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### SCHOOL CALENDAR (At a Glance)

2023-2024

<b>August</b>	30-31	Organizational Days- All Staff Report	SCHOOL CLOSED (For Student's)
<b>September</b>	1	Parent Orientation 4-6PM	
	4	<b>Labor Day</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED
	5	Student's Report	
	25	<b>Yom Kippur</b>	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
	27	Back to School Night	
<b>October</b>	9	In-District PD (BOE) ½ day PD CCC	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
<b>November</b>	7	In-District PD (BOE)	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
	9-10	NJEA Convention	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
	10	½ day PD CCC	
	15-17	Parent Teacher Conference	Early Dismissal (BOE ONLY)
	22	Thanksgiving Recess	Early Dismissal (All Classrooms)
	23-24	Thanksgiving Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED (All Classrooms)
<b>December</b>	21	Winter Program	
	22	Winter Recess	Early Dismissal (All Classrooms)
	25-29	Winter Recess	SCHOOL CLOSED (All Classrooms)
<b>January</b>	1	New Year's Day Holiday	SCHOOL CLOSED (All Classrooms)
	15	MLK Day ½ day PD CCC	SCHOOL CLOSED (All Classrooms)
<b>February</b>	6	100 Days of School	
	12	In-District PD (BOE)	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
	19	President's Day ½ day PD CCC	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
	23	Black History Month Performance	
<b>March</b>	2-6	Read Across America Week	
	11	In-District PD (BOE)	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE ONLY)
	29	Good Friday	SCHOOL CLOSED (All Classrooms)
<b>April</b>	1-5	Spring Recess (CCC Closed 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> )	SCHOOL CLOSED (BOE entire week)
	8-12	Week of the Young Child	
	24	Open House	
<b>May</b>	24	Tentative Snow Day School Closure	BOE ONLY
	27	Memorial Day	SCHOOL CLOSED
	28	Tentative Snow Day School Closure	BOE ONLY
<b>June</b>	13	Moving Up Ceremony	
	14	Early Dismissal	12:30 Dismissal (BOE ONLY)
	17	Early Dismissal	12:30 Dismissal (BOE ONLY)
	18	Last Day of School (for BOE)	12:30 Dismissal (BOE ONLY)
	19	Juneteenth	SCHOOL CLOSED

CCC: Infant/Toddler Classrooms (IF/T 1, T2, PS4)



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September 1, 2023

Dear HHLA Families,

For the upcoming Academic School Year 2023-2024 **Helping Hands Learning Academy** will be including ½ day Professional Development days for our teachers in our **Childcare Component**, more specifically, instructional staff in our Infant/Toddler classrooms.

The importance of Professional Development:

- Encourages early childhood professionals to gain continuous knowledge of changes in their field.
- Gain knowledge of competencies involving program quality standards.
- Allows our teachers to better foster an equitable and student-centered learning environment.
- Have an opportunity to learn better ways of teaching and implementing the curriculum.
- Overall, the deposits teachers place in themselves through professional development is an investment in your children and the care they provide for them.

The following days are ½ day, 12:30 PM dismissal for professional development days. The following days have been added to our calendar for the 23-24 SY.

1. October 9<sup>th</sup>
2. November 10<sup>th</sup>
3. February 19<sup>th</sup>

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Furthermore, as you will see many of the days above are national holidays in which most cases businesses are closed. We hope this investment in our educators does not cause an inconvenience for your family. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 732-382-9311 or [info@rahwaycao.org](mailto:info@rahwaycao.org).

Sincerely,

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