

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: We are now enjoying longer daylight hours, warmer temperatures, and the beauty of flowering trees, plants, and shrubs. Several events are planned which are sure to make May a busy month. We encourage all parents to read through this newsletter thoroughly and refer to the calendar.

In addition, a number of families have been observed walking their dogs on school property as they pick up or drop off their children. It is my responsibility to ensure that our students have a safe entrance and dismissal from school. Therefore, I am appealing to all families who walk their dogs to or from school to please refrain from having their pets on school grounds. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

Lastly, a special thank you to all staff and students who participated in the "Bubbles for Autism" assembly. This assembly brought our entire staff and student body together to bring Autism Acceptance to our school and community. Everyone present was given a tube of bubbles that were blown in unison. We were reminded that autism is not a choice however, acceptance is.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

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| May 1 | - PTA Non-Fiction Author Visit, Grades K-2 |
| May 3 | - 3 rd Grade Trip to Trailside |
| May 6 | - Staff Appreciation Breakfast, PTA sponsored |
| May 7-9 & 14-16 | - NJSLA Testing, Grades 3 & 4 |
| May 10 | - 4 th Grade Trip to Sterling Mines
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon, PTA sponsored
- PTA Mother's Day Plant Sale
- PTA 4 th Grade Beach Party |
| May 13 | - Kindergarten Trip to Montclair State, "Pout, Pout Fish" |
| May 14-16 | - PTA BOGO Book Fair, Preview Night – May 15 |
| May 17 | - School One Field Day, 1:00 p.m. |
| May 20 | - PTA Author Visit, Grades 3 & 4 |
| May 20-24 | - PTA sponsored Health & Wellness Week |
| May 22 | - Kindergarten Orientation, 9:30 a.m. |
| May 27 | - Memorial Day, Schools Closed |
| May 29 | - 4 th Grade Spring Concert, 7:15 p.m., PTA Meeting 7:00 p.m. |
| May 24 | - PTA Fun Fair |

NJSLA TESTING: The Math portion of the NJSLA test will be administered to our 3rd & 4th grade students on the mornings of May 7, 8, and 9. The Language Arts portion is scheduled for the mornings of May 14, 15, and 16.

You play an important role in preparing your child for these testing situations. Please have your child in school and on time each day of the testing periods. Students perform best when they have had a nutritionally balanced breakfast and a restful night's sleep. Your support and encouragement go a long way in setting a positive tone for these test-taking situations.

FIRST AND SECOND GRADE ASSESSMENT: District assessment for first and second grade children, developed by first and second grade teachers from our District, will be administered this month too. It provides us with information on the attainment of learning goals that have been established in reading, writing, and mathematics.



SPRING MUSIC CONCERT: On **Wednesday, May 29th**, under the direction of Mrs. Debbie Shapiro and Mr. Joseph Reo, our fourth-grade chorus and instrumental music students will present our Spring 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.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION & ORIENTATION:

Kindergarten registration is still taking place. Children must be 5 years of age on or before October 1, 2019, to be eligible for kindergarten in September. Please refer to the district website at www.spfk12.org for details on how to register.



We are conducting our Kindergarten Orientation on Wednesday, May 22 at 9:30 a.m. here at School One. Please be advised only children who are registered are invited to attend orientation.

We are also carefully looking at enrollment for Grades 1 through 4. If you are aware of any families planning to enroll their children at School One for the fall, please ask them to notify our office now.

APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR SCHOOL: With the warmer weather, we have noticed an increasing number of children wearing sandals, slip-on shoes, and “flip-flops” to school. This type of footwear is NOT appropriate for school. Our students move about the building throughout the day, go up and down the stairwells, and engage in active play during recess. We are concerned about their overall safety. Please have your child refrain from wearing this type of footwear to school. Thank you for your cooperation.

Students are also reminded to wear appropriate dress for the activities planned for their physical education class. **It is our practice that students wear SNEAKERS WITH SHOELACES OR VELCRO on the day they have gym.** Students wearing shoes not appropriate for participation in their physical education class will sit out for the day’s activities in gym.



ARE YOU MOVING???: If your child will NOT be attending School One in September, please notify the main office at this time. All families transferring out of the District are asked to complete a “Student Transfer Verification Form.” You may find the form on the School One website. Go to Our School>Main Office>Moving Out of District. You may also call the Main Office for a copy of the form, or email cobrien@spfk12.org.

PUPIL ASSIGNMENT PROCESS: As we begin to plan for the 2019/2020 school year, please keep in mind that students are placed in heterogeneous class sections. Many factors are thoroughly examined and discussed. These include both the students' academic performance in all components of the curriculum, and their social interactions in relationship to peers. We strive to maintain a balance in terms of special-needs children (including basic skills and special education), boy/girl ratio, and race and ethnic background. Groupings are developed according to students' study habits and levels of participation during class instruction.

We realize that parents have valuable information to share regarding their children's specific needs. Should there be any special factors you feel are necessary for us to consider, you may express them in writing to the principal's office. Your input will be taken under advisement. **We respectfully request that you do NOT request a specific teacher by name.** Your support and encouragement regarding your children's assignment will be important in ensuring they have a successful year.

PRE-K MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of JUNE will be collected **WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH**, in the amount of **\$8.40** (12 days x \$.35). A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, May 6th. *Please complete the form and return to school with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHS Cafeteria) in a sealed envelope. Pre-K students participating in the free-milk program MUST submit an order form.*



LUNCH MONEY (GRADES 1-4): A lunch menu for the month of May 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, please e-mail Pomptonian at comments@pomptonian.com. Please direct any inquires to: Steve Esposito, Food Services Director, (908) 889-7333, or cafeteria@spfk12.org.