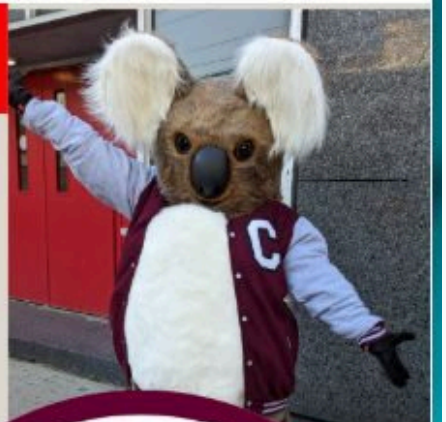
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

PTO MEETING





Guest Speaker

Mrs. Juliana Addi

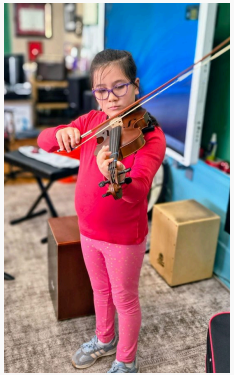
Connors Principal

CONNORS PTO

8:30am - PTO Meeting

9:00am - "All About Connors" with Principal Addi

All About Connors





















Juliana Addi, Principal

Thank you for entrusting us with your children.

It's a Big Responsibility and we strive to make K-5 the most amazing experience for your children!

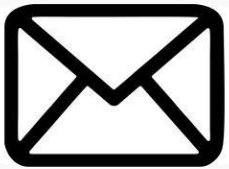
CONNORS FAMILY MANUAL + FAQS 2026-2027

Your go-to resource for everything Connors!
A one-stop guide to navigating the Connors experience!

- This comprehensive Family Manual contains critical information about school policies, procedures, and frequently asked questions.
- Before reaching out with questions, simply click the relevant hyperlink in the Table of Contents or use **Ctrl+F** to search a keyword – chances are, the answer is already there!
- **Save time for everyone - check the manual first, then email if needed.**

Connors School Communication





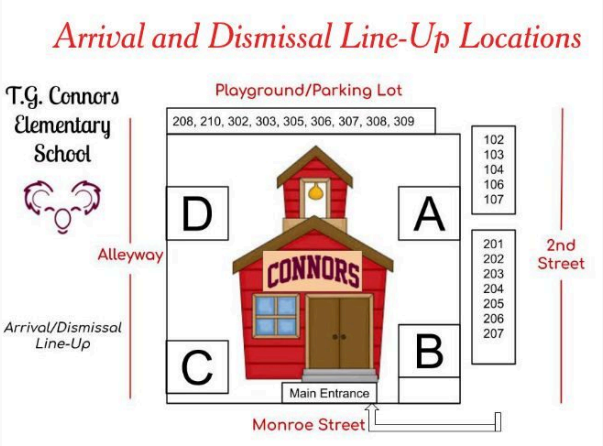




- Connors School Scoop* (weekly)
- Dojo reminders + announcements
- Email juliana.addi@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- Staff Directory
- Meet Our Connors Team
- Who Should I Contact for Assistance?
- Request in-person, Google Meet, phone conference
- Try to always be available for any parent concerns or questions
- Never be afraid to reach out if you have questions or concerns
- Parents MUST have an appointment to enter the building
- Sample Smore: https://app.smore.com/n/274q3

Arrival + Dismissal Procedures

School is from 8:15am-3:00pm. Please be on time for arrival and dismissal!



Kindergarten classes lineup on 2nd Street sidewalk

← See location map!

- OUTSIDE: Be mindful of weather conditions!
- 2nd Street will be closed off between Madison and Monroe during arrival and dismissal.
  - *The 2nd Street sidewalk next to Connors is for STUDENTS ONLY.*
  - *Parents should wait in the closed off street.*
- Arrival - Do not leave your child until they are on line and supervised by morning staff member
  - *1st period teachers will pick your child's homeroom class up at arrival*
- Dismissal - Do not take your child without first directly connecting with your child's teacher.
  - *9th period teachers will dismiss your child in the afternoon.*
- If your child is being picked up by someone other than the person who normally gets them, email/Dojo

Before & After School Programs



Breakfast Program /Before Care | *7:45 AM*

- No need to sign up in advance.
- Enter through the cafeteria door in the alleyway.
- $2.36 per day, unless you qualify for reduced or free lunch
- Staff members supervise children and escort them to their homeroom line.



