



Pleasantville Public Schools

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Greetings Pleasantville Parents and Guardians,

It seems like this summer has flown by! The first day of school for students begins on **Thursday, September 4, 2025**. Please note that the start and end times for our schools have changed this year. Below is a chart with the new schedules, including early dismissal and breakfast times:

School Levels	Start Time	End Time	Early Dismissal Time	Breakfast Time
ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS	8:55 A.M.	3:14 P.M.	1:15 P.M.	8:35 P.M.
MIDDLE SCHOOL	8:30 A.M.	3:20 P.M.	12:50 P.M.	8:00 A.M.
HIGH SCHOOL	8:00 A.M.	2:50 P.M.	12:20 P.M.	7:30 P.M.

We are also very pleased to share that, through the **Community Eligibility Provision Program**, all students will receive **free breakfast and lunch** this school year.

This year's district theme is "*Raising the Bar for Excellence*," building on last year's focus of "*Unleashing Unlimited Creativity*." Our goal is to begin the first day of school with every student fully engaged in learning. Our staff remains committed to providing the highest quality education and services. Please reference the Board-approved [district calendar](#) for important dates throughout the school year.

To support student growth, every child in grades K–12 will participate in **Drop Everything and Read (DEAR)** for 10 minutes during their ELA block each day. Students will also take the **i-Ready diagnostic assessment** three times per year to monitor progress toward grade-level standards. Please review the district [assessment calendar](#) for testing windows.

We also continue to provide valuable afterschool opportunities:

- The **Nita M. Lowey 21st CCLC, C.A.R.E. The program** offers tutoring for students in grades 3–12. For details, please contact your school's site coordinator.
- In partnership with **AtlantiCare Kids**, we are offering before-school programs (7:30–9:00 a.m.) for Pre-K through 5th grade, and after-school programs (3:14–5:55 p.m.) for Pre-K through 3rd grade. Families interested may contact AtlantiCare Kids at **810 S. Main Street School** or call **609-677-6975**.

As we begin this school year, let us embrace our shared commitment to **excellence, creativity, and collaboration**. Together, we will inspire and empower every student to reach their highest potential.

Wishing you and your family a successful, rewarding, and fulfilling **2025–26 school year!**

With warm regards,

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