



Pen & Pencil September 2017  
Ralph S. Maugham Elementary School

Dear Maugham School Families,

“When educating the minds of our youth, we must not forget to educate their hearts.” Dalai Lama

One of the days that all educators look forward to is opening day. It comes with a freshness and renewed enthusiasm for the joys and challenges that lie ahead. It is a joy to behold. Children re-ignite old friendships, make new ones, and talk all about their summer experiences.

Teachers have been busily preparing for this day, excited to work with a new group of students and share with them an abundance of knowledge. We welcome one and all to this outstanding school community and are confident about the fantastic year that awaits us all. This issue of **PEN & PENCIL** is filled with important information, dates, and deadlines. Please read it through and save it for ready reference.

Much will happen in Maugham during the next 10 months. Some of it will support long-lived traditions of the school while other programs will be new and innovative. We will keep you informed of events, procedures, practices, and changes and we know that you will feel comfortable supporting them. Maugham is 406 students strong this year. The diversity within our student body is appreciated as an important factor in our planning of programs. We will continue to devote time and effort to students’ social/emotional development as well as to their academics. The building of the school community will continue to be a paramount factor that will continue to be facilitated in all that we do.

In the first few days of school, we will ensure students become acclimated to their new teachers, classroom and school community, new learning opportunities and school rules. We will discuss academic expectations and behavioral expectations. We ask our students to:

**Take Care of Yourself**  
**Take Care of Each other**  
**Take Care of this Place**

We hope that you will reinforce these concepts as you discuss parental expectations with your child. The partnership between school and home will grow stronger with shared language.

We are continuing our focus on Health and Wellness through our Maugham Health and Wellness Committee. We have a school wide initiative that promotes the health of the whole child; healthy body = healthy mind. In doing so, our first goal is to encourage healthy snacking.

Some healthy snack ideas are: Raw Veggies, Fresh Fruit, applesauce, edamame, seaweed, smart food, pretzels, hummus, popcorn, baked chips, rice cakes, crackers, cheese sticks, low-fat yogurt, cottage cheese, low-fat pudding, sugar-free cereals, graham crackers, salsa/guacamole and corn chips, snack bars, dried fruit, and many more. Please also keep this in mind when bringing in birthday treats. Working together, we can promote healthy habits in our students that will last a lifetime!

**We will continue to celebrate birthdays for our students WITHOUT food. Parents can come in to celebrate their child’s birthday with the class. If they wish parents can come in to read a favorite book, or do a craft, or a fun, short activity instead.** Please ask your child’s teacher for more specifics. I look forward to seeing you on Back-to-School night, Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, and I wish you and your child/ren a fabulous 2017-2018 School Year!

Warmest Regards,

Jen Ferrara

Calendar

Tues. 9/5 First Day of School  
Kdg.: 8:30 - 12:10 PM  
thru Sept. 15th  
Grades 1-5: 8:30 - 3:10 PM  
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New Parent Coffee  
8:45 AM/Library

Thurs. 9/14 New Parents HSA Meeting  
7:00 PM/Library  
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Regular HSA Meeting  
7:30 PM/Library

Fri. 9/15 Assembly: Astronaut  
9:00 AM/Auditorium

Mon. 9/18 1st Full Day of Kindergarten  
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1st Day of Milk & HSA Lunch  
Program  
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Elementary Back-to-School  
Night/7:00 PM

Thurs. 9/21 NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah

Fri. 9/22 NO SCHOOL - Rosh Hashanah



Wednesday, Oct. 4th  
Student Photograph Day

**Elementary Back-to School Night  
Monday, September 18th**

**7:00 PM - 7:40 PM:**

- Third & fourth grade classroom visitations - in the classrooms
- Fifth grade classroom visitations - in the classrooms

**7:45 PM - 8:15 PM:**

- Welcome Address in the auditorium
- HSA Executive Council:  
Susan Carlin, Michelle Goldberg,  
Cheryl Shuster, Dara Wasserlauf
- Mrs. Ferrara, Principal

**8:20 PM - 9:00 PM:**

- Kindergarten classroom visitations - in the library
- First & second grade classroom visitations - in the classrooms

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All students must be signed out in the school office. Please do not call ahead of time and ask for students to be waiting in the office. We only call classrooms once the parent has arrived.



**Lunch and Snack**

Before your child comes to school in the morning, please take a moment to check their backpack to make sure they have both their lunch and snack.