Passport to Learning | *Dismissal - 6:00 PM*

- PTL is all of the after-school activities you dream of without the commute!
- Passport to Learning is our district's incredible after-school programming!
- Families who qualify for the free lunch program will attend any/all options at no cost and families that qualify for reduced lunch program will attend any/all options at 30% of the total cost.
- Connors PTL leads: Ms. Lauren Fleischer and Mr. Fran Azzarto

Passport to Learning



IMPORTANT:** *There is NO Passport to Learning on half-days or school closures*.

- ***MP1 Dates:*** 9/8/26 - 11/13/26
- **MP2 Dates:** 11/16/26 - 1/29/27
- **MP3 Dates:** 2/1/27 - 4/9/27
- **MP4 Dates:** 4/12/27 - 6/11/27
- **Times:** The program runs from 3:15pm to 6:00pm and is broken up into two activity blocks.
- **Program Details and Pricing:** Information about the program and pricing is detailed in the 2026-2027 Passport to Learning and Wellness Family Packet (Marking Period 1)
- **Attendance Note:** If you are not sending your child to Passport to Learning when they are otherwise expected to attend, please directly notify your child/children's homeroom teacher and ptlconnors@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- **Pickup Policies**
- **No child under 5th grade is able to self dismiss.**

Questions + Contacts:

- Connors Passport to Learning (PTL) general email - ptlconnors@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- Ms. Lauren Fleischer (Connors PTL Lead) - lfleischer@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- Mr. Fran Azzarto (Connors PTL Lead) - francis.azzarto@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- Ms. Jessica Fassolino (District Supervisor, overseeing PTL program) - jfasolino@hoboken.k12.nj.us

Nurse Kristen Marotta

- Submit 5-year-old Universal Health Form with updated vaccines to Nurse Kristen
- Allergy FARE Form
- Email Nurse Kristen with any Medical Concerns - kmarotta@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- Medication Administration Form (Connect with Nurse Kristen)
- Children with fever must not return to school until they are fever free for 24 hours without medication. This is the same for vomiting and diarrhea.
- Children with Pink Eye or Strep can return after they have have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.

Nurse Kristen Marotta

Important Health Reminders

- **Keeping your child home:** If your child has any of the symptoms below, please keep your child home until you connect with their pediatrician.
- **Returning to school:** A child must be fever free without medication prior to returning to school and 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
- **Taking medication at school:** If your child needs to take medication at school, please provide an authorization form signed by your healthcare provider and the medication directly to Nurse Kristen.

Symptom:	Keep your child home if:
FEVER	She/he has a temperature of 100.4 or higher. Or temp is below 100 but she/he is achy, pale, or tired.
STOMACH ACHE	She/he has had two or more episodes of vomiting or diarrhea, or has had one in the past 24 hours and feels tired or ill.
SNEEZING (Runny Nose)	She/he is sneezing a lot and nose won't stop running. Child is very uncomfortable.
SORE THROAT	She/he has tender, swollen glands and a fever of 100 or higher.
COUGH	She/he coughs frequently, coughs up phlegm, or cough sounds like a bark or is accompanied by a sore throat or wheezing.
EARACHE	Her/his ear pain is constant or severe.
RASH	The rash blisters, develops pus or is uncomfortable.

School Attendance

Your child may not be absent for more than 17 days of school.

For each day your child is absent, you must email ConnorsAttendance@hoboken.k12.nj.us (include your child's homeroom teacher) by 8:30am with the following information:

- child's name + reason for absence + date of expected return + any documentation for child's absence (e.g., doctor's note, court note, etc.)
  - *See manual for important details on attendance and excused absences.*
- If your child is well enough to complete assignments at home, please share that information with your child's teacher so they can send you assignments for your child to complete while absent.
- Parents receive attendance letters on 4, 8 and 12 days absent.
- Truancy/court
- Home Instruction, Surgery, 504's, Vacations
- Early Pick Up, Late Drop Off, attendance strategies



Nut Sensitive School



- Nut Sensitive School = sensitive to students who have nut allergies.
- Emphasis on preventing cross contamination through proper handling of food and proper hygiene, i.e. washing hands two times a day and not sharing food.
- Nut-Free table in the cafeteria
- Children may bring their own personal snack/lunch that contains nuts. In a case where there is a student with a severe nut allergy, we will make that specific homeroom a nut-free homeroom. All homeroom parents will be notified in this specific case.

