



Week starting September 24, 2023

Dear Linden Families,

On Monday, 9/25/23, we are closed in observance of Yom Kippur. Yom Kippur, also known as the Day of Atonement, is one of the most significant holidays in the Jewish calendar. To honor the religious observance of our students, staff, and families who celebrate Yom Kippur, it is essential to provide a day of rest and spiritual fulfillment.

We completed 12 days of school, and our student enrollment is up compared to last year. Students are attending school and have been informed that our district-wide ELA/Math online student assessments using the Edmentum platform will begin next week in grades 1-12. The Edmentum website states: "Edmentum empowers educators to transform their approach and build a school around the needs of each learner to make personalized learning an achievable reality in every classroom." Students will be evaluated on their current level of proficiency. We have two weeks to complete the assessments during the regular scheduled classes. Edmentum assessments take place during the Fall, Winter, and Spring.

As educational partners, we will continue to promote the home-school connection. Here is a tip: Have a conversation with your child, causing them to use cognitive thinking (analyzing and evaluating ideas that come to mind). As educators, we are taught to promote cognitive thinking by asking questions. Use a familiar experience and ask your child to share how they would explain it to someone who has never experienced it and extend it to include alternative possibilities or different outcomes. They should include visual representations and sounds to describe it. Please encourage them to focus on all details, make connections to other experiences, and analyze new ideas that come to mind.

Reminder: 12th-grade students who did not meet the NJGPA assessment last year will be required to take the reassessment next month. Tutoring sessions are being provided.

Thank you again for your ongoing support. On behalf of the school, I wish all those observing Yom Kippur a meaningful and reflective day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school following the observance. Stay dry, and Back to School Nights start at 6:30 p.m. and will conclude this week. Contact your school if further information is needed.

Take care,
Atiya Y. Perkins
Superintendent of Schools