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# JOSEPH J. CATENA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## FREEHOLD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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*In cooperation with dedicated staff, parents and students we establish high expectations that enhance self esteem, develop creativity and individuality, build responsibility for self and others, accentuate respect, inspire thought and optimize each child's potential.*



August 23, 2019

Dear Catena Families & SuperKids,

Welcome Back! We hope that you have enjoyed many fun & memorable moments this summer. Here on Burlington Road, we've been preparing for another amazing year together. Our first day will be **Thursday, September 5, 2019.**

At Catena, we believe in building strong minds, strong bodies and strong character. We focus on students' uniqueness, their interests, their abilities, their talents and their gifts. We strive to meet students where they are academically, socially & emotionally and help them understand a growth mindset. We teach them to be respectful, responsible and safe. To be kind. To inspire. In 2019-2020, *we are ready to help our SuperKids fly!*

You are the most important teacher in your child/children's life, we are grateful for the opportunity to partner with you on these next moments in your child/children's educational journey. We value a strong partnership and invite families to get involved in all aspects of our school community. In 2019-2020, *together, may we give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly!*

Please review the items below in preparation for the beginning of the year:

- Genesis Parent Portal
  - Classroom assignments are available on Monday, August 26, 2019.
  - Transportation information including bus numbers, approximate pick-up times & bus stop locations are also accessible in the portal.
  - For questions regarding access to Genesis Parent Portal, please contact Ms. Kate Mack: [kmack@freeholdtwp.k12.nj.us](mailto:kmack@freeholdtwp.k12.nj.us).
- Arrival & Dismissal procedures for 2019-2020 have been updated. Please review them using [this link](#).
- School hours are 8:40 am-3:25 pm. Students arriving after 8:50 am are considered tardy.
- Back to School Night is scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019 beginning at 6:30 pm.
- School pictures are scheduled for Wednesday, September 18, 2019.

Our Catena Family has grown again this year! *Join us in welcoming:*

- Mrs. Sue Newman-Office Assistant
- Mr. Michael Carotenuto-Health/PE
- Ms. Shannon Rafferty-TA
- Leave of Absence Teachers:
  - Mrs. April Bodner - LTS Grade 5
  - Mrs. Michelle Sperduto-LTS Grade 4 (Oct.)

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- Miss Brittany Comforte-LTS Kindergarten
- Mrs. Jennifer O'Brien-Sullivan-LTS Media Specialist

Please use [this link](#) to share a special message from us for our SuperKids!

Thank you in advance for sharing your children with us this year. We are excited to continue our excellent work this year so the Catena Family can *spread its wings & FLY* to greatness.

Warmly,



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