Birthday Parties

We LOVE Birthdays! Celebration guidelines:

- **Schedule in advance** with your child's teacher - all treats must be pre-approved and checked with the school nurse for allergies
- **Approved treats:** Small, individually wrapped store-bought desserts (cupcakes, cookies) in original packaging); must be nut-free and allergy-sensitive
- **Not allowed:** Homemade items, drinks, pizza, whole cakes, ice cream, candy, balloons
- **Celebration includes:** Happy Birthday song, treat sharing, morning announcement
- **Parents cannot attend** class parties, but can participate in other school events
- **Teacher will notify you** of specific class allergies to ensure all children can participate

Mystery Readers and Holiday Activities

MYSTERY READERS

- For K & 1st grade parents; Fridays only, after 12pm
- One session per child, per school year
- One or both parents may attend
- Schedule with teacher; read a story, poem, or piece of literature, teacher approval
- Ask teacher for text suggestions if needed
- Arrive 5 minutes early

HOLIDAYS & CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

- PTO Liaisons coordinate craft/activity sponsorship for Halloween, Thanksgiving, Winter, and Valentine's (Friendship Bear Exchange)
- No outside visitors for these specific PTO-sponsored events
- Parents may lead activities celebrating other holidays/cultures (craft, story, game, or short presentation)
- Max 2 parent volunteers per class, per holiday; must coordinate timing together
- Visits allowed Fridays only, 12:45-3:00pm (25 minutes max)
- No visits Mon-Thurs or before 12:45pm on Fridays
- Requires teacher + Principal Addi approval
- Volunteer parents provide their own materials

Use These Important Resources

- ★ Connors Family Manual + FAQs
- ★ Meet Our Connors Team
- ★ Who Should I Contact for Assistance?
- ★ Staff Directory
- ★ Connors Calendar of Events 2026-2027
- ★ Breakfast + Lunch
- ★ Hoboken Public School District Website
- ★ Connors PTO Website



Did you set up?

WHAT TO SET UP

- **ON COURSE CONNECT:** The OnCourse Connect parent portal allows parents/guardians to see Report Cards, Progress Reports, daily attendance record, assignments grades and more. If you do not yet have an account, an invitation will be emailed to you. To access the Parent Portal, click here and log in with the information you have been provided.
- **STUDENT ID NUMBERS:** Student ID numbers are listed on OnCourse. You will need your child's student ID number to set up a My MealTime account.
- **MY MEALTIME ACCOUNT:** In order to pay for the breakfast and lunches served at school, you must set up a My MealTime account here. For more information, user guide, and support, click here.
- **FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION:** Please complete this application: English and Spanish. You can complete the Lunch Application Online as well.
- **CLASS DOJO:** This app is how teachers and school administrators share information, photos, important news, etc. with families as well as a way for teachers and parents to communicate via messages. Homeroom teachers will share log-in info, link and/or class code. Be sure to download this app.

School Supplies

SCHOOL SUPPLIES + DAILY NEEDS

The Hoboken Public School District provides general school supplies for all students. No school supply lists are sent home to families. You may provide any specialty items that they would like for the year.

Please send the following items to school EVERY DAY:

- Refillable water bottle labeled with child's name (arrive at school with a full bottle each day)
    - *Please do not send in extra large water bottles such as "Stanleys," as they often fall and spill.*
- Healthy Snack *(see "snack" section below for more information)*
- Lunchbox/Lunch *(if you choose to send lunch from home)*
- Charged Chromebook *(grades 3-5)*
- Backpack
- Jacket during cold weather *(label all sweatshirts + jackets; they often end up in the lost + found)*



