



**From the Desk of Janice Tierney
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"You can't have a rainbow without a little bit of rain". Unknown

Each week, during morning announcements, we share a weekly message. I thought it might be fun to share it with our parent community. Look for this to start our communication each week.

Questions have begun regarding the academic performance of students as we return to the structured, school-based environment. Benchmark assessments are being conducted and, as you are aware, time has been spent ensuring that students benefited from the spring instruction which sets the prerequisite skills for us to move along our curriculum map. We just finished our 13th day of school today and I will be anxious to share our general findings in the weeks ahead.

- Arrival and pick up continues to go well. THANK YOU all for your cooperation and respect for traffic laws and student safety. REMEMBER – if you are dropping your child off, do not ask them to disembark the car and cross the street independently!! They know that this is not permissible and it places them in an awkward position.
- Back to School Night will be a virtual event this year. Look for details next week and mark your calendars for the evening of September 29th.
- Parent Teacher conferences will also be hosted virtually this year. Announcements regarding scheduling will be included in your classroom teacher's back to school night presentation. With this new, virtual format, I am requesting that you work within the dates and appointment times provided by the teacher. Please do not ask for appointments outside of the allotted times.
- Remember, if you are experiencing any technology issues, reach out to our technology department on the main webpage at technology.summit.k12.nj.us. They will be able to assist and guide you through glitches or coordinate repairs to ensure that your student is able to be connected to the learning environment.
- Students have been doing an outstanding job of remembering items to bring to and from school. Be assured that we are doing our best to monitor backpack weight. We are hopeful that, in the days ahead, we will be able to pare down items which should help.
- We all continue to be ABSOLUTELY THRILLED to be back in school. Your kind words, positive messages and thoughtful gestures have had a significant impact on the morale of our staff. THANK YOU and have a wonderful weekend!

Janice Tierney