



# Mendham Township Public Schools



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## Re: Fall Conferences: Full Day for Students

Dear Mendham Township Middle School Family,

**Although October 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup> are official parent / teacher conference days, students will remain in school until 2:50 pm for a full session of school. Homework Club is cancelled during conference week.**

Historically, students have been dismissed at approximately 12:15 p.m. on two fall conference days in order to allow for our instructional staff to return to the school for *night conferences*. As the third day of conferences occurred during regular school hours, students were again dismissed at 12:15 p.m. This year, we are piloting a new approach to our fall conferences.

During 2006-2007 fall conferences, our students will remain in school for a full day under the supervision of our related arts department and support personnel. We have planned the following structured activities for our students:

Tuesday, October 24:

- All students will have lunch & recess period;
- All students will have one homework club period;
- Most students will participate in an HSA sponsored Cultural Arts assembly called **Ball in the House** – acappella performance;
- Our school nurse, Mrs. Kierst, will begin the process of taking all students' height & weight measurements as required by NJ code;
- Band / Orchestra / Chorus – extended optional rehearsals

Wednesday, October 25 & Thursday October 26:

- All students will have a lunch and recess period;
- Students may have homework club periods;
- Band / Orchestra / Chorus – extended optional rehearsals
- Our school nurse, Mrs. Kierst, will continue the height & weight process;
- Students may rotate through some of the following activities based upon the availability of our guest speakers, who have not all confirmed their appearance schedules with us:
  1. **“Healthy Choices”** – *United Streaming* health lesson on the food pyramid and using the MTMS lunch menu to make healthy lunchtime choices;
  2. **“Respect and Responsibility”** – *United Streaming* character education lesson;
  3. **“Perseverance & Excellence”** – Two time Super Bowl champion Carl Banks is *penciled in* to host a student assembly.
  4. **“Giggle Bags”** – Guidance activity where students make a product, which will be given to MTMS students throughout the year for good deeds and or acts of kindness;
  5. Band / Orchestra / Chorus – extended rehearsals
  6. **Fire Prevention Assembly** via Mendham Township Fire department

After these three conference days occur, our school community will evaluate these new conference procedures and discuss the possibility of utilizing the plan again in the 2007-2008 school year. If you have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at your convenience.

Very truly yours,

cc: Mrs. Christine Johnson, Superintendent of Schools

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