Lunch

School Lunch

- **Menu:** We offer hot lunch (as well as alternative options, including a daily cold vegetarian option) in our cafeteria through Chartwells, our district's food provider. The menu can be found here. *(See below for the hot vegetarian lunch option.)*
- **Cost:** Lunch is $4.15 per day per child, unless your child qualifies for free or reduced breakfast/lunch.
- **Lunch Selection Form:** Be sure to complete the Lunch Order Google Form (shared weekly in the Connors School Scoop) by Monday at 8:30am for the week ahead.
- **Payment:** In order to receive lunch, please ensure that you have filled out the online lunch application as well as created a My MealTime account here.
- **Pay by Check Option:** If you prefer to pay by check and avoid fees, make checks out to "Hoboken Board of Education Cafeteria Account" and mail to Hoboken Board of Education, Food Service Department, 1100 Willow Avenue, Hoboken NJ, 07030.
- **Vegetarian Lunch Option:** We now offer hot vegetarian lunch options delivered daily from Hoboken High School. Email Aishah Tapia (aishah.tapia@hoboken.k12.nj.us) to be added to the weekly email (sent Fridays for the week ahead) with the hot vegetarian lunch order form.
- **2nd Slice of Pizza on Fridays:** In the Lunch Order Google form, you may select for your child to have a 2nd slice of pizza on Fridays. The cost is $2/slice. You must have a positive balance in your My MealTime account to order the 2nd slice of pizza or any a la carte items.



Home Lunch

Home Lunch

- If your child is bringing lunch from home, they must have it with them upon arriving at school. Parents may NOT drop off lunch once the school day begins, and students may not receive deliveries from restaurants or food delivery services.
- If a child forgets their lunch at home, we will give them school lunch and the family will be charged via My MealTime account unless they qualify for reduced or free lunch.
- Student home lunches may not be heated up at school.
- Ensure your child’s lunch box and all components are labeled with their name.
- Parents may not take their child out specifically for lunch, as this is too disruptive during the school day.

Snack



Your child should bring a snack every day as snack time is scheduled into ALL homeroom classes. Depending on the class schedule and lunch period, your child's class will have a snack in the morning or afternoon. The homeroom teacher will share the class snack timeslot with you at the beginning of the school year. If a snack is too messy, students will be asked to eat it during lunch. Children may not share or trade snacks. Depending on grade level, children may have a working snack.

Suggested snacks (an appropriate serving size is 1 cup)

- Cut or Whole Fruits: grapes, apple, pear, banana, dried fruit (raisins)
- Cut Vegetables: baby carrots, celery sticks, cucumbers slices, bell pepper strips
- Granola Bar
- Sandwich: half sandwich, small bagel, tortilla wrap
- Cheese: string cheese, cheese slices
- Other snacks: popcorn, pretzels, goldfish, jerky, pouch

Do not send:

- cookies
- sticky or messy foods
- candy
- snacks that may spill or require a spoon such as yogurt cups

Daily Schedule

Hoboken Public Schools

Connors Elementary School Bell Schedule

Full Day Schedule:

1st Period	8:15- 9:00 AM
2nd Period	9:00- 9:45 AM
3rd Period	9:45- 10:30 AM
4th Period	10:30- 11:15 AM
5th Period	11:15- 12:00 PM (First Lunch)
6th Period	12:00- 12:45 PM (Second Lunch)
7th Period	12:45- 1:30 PM (Third Lunch)
8th Period	1:30- 2:15 PM
9th Period	2:15- 3:00 PM

1:00 PM Half Day Schedule:

1st Period	8:15- 8:45 AM
2nd Period	8:45- 9:15 AM
3rd Period	9:15- 9:45 AM
4th Period	9:45- 10:15 AM
8th Period	10:15- 10:45 AM
5th Period	10:45- 11:15 AM (First Lunch)
6th Period	11:15- 11:55 PM (Second Lunch)
7th Period	11:55- 12:35 PM (Third Lunch)
9th Period	12:35- 1:00 PM

Sample Class Schedule

Thomas G. Connors Elementary School 2026-2027

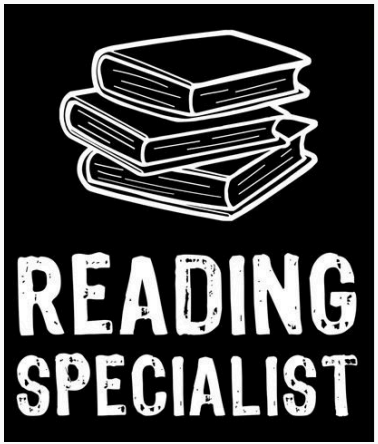
Teacher's Name: Ms. Fleischer Grade/Area: Kindergarten Room#: 104

