



**SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL ONE  
PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER**



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: Happy New Year!!!** On behalf of the School One staff, we wish you and your family a healthy, happy, and prosperous 2019! I hope that the winter season will be kind to us, and hazardous winter weather conditions will be minimal. Please make sure that each day your child is dressed appropriately for the weather, as we do try to go outside for recess as often as we can. January promises to be a busy month for our staff and students, below are some dates to remember:

**IMPORTANT JANUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- January 9<sup>th</sup> - PTA General Meeting, Media Center, 7:30 p.m.
- January 11<sup>th</sup> - School Spirit Day
  - PTA 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Movie Night
- January 17<sup>th</sup> - Parent Visitation
  - PTA Multi-Culture Night, 6-8 p.m.
- **January 21<sup>st</sup> - Schools Closed - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- January 23<sup>rd</sup> - Fourth Grade Winter Music Program, 7:15 p.m., Auditorium
  - PTA General Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Auditorium
- January 25<sup>th</sup> - PTA Holiday Party
- January 30<sup>th</sup> - QUEST Convocation, "Brain Bowl"

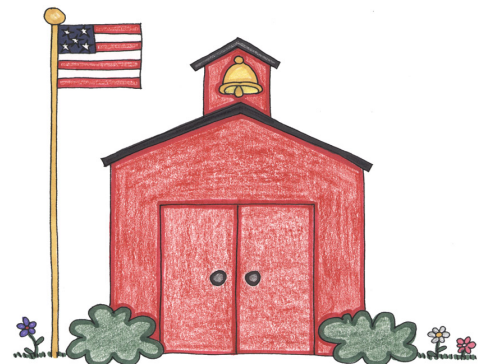
**THANK YOU:** A special thank you goes out to our families and staff for making our Holiday Giving Hat a success. With the support of our School One staff and families, we were able to bring lots of holiday cheer to our families in need. Also, thank you to our PTA for wrapping and organizing the gifts. We are grateful for your support.

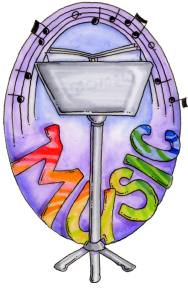
**PARENT VISITATION DAY, THURSDAY, JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>:** School One parents will have the opportunity to see a part of their child's school day on **Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup>**. Parents are welcome to visit their child's **current** class during the scheduled times indicated below.

There will be a table set up in the lobby where parents should sign-in and take a visitor's badge. Please move through the hallways quietly, and remember, cell phone calls and/or food/beverages are not allowed in the classrooms. In addition, we are sorry we cannot accommodate younger children.

We look forward to seeing you and sharing our instructional program with you.

<b>PARENT VISITATION DAY - JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup></b>	
8:50-9:30 a.m.	Grade 1 & Morning Pre-K
9:25-10:05 a.m.	Kindergarten
10:00-10:40 a.m.	Grade 2
10:35-11:15 a.m.	Grade 4
11:10-11:50 a.m.	Grade 3
1:00-1:40 p.m.	Afternoon Pre-K





**WINTER MUSIC PROGRAM:** On **Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>**, under the direction of Mrs. Debbie Shapiro and Mr. Joseph Reo, our fourth-grade chorus and instrumental music students will present our Winter Music Concert.

The evening will be held in our auditorium and begin with a brief General PTA meeting at **7:00 p.m.**, with the concert immediately following. Please enter the building via the doors located adjacent to the auditorium by the school parking lot. We cordially invite our school community to attend this musical event, and hope that you will find it to be an enjoyable program.

**KIDS CARE CLUB UPDATE:** The Kids Care Club brightened the season for many this year. Their December “Share a Sandwich” program brought in 145 pre-made lunches that were delivered to St. Joseph’s Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Once again, the Kids Care Club visited the Scotch Plains Senior Housing for a holiday sing-a-long. Mrs. Shapiro, Mrs. Bennett and Mrs. Mills along with the Kids Care members delivered some holiday cheer along with small holiday gifts to the residents.



**WINTER WEATHER UPDATE:** Please make certain that you have registered with the Honeywell Emergency Alert System to receive an instant alert message of school closings, delayed openings, and/or emergency early dismissals. If you have not yet registered, or need to update your home phone, cell phone, email address and/or text message contacts, please follow the instructions below:

- Go to [www.spfk12.org](http://www.spfk12.org)
- Click on “Instant Alert” in the left-hand column of the District’s home page.
- Input your personal contact information.
- Select which type of school information you would like to receive on each of your contact devices.
- If you cannot access the system via computer, please call Robert Apati, at (908) 322-4132, Ext. 2286, for assistance.

