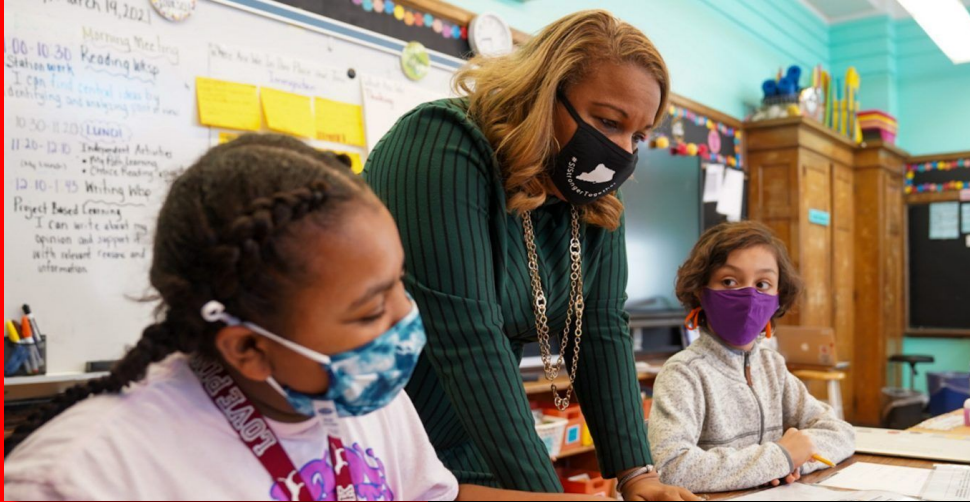

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*-Building a Safe, Engaging, and
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August 26, 2021
6 pm



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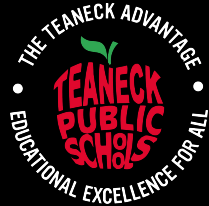
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VISION STATEMENT:

**THE TEANECK ADVANTAGE:
EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE FOR ALL**

BFMS MISSION STATEMENT:

To provide students with an exceptional and competitive education that will prepare each of them for their tomorrow... TODAY!



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Leadership Team

- Mr. Terrence Williams, Principal
- Mrs. Jahari Jacobs, Assistant Principal (Grade 6 and 8)
- Mrs. Marina Williams, Assistant Principal (Grade 5 and 7)

Administrative Support

- Cathy Hollis, School Secretary to the Principal
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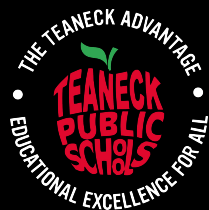
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School Counseling Office

- Eve Klein, School Counselor -Grades 5 and 7
- Michael Smith, School Counselor -Grades 6 and 8
- Javalda Powell, Behaviorist (Positive)

Child Study Team

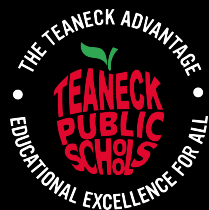
- Megan Gallow, School Social Worker
 - Vanessa Lospalluto, LDTC,
 - Leana Barbosa, Speech Pathologist
 - Analisse Seise, School Psychologist
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Town Hall Structure

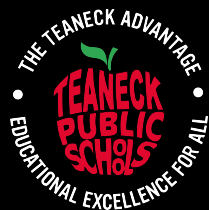
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Updates from the State/District

- Governor Murphy issued mandatory mask mandates
- NJ school and state employees must be fully vaccinated by October
- In-Person learning -5 days a week -return to full day schedule
- No Virtual learning option available*
- Mask mandate will be in effect in all district buildings
- Working with Holy Name to increase percentage of vaccinated employees
- Mandatory Covid Testing for unvaccinated staff, prior to return to work.
- Prioritizing SEL (Social Emotional Learning) at all schools
- Resume instructional mode of instruction that is less reliant on the technology that supported our work during the pandemic



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How will this look at BFMS?

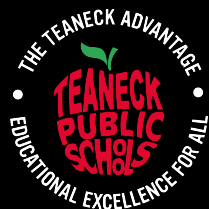
- Students and staff will be expected to report wearing masks. We will not allow individuals in the building without mask.
 - Attendance Policy -Support policies except for COVID related situations.
 - While there is **no virtual option**, we will provide instructional support to learners who are not in school due to COVID related illnesses, or quarantining due to the same.
 - SEL will remain a focus at BFMS for students, staff, and families.
 - Google Classroom will continue to be used to engage learners and provide a space for students, teachers, and parents to communicate between each other.
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How will BFMS look operationally?

- **Classroom Setup**
 - Attendance
 - Bathroom (Sign-In/Out via Google Classroom)
 - Desk Shields and Distancing when possible
- **COVID Parameters**
 - Lockers
 - Care Room
 - Qualtrics
 - CDC Recommendations/Reminders (Hand Sanitizer, Washing Hands, Social Distancing, etc.)
- **Google Suites**
 - Google Classroom
 - Bridging Academic Gaps



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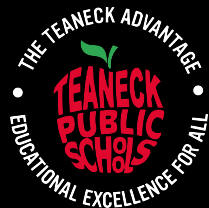
- SEL (Social-Emotional Learning)
 - Prioritizing SEL
 - PD for Staff -All Staff
 - Trauma Informed Practices
 - Music Therapy for students and staff
 - Mindfulness
 - Mental Health Clinic
 - Workshops for families
- Beyond the Building Instruction
 - Encouraging instruction outside of the classroom
 - SEL activities in our fields
 - Using spaces to activate learning different learning
 - BFMS Garden
 - Botany & Horticulture



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How will BFMS address safety?

- Qualtrics
 - Wellness Acknowledgement
 - Mandated Testing for Non-Vaccinated Employees
 - Social Distancing
 - In-Person Clubs/Organizations
 - Outdoor Tents to provide outdoor lunch, instruction, etc.
 - Desk Shields
 - One Directional Stairwells/Hallways
 - Hand Sanitizing Stations
 - Care Room for Isolating students who may display symptoms
 - Limit Number of Students using Restrooms
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How will lunch look at BFMS?

- LUNCH
 - Staggered Lunch Schedules
 - Outdoor Tents
 - Pre-packaged lunch
 - Cleaning between lunch periods
 - Possible use of ID to scan and go
- RECESS
 - Continue to have recess for learners
 - Increased time due to transitioning from outside
 - Opportunities to unmask

Note: For the 2021-2022 School Year, lunch will be FREE for all Teaneck Public School students. However, families are encouraged to complete applications.

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What's New?

New Staff

- Erin Lafond, Media Specialist
- Eva Jennings, Mathematics
- Kelly Kulig, Grade 5
- Rafaelina Cepeda, Spanish
- Eileen Brown, Social Studies
- Analisse Siese, School Psychologist

School Store

- Student Run
 - Teach Financial Literacy and Life Skills
 - Shared Student Space
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What's New and or Returning?

Programs

- NEEF Greening STEM Grant
- Whole Foods Kids Grant
- BFAST Program
- Botany Club
- Music Therapy
- Clubs and Organizations
- HERO K12
- SACC
- Breakfast Program



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How can parents help us?



- Ensure students are coming to school on time daily and with a mask/face coving.
 - Ensure that Chromebooks are fully charged each day
 - Update **all** emergency contact information
 - Provide feedback when possible
 - Stay in contact with teachers, counselors, Child Study Team members and administration.
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Questions/Answers

Thank You!
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