Period	Time Period	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st	8:15-9:00	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
2nd	9:00-9:45	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA	ELA
3rd	9:45-10:30	ILP	ILP	ILP	ILP	ILP
4th	10:30-11:15	Science Gregory	Science Gregory	Science Gregory	Science Gregory	Science Gregory
5th	11:15-12:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
6th	12:00-12:45	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
7th	12:45-1:30	Math	Math	Math	Math	Math
8th	1:30-2:15	Art Fenton	Azzarto Music	Mandarin Ni	PE Yanez	PE Yanez
9th	2:15-3:00	SS	SS	SS	SS	SS

Lunch/Recess Periods

Period	Time	Lunch	Recess
Period 5	11:15 am	Kindergarten	3rd Grade
	11:38 am	3rd Grade	Kindergarten
Period 6	12:00 pm	4th Grade	5th Grade
	12:22 pm	5th Grade	4th Grade
Period 7	12:45 pm	2nd Grade	1st Grade
	1:07 pm	1st Grade	2nd Grade

RTI + Reading Specialist

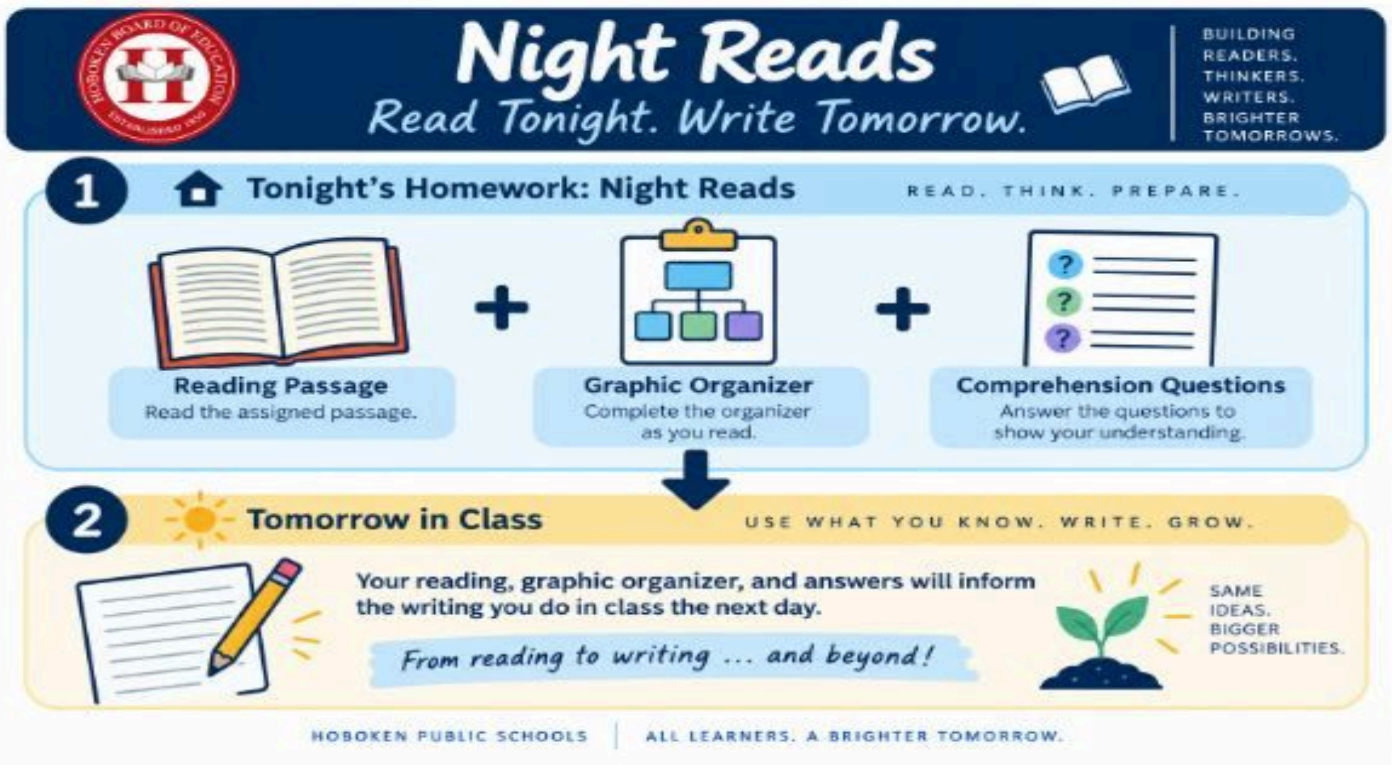


- Ms. Kelly Regan is Connors' certified Reading Specialist (kregan@hoboken.k12.nj.us)
- Provides small-group instruction using Orton-Gillingham (OG) methodology
- OG is research-based and effective for early *and* upper elementary students
- Around 3rd grade, focus shifts from "learning to read" to "reading to learn"
- Vocabulary (prefixes, suffixes, morphemes) becomes key to comprehension
- Fluency/vocabulary/comprehension resources available for parents (3rd grade+)

Orton Gillingham OG

- Direct, multisensory, structured approach to literacy instruction
- 80+ years of research-backed practice; effective 1-on-1, small group, or classroom
- Embedded across all literacy blocks: Red Words, guided reading, phonics, dictation, fluency, comprehension
- Same curriculum used consistently across each grade level
- All teachers OG-trained and certified

Night Reads


Night Reads
Read Tonight. Write Tomorrow.
BUILDING READERS. THINKERS. WRITERS. BRIGHTER TOMORROWS.
1
Tonight's Homework: Night Reads