If a student forgets their lunch, you will receive a phone call from the school office. Please label all lunches with your child's name and classroom if you drop it off. Please put on

the table in the hall by the office. If we cannot get in touch with a parent, your child will be given a snack and juice.

**No student is allowed another child's lunch/HSA lunch.**

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Welcome Back to Maugham!

Welcome back students and families to the 2017-2018 school year at Maugham. We hope you had a wonderful summer and had the opportunity to find new adventures with your children. Whether you are a new or returning HSA member, we thank you for your contribution, time and commitment to our organization, our teachers, staff, and most importantly, our students. We hope that you take the time to attend our HSA meetings, check out our webpage at [www.maughamhsa.com](http://www.maughamhsa.com), and read our newsletter each month to stay informed of upcoming events at Maugham. Please also remember to support our community partners as we earn money for Maugham school. We look forward to an exciting school year ahead.

HSA Updates

- Online Maugham Directory Registration. For new and returning families, please sign up for our online directory. When you are included in the directory, Maugham HSA can ensure that you receive the latest information for the school and students.
- School Lunch & Ice Cream Program. Flyers for our school lunch and ice cream program will be circulated during the beginning of the school year. Sign up will be online on the HSA website September 5<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>. Please reach out to the lunch committee if you do not receive an email confirmation within 24 hours of placing your order. There is an option to pay by credit or cash. Change period will be on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> and Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. The sign up genius for volunteers serving lunch will open on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please sign up right away as spots fill up quickly.
- After School Clubs. Get ready for Maugham's after school clubs. There are new and exciting club offerings this year for all students. Look for the full brochure distributed on the first day of school. Come learn more about the after school clubs at the HSA showcase on September 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 PM on the school front lawn. Registration for clubs will run from September 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 PM through September 15<sup>th</sup>. After school clubs will commence on September 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Class Parents Needed. If you are interested in becoming a class parent in your child's classroom, please go online and sign up on the Maugham HSA website. Class parents are responsible for coordinating with the teachers for class parties, school trips, collecting funds, class gifts and other special events. It is a rewarding experience to be part of the classroom.
- Fifth Grade Committee. A buffet lunch for students Grades 1-5 will be offered from September 5<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup> before the regular HSA lunch program begins. For only \$6/day, students will be able to choose from many delicious options offered from the lunch committee. All of the meals will include an 8 oz. bottle of water.

· **Community Reward Program Reminder:** Please consider supporting Maugham through the following fundraising programs:

§ **Amazon Affiliate** – New this year, the Maugham School HSA has joined the Amazon.com Affiliate Program. Now you can help support Maugham school by using the special link on the HSA website. This unique school rewards link will take you directly to Amazon.com where you can log in your personal account and begin shopping! Maugham will receive a percentage of all purchases made by shoppers who reached Amazon through our link. Be sure to pass the website information on to your family and friends! You can also add Maugham through Amazon Smile for the school to receive funds.

§ **Stop & Shop Rewards Program** – If you have a Stop & Shop card, log onto website [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) to register for Maugham to get money each time you use the card. Select “register your card” from the “for customers” list on the right and enter our Maugham School 08983. Registration begins September 11, 2017. Program dates to earn cash for our school runs from October 6, 2017 until March 15, 2018. If you already registered your card in the past, you do not need to register again.

§ **TD Bank Program** – If you have an account with TD Bank, link it to Maugham school to get \$10 per family per account for Maugham.

§ **Box Top Program** – Earn extra cash for Maugham by clipping Box Tops at home and sending them to school in your child’s backpack. Box Tops can be found on hundreds of quality products. Visit [btfe.com](http://btfe.com) for a complete list. This year, the class who submits the most coupons will win a prize!

Important dates to mark on your calendar:

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| Tenafly New Residents Event | Sept 12                             |
| New Parents HSA Meeting     | Sept 14 at 7:00 PM in Library       |
| Next HSA Meeting:           | Sept 14 at 7:30 PM in Library       |
| Back to School Night        | Sept 18                             |
| Tenafly Community Night     | Sept 19 (rain date Sept 25)         |
| No School                   | Sept 21 and Sept 22 (Rosh Hashanah) |

Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions, comments or concerns at [maughamschoolhsa@gmail.com](mailto:maughamschoolhsa@gmail.com). Thank you in advance for helping out the HSA and Maugham School.

Executive Council Co-Presidents: Susan Carlin, Michele Goldberg, Cheryl Shuster and Dara Wasserlauf

Co-Treasurers: Natalya Michaels and Kate Williams

Co-Secretaries: Lauren Dayton and Christine Chun



## Library Pen and Pencil September 2017

Welcome Back!!

