HVAC and quality upgrades serve not only our students and staff but the community as a whole
- Safety is our top priority in all projects



Workforce Development

Partnership with Essex County College

Classes for Adults, Parents, and Senior Population

- Development stages
- Partnering with community groups such as Gateway to Aging, Toni's Kitchen, MNDC
- Classes being considered are home healthcare, technical skills, job skills, ESL, and more
- Sites: Essex County College West Caldwell Campus and our Community Schools Hillside and Glenfield, and MHS



STRATEGIC PLANNING

COMING SOON!

Collaboration with Board, District Administration, MEA, MPA, and most importantly you, our

Community Partners



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Thank you Montclair Community

For believing and
working together



Montclair Neighborhood Development Corp.

YMCA

Toni's Kitchen

MFEE

Montclair State University

NAACP

NIBPA

Essex County College

Hackensack Meridian Mountainside Medical Center

Partners for Health

Head Start

Montclair Neighborhood Childcare Center

Montclair Community PreK

IMANI

Brother to Brother, Sister to Sister

Succeed2Gether

Gateway to Aging in Place

St. Theresa of Calcutta Parish, St. Peter Claver Parish

Union Baptist Church

Jewish Community Leaders

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