



# Florham Park School District

## 2017-2018 School Year



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#weareready

### Dear Families:

#### WE ARE READY!

Florham Park School District has signed the Future Ready Pledge with the State of New Jersey. Ridgedale Middle School staff has been diligently working to receive certification. One of our items is to create our own branding. In Florham Park, we are ready! This certification is in four areas and has approximately 90 indicators that we must prove we are completing. I want to thank Jim Stiles, Nick Esposito, Chris Perruso, and Pete Christ for all the hard work they are doing to make sure we are successful!

#### NEW START TIMES FOR BRIARWOOD AND BROOKLAKE

Since we are constantly trying to increase our time with children and our time on task, we have altered the schedule for Briarwood and Brooklake. I will continue to send reminders throughout the summer. Both Briarwood and Brooklake will start drop off at 8:15, however, students will begin their day at 8:25. Tardy designations start at 8:31.

#### Genesis!

In a move to be able to provide a more user friendly environment, the district is moving to a new student information system. We will begin using Genesis this summer. The registration portal is very easy and I believe the transition will be smooth.

**Summer Reading:**

Summer Reading assignments are here! Our teachers along with Mrs. O'Connor have spent countless hours coming up with a summer reading assignment that will help your child stay on top of his/her game. We did see significant slide with those students who did not participate last year. Summer Reading can be found [here](#).

Summer Assignment Night-June 7<sup>th</sup>, Ridgedale Media Center 6:30-8:30

**STEM/STEAM**

We are undergoing a huge change in the way we teach science next year. However, we need your help. We will be sending out an email soon asking for donations of regular house hold items. Please see the following if you would like to help. [STEAM Donations](#)

**Upcoming Events:**

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Brooklake Drama

June 1<sup>st</sup>: Move Up Day-5<sup>th</sup> Grade

June 11<sup>th</sup> :2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Step up Day

June 6<sup>th</sup>: RMS Spring Concert on the Lawn

June 8<sup>th</sup>: DARE Graduation

June 14<sup>th</sup>: Kindergarten Celebration

June 12-14: Washington DC field trip RMS

June 20<sup>th</sup>: RMS Graduation (Early Dismissal)

June 22<sup>nd</sup>: Last Day of School

Sincerely,

*Dr. Melissa Varley*

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