READ. THINK. PREPARE.
Reading Passage
Read the assigned passage.
Graphic Organizer
Complete the organizer as you read.
Comprehension Questions
Answer the questions to show your understanding.
2
Tomorrow in Class
USE WHAT YOU KNOW. WRITE. GROW.
Your reading, graphic organizer, and answers will inform the writing you do in class the next day.
From reading to writing ... and beyond!
SAME IDEAS. BIGGER POSSIBILITIES.
HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ALL LEARNERS. A BRIGHTER TOMORROW.

Move This World

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

MOVE THIS WORLD

- SEL curriculum using videos, movement, and creative expression
- Embedded in morning meetings/social studies, 3-5x/week
- Builds self-awareness, communication, and relationship skills
- Login: connors.family / movethisworld
- Family Guide available for more info

SOCIAL SKILLS GROUPS & KOALA KINGDOM

- Small groups (2-6 students) led by counselor, psychologist, or social worker
- Held in "Koala Kingdom"; builds friendship, conversation, and problem-solving skills
- Led by Ms. Stefanee Wolfsie (social worker) or Mr. David White (counselor)
- Mr. White also runs rotating small-group recess sessions for SEL skill-building

Assessments

- Form A
- Form B
- Form C
- ELA, Math, Science G5

CogAT® Cognitive Abilities Test™

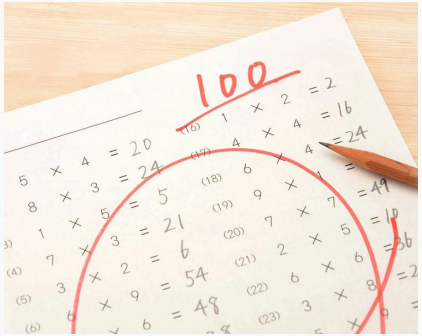
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NJSLA

G3-5
Late April, Early May

Assessments & Progress Monitoring

- **Dibels** - Reading Assessment given quarterly each marking period
- **Linkit!** - Grade Level Benchmark Assessment in ELA and Math given in the Fall, Winter and Spring
- **Math Investigations** unit assessments
- **Reading Wonders** unit assessments
- **Weekly Spelling Tests**
- **Writing Tasks** - monthly assessments
- **Math Fact Fluency** quarterly assessments
- **ECRs** - Extended Constructed Responses monthly tasks



