



Public Schools of Plainfield

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October 1, 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our school year is off to a very good start! As we continue to grow as a community, our focus is on student achievement. Thank you for all that you do to guide your students' learning! I am confident that the future of all our students will be bright because of your continued support. I am also very excited by the districts iPad initiative. As of this writing, all students have devices. We want to thank the IT department for their diligence and hard work in making this happen.

Please be advised that tutoring is not yet available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4 to 5 pm. As soon as transportation is available, we will begin.

Throughout the year, classroom teachers will assess each student's growth and progress toward achievement of the learning goals specified in the New Jersey Student Learning Standards. Please visit the Department of Education's website to become familiar with educational topics, standards, benchmarks and state assessments. You may access this information at <http://www.state.nj.us/education/cccs/>. Please refer also to our new curriculum that is located on the District's website title Rubicon.

The following events are occurring in October:

- October 4, Half day for students
- October 13, PSAT's from 8:00am to approximately 11:30am
- October 14 and 15, Senior Portraits
- October 17, PTO meeting 6:30 pm. Virtual Meeting
- October 28, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, Virtual

As we stated last year, our district is unified behind a mission to raise the achievement level of all students in our public schools. We have rallied together and successfully tackled many challenges, bringing a new level of accountability and quality to education. Thank you for your support as we continue to raise the bar for our district's most precious resource, our children.

Please look on our website for the specific time of upcoming events and in our book bag for various forms that you may need to sign up your student for different activities. As always, we look forward to seeing you at our October events!

Respectfully,

Dr. Angela Bento
Principal

October 1, 2021

Dear PAAAS Family,

After 37 years of teaching and working in an administrative capacity, including 21 years within the Plainfield Public School District, I have decided it is time to retire. I plan to complete the current calendar year before officially retiring on January 1, 2022.

During my time in Plainfield, I have been fortunate enough to accomplish many career goals. My greatest achievement, however, has been servicing all of the wonderful students that have attended PAAAS and PHS. I am exceptionally proud of PAAAS, our stellar graduation rate since the inception of the school, our performances, and so many other accomplishments that are too lengthy to mention. It was my absolute pleasure designing and opening such a wonderful school.

Over the past years, I have had the pleasure of working with excellent teaching staff, support staff, and administrative staff.

As of January 1, 2022, Vice-Principal Hill will assume her new role of Interim Principal. I wish her much success and may her journey be as fulfilling as mine has been. I assure you she will continue to service all of our students and families in the same tradition as in the past.

I have genuinely enjoyed my employment and am grateful for all of the opportunities and challenges that were afforded me. I will miss PAAAS, my students, and my staff.

It has been absolute pleasure! Be well and thank you for all of the memories.

Respectfully,

Dr. Angela Bento