The Maugham School Library welcomes back all its terrific readers from a wonderful summer. Hope you enjoyed some great books this vacation!

It's going to be a great year of exploring new books, rediscovering old favorites and learning so many new things, including using some new technologies and some new STEM-related activities!

If you have a half-hour available during the week to volunteer in the library, please contact me as soon as possible as I will be setting up our library volunteers for our grades K&1 only. Spots are limited and once the schedule is set, we will not be recruiting for volunteers for the remainder of the year.

Please contact me via email at [lherbst@tenafly.k12.nj.us](mailto:lherbst@tenafly.k12.nj.us) or by leaving a message at (201) 816-7709. The volunteering will begin October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Wishing you all a great school year of great reads!

Mrs. Herbst



Tales of the Traveling Vice Principal  
September 2017

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! I am so excited for the upcoming school year. I cannot wait to see all of the kids! The schools have been very quiet this summer and I have watched in awe as each of our buildings have been getting ready for the new school year. Kuddos to all of our custodians and secretaries for all of their efforts. We are lucky to have such an amazing support staff!

I have spent most of my summer working in each of the schools. My family and I took a few short trips and have enjoyed our first summer with our puppy, MoJo. He has grown so much and we are secretly sad that he is no longer a puppy. I am getting ready to send my son Noah off to 5<sup>th</sup> grade and my daughter Maya into 7<sup>th</sup> grade. I, like many of you, am looking forward to all that comes with the month of September, routines, crisp air, weekends on the soccer field and football!

This upcoming year, I am gearing up for a productive year at Mackay, Maugham, Smith, and Stillman. Here are a few of the things I will be working on throughout the course of the year:

- I&RS Chair - I will be assuming the role of I&RS chair across the four elementary schools. This will assure that we have consistency across the district with our I&RS process as well as a more streamlined approach to providing support to our students and teachers.
- Curricula - My work will continue to ensure consistency across the four schools in all content areas. I have been working closely with our wonderful content supervisors, staff developers, and curriculum committees to ensure articulation across the elementary schools.
- Assessments & Technology - During common planning time across the district, I, along with the principals and staff developers, will take a deeper look into our assessments as well as how we can utilize technology to enhance student learning.

I am eagerly looking forward to seeing each of you in the upcoming weeks. Please feel free to reach out via email (probably easiest since I am always on the run) should you have any questions. Hope to see you around town =)

## Nurse's Notes

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to share some guidelines and protocols of the Health Office with you.

Before sending your child to school each day I'd like to ask you to please assess the state of their health. Children with fever over 100 F, diarrhea, vomiting, sore throats, rashes, red draining eyes, thick yellow/green nasal drainage, etc. need to stay home for 24 hours after these symptoms are resolved or a note from your physician is sent to school stating that the child can attend school. Children taking antipyretic medication (example; Motrin or Tylenol) for fever must be fever free without medication for 24 hours before returning to school.

Children who are suspected of having a communicable disease will be sent home for diagnosis and treatment. After a child is diagnosed with an infection, it is very important to keep him/her out of school for at least 24-48 hours after starting antibiotics to prevent spreading of infection.

Having sick children come to school only to be sent home shortly after arrival makes the child uncomfortable, inconveniences the parent/guardian and exposes other children who may then become sick also.

**When your child stays home from school for any reason or arrives at school after 9 am, you need to call the Health Office at (201) 816-7708 to report the said absence or tardiness.**

There is an answering machine for calls to be received out of school hours and we asked that you call before 9 am on each day of your child's illness. If your family will be traveling outside of school holidays you can report this in writing to me before your departure. This will save telephone calls to empty homes and emergency contact people. If no message is received on any given day, your home, cell and work numbers will all be called in order to find out the whereabouts of your child. The safety of your children is paramount to us here at Maugham.

Unfortunately, emailing me or your child's teacher about their absence from school is not acceptable as emails are password protected and in case of staff absence are unavailable to the Health Office.

If you have any questions regarding the Health Office please feel free to contact me either by telephone (201 816-7708) or by e mail ([mmartin@tenafly.k12.nj.us.org](mailto:mmartin@tenafly.k12.nj.us.org)). When children feel well and are healthy, they enjoy school more and subsequently learn better.

Thank you!

Marianne Gray Martin RN  
Maugham School's Nurse