I&RS, 504, IEP

I&RS & 504

- Mr. David White (david.white@hoboken.k12.nj.us): Guidance Counselor, leads I&RS
- Ms. Kelly Regan (kregan@hoboken.k12.nj.us): RTI Reading Specialist
- Services include: RTI, I&RS, Dyslexia Screening, ESL, PBIS
- Concerns about academics, speech, OT/PT? Contact Mr. White

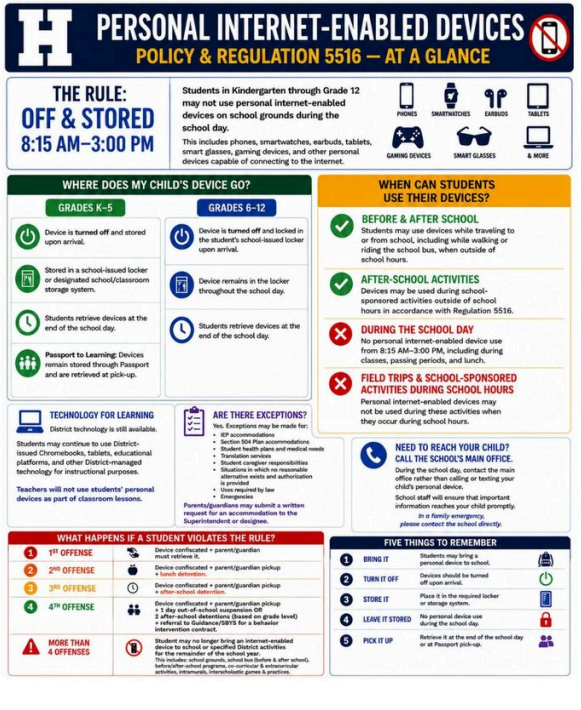
IEP

- Contact Stefanee Wolfsie (stefanee.wolfsie@hoboken.k12.nj.us)
- Contact Dr. Kristen Beriloff kberiloff@hoboken.k12.nj.us
- Parents may request a child study team evaluation

Personal Electronic Devices and E-Batteries







Safety and Security

- Visitors
- Security Guard and School Resource Officers
- Security Drills and Fire Drills



Student of the Month



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

- One student per grade selected monthly by teachers
- Photo displayed in main hallway; recognized at pep rally & announcements
- One overall District Student of the Month chosen from Connors monthly
- Honored at Board of Education meeting; family invited to attend

Music, Chorus, Band

MUSIC, CHORUS, BAND







- Mr. Fran Azzarto teaches weekly general music (K-5) as part of Related Arts
- All students perform at Connors Rocks the Holidays (December, Connors Gym)
- 3rd graders learn recorder
- **Chorus (Gr. 3-5):** Optional performance at District Winter & Spring Concerts, Hoboken HS auditorium; school-day rehearsal + bus provided
- **Band (Gr. 4-5):** Weekly lessons (pulled from Social Studies/Science); optional 7:30am lessons; performs at District Concerts; instruments include flute, clarinet, ukulele, alto sax, trumpet, percussion, trombone
- Questions: Mr. Azzarto (francis.azzarto@hoboken.k12.nj.us) or Ms. Miller (dmiller@hoboken.k12.nj.us)
- Instrument rental info & pricing available

Theatre Arts





THEATER ARTS

- Grades 1-5: one period/week for one Marking Period
- Dual Language students take Theater year-round instead of Mandarin
- Three-unit progression, ending in a "Theater Showcase" for families
- Students build communication, collaboration, and public speaking skills
- Explores costumes, props, music, and sound effects
- Contact: Ms. Gina Rotondi (grotondi@hoboken.k12.nj.us)

K-12 DISTRICT MUSICAL

- Open audition for K-12 students; ~100 students cast district-wide
- Auditions late February; performances in May
- All held at Hoboken HS auditorium
- Info shared via school/district communications
- Questions: Ms. Danielle Miller (dmiller@hoboken.k12.nj.us)

Pep Rallies





PEP RALLIES

- Three Marking Period rallies per year (K-2 and 3-5 groups)
- Celebrate Honor Roll, Perfect Attendance, Koalaties, KOALA-fied Effort, and subject awards (Science, PE, Music, Mandarin, Art)
- Includes fun games and challenges for students & faculty\
- Wear your Connors T-Shirts

Questions?

Thank you for your partnership!