***It is also important that if there is a change in your home phone number, cell phone number, email address, or emergency contact numbers, that you notify the School One office.***

In addition to the Honeywell Instant Alert System, announcements will be carried on Radio Station 101.5 FM, and on TV Stations WNBC (Channel 4) and NJ12. Internet notice will be posted on the District website at [www.spfk12.org](http://www.spfk12.org) beginning at 6:30 a.m. on any given day that schools are closed for an emergency.

Please consult and keep handy the delayed opening schedule below:

<b>DELAYED OPENING SCHEDULE</b>		
<b>Grade</b>	<b>Arrival</b>	<b>Dismissal</b>
Morning Pre-K	10:05 a.m.	12:15 P.M.
Afternoon Pre-K	1:00 p.m.	3:10 p.m.
Grades K-4, SE-II	10:05 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

Students in morning Pre-K and Grades K through 4, are requested to arrive no earlier than 9:55 a.m. Dismissal time stays the same. **STUDENTS MUST REMAIN IN SCHOOL FOR THEIR LUNCH PERIOD.**

**STUDENTS WHO RECEIVE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES SHOULD MEET THEIR BUS AT THE SAME BUS STOP EXACTLY 1 1/2 HOURS LATER THAN THE NORMAL TIME.**

Please keep these times at hand so that you can refer to them should there be a delayed opening schedule.

**REQUEST FROM THE MEDIA CENTER:** The library would like to gently remind parents to assure that lunch and water bottle containers are on tight. It has been noticed that many library books are being returned soiled or wet from snacks, lunch items, and water bottles that open in the students' book bags. We are grateful for your help.



**SCHOOL ARRIVAL AND TRAFFIC PATTERNS:** Thank you to all of our parents/guardians who have cooperated with our school's traffic patterns and township laws.

- Observe the areas posted "No Parking" and "No U-Turn" when transporting your child to and from school.
- Do not park, drop off, or pick up your child on the opposite side of Willow Avenue, across from the school.
- When pulling up to drop off your child in front of the school, please stay approximately three feet from the curb. This will allow room to open car doors and keep pedestrians on the sidewalk safe. (*If road conditions are dangerous with rain, sleet, or snow, you may pull up to curb side, but please be careful of our pedestrians as your child departs the vehicle.*)
- Have your child exit the vehicle through the **passenger side door** so to reach the sidewalk in a safe manner.
- Remain in line when dropping your children off in the morning. Do NOT attempt to get in front of other vehicles that are preparing to return back into traffic.
- **We kindly ask Pre-K parents to obey the bus pick-up and drop-off areas during arrival and dismissal at 11:20 a.m. and 12:20 p.m. to ensure the utmost safety of our students.**
- Do not use the staff parking lot to drop off or pick up students. (*If there is a medical situation that necessitates the use of a handicap parking area, parents/guardians are to write a letter indicating that special consideration be given for the use of the parking area and provide documentation to support this request.*)
- **Do not park your car in the staff parking lot while visiting school.**

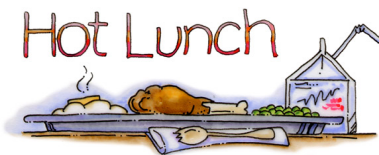
Your cooperation with these requests is very much appreciated.

There are still a number of students arriving at school earlier than our stated entrance time. **DIRECT SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS DOES NOT BEGIN UNTIL 8:20 A.M. IT IS IMPORTANT FOR OUR STUDENTS' SAFETY THAT THEY ARRIVE AS CLOSELY TO THIS TIME AS POSSIBLE.** We ask for your cooperation with this request to insure your children's safety.

**PRE-K MILK MONEY:** Pre-K milk money for the month of FEBRUARY will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup>**, in the amount of **\$12.60 (18 days x \$ .70)**. A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, January 7<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHS Cafeteria) in a sealed envelope.



Please indicate your child's milk choice for the upcoming month (fat free, low fat, low-fat chocolate or low-fat strawberry). Pre-K students participating in the free-milk program **MUST** submit an order form.



**LUNCH PROGRAM:** A lunch menu for the month of January may be viewed on our school website (go to the “Shortcut” section in the lower left-hand side of our home page and click on “Lunch Menu”).

For more information on our lunch program, including payment options, again, please go to our school website and click on “Lunch Program” in the “Shortcut” section. You may also call the school office.

If you have any general comments regarding the school lunch program, you may e-mail Pomptonian at [comments@pomptonian.com](mailto:comments@pomptonian.com). Please direct any inquires to: Steve Esposito, Food Services Director, (908) 889-7333, or [cafeteria@spfk12.org](mailto:cafeteria@spfk12.org).