



# H. Ashton Marsh Elementary

## Highlights

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### Save the Dates:

**March 16th:** Q&A with the principal via Google Meet about virtual students returning to school

**March 18th: Celebrating World Down Syndrome Day. Wear blue and yellow with crazy socks**

**March 19th:** No school. Teacher inservice

**March 20th:** First Day of Spring!

**March 22nd:** 2nd-4th grade virtual students are returning to school

Student Rebuild Challenge begins- Who do you know is a Changemaker?

**Return of students:** Our younger students have returned to school and are acclimating well to their classroom. Their classmates are excited to have met new friends. Our second through fourth graders will be coming back on the 22nd. We are now at capacity for the number of students we can safely house in a classroom using the 6 ft apart CDC guidance. If you wish your child to return to in house instruction, please call the office and they will be put on a waiting list.

**Down Syndrome Awareness Day:** Will be celebrated on March 18th at Marsh School.

Students will be watching a video that is age appropriate and doing an activity to demonstrate how we are all different but yet the same. We ask that students wear blue and yellow and crazy socks that day.

**Kindergarten drop off:** Please do not drop your child off in the middle of the kindergarten loop which will cause them to walk in front of other cars. For their safety, please make sure to pull up and drop them off so they can step right on to the sidewalk by the Kindergarten doors. Please follow the directions of the staff member who is on duty.

**Furriest of Friends:** Skye and Hope, our therapy dogs, invite your child to read to their pet or their stuffed animal at home and share that experience. Please send pictures or a video to their instagram [@skye\\_and\\_hope\\_gsmd](#) or have your child write a letter to Skye and Hope about the books they read with their furry friend. Letters can be given to the teacher and Skye and Hope will write back.

**Send/Receive District:** We are in the process of trying to sever ties with Pleasantville High

School and are hoping to be able to send our 8th grade students from now on to Absegami High School. We need your help to make sure that this comes to fruition. Please see Dr. Dooley's letter and video on the district website on how you can help. [https://www.abseconschools.org/cms/lib/NJ50000208/Centricity/Domain/4/Send\\_Receive%20Notice.pdf](https://www.abseconschools.org/cms/lib/NJ50000208/Centricity/Domain/4/Send_Receive%20Notice.pdf)