



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



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: The beginning of the school year is an important time to establish a positive and comfortable learning environment and I truly believe this has been achieved. We are well on our way to having another terrific school year.

November promises to be an informative and meaningful time for teachers, parents, and students. The elementary first-marking period ends on Wednesday, November 14th. Report cards will be distributed to students in Grades 1 through 4 on Monday, November 26th. (***Please remember to return the signature cards in the brown envelopes by Friday, November 30th.***) Our pre-k and kindergarten students receive reports cards twice a year, and will be distributed on February 8th and the last day of school, June 20th.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday November 6th, and Wednesday, November 7th with evening conferences scheduled for Monday, November 5th. If you have not signed up or are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office immediately.

Schools will follow a **single-session** day on Monday, November 5th, Tuesday, November 6th, and Wednesday, November 7th and also on Wednesday, November 21st the day before Thanksgiving recess. **Morning Pre-K arrives 8:35 and is dismissed at 10:35 a.m. Afternoon Pre-K arrives 10:35 a.m. and is dismissed at 12:40 p.m. Grades K through 4, and SE-II arrive at 8:35 a.m. and are dismissed at 12:40 p.m.**

Schools will be **closed** for staff and students on Thursday and Friday, November 8th and 9th, for the NJEA Teacher's Convention and Thursday and Friday, November 22nd and 23rd for Thanksgiving recess. American Education Week will be celebrated the week of November 12th. Look for our students' work in the Fanwood and Scotch Plains public libraries during this time.

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| November 1 | - PTA Halloween Candy Drive |
| November 2 | - PTA Box Collections Ends |
| November 3 | - PTA Clothing Drive |
| November 5 | - Single Session Day – EVENING Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| November 6 & 7 | - Single Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| November 8 & 9 | - Schools Closed for Staff and Students – NJEA Convention |
| November 12-16 | - American Education Week |
| | - PTA Thanksgiving Food Drive |
| November 12 | - Coffee with the Superintendent @ Terrill, 7:00 p.m. |
| November 14 | - 1 st Marking Period Ends |
| | - 3 rd Grade Dictionary Day Visit from the SPF Rotary |
| November 15 | - Veteran's Day Celebration |
| | - School Spirit Day, wear red, white, and blue(*changed from 11/16) |
| November 16 | - PTA Pretzel Sale |
| | - PTA Sponsored School Dance |
| November 21 | - Single Session |
| November 22 & 23 | - Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Weekend |
| November 26 | - Report Cards Distributed Gr. 1-4 |
| November 28 | - 4 th Gr. Trip to Montclair University |
| | - PTA General Meeting, 7:30 p.m. |
| November 30 | - PTA 4 th Grade Movie Night |



PUBLIC INVITED TO COFFEE WITH SPF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT:

Parents are invited to attend an evening coffee with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Margaret Hayes, on **Monday, November 12th**, at 7:30 p.m., at Terrill Middle School.

This forum, hosted by the SPF PTA Council, provides an opportunity to meet with Dr. Hayes in an informal setting. All interested community members are invited to share their questions, concerns, and compliments. Another coffee is scheduled for the spring in the morning at Terrill Middle School.

VETERAN'S DAY CELEBRATION: Once again, School One will be celebrating our veterans with a program to honor their service to our country on the morning of **Thursday, November 15th**. A visitation will take place where veterans will share stories with our students about their experiences.

BUS SAFETY: Please make sure that you follow all proper traffic laws with regards to our school buses. We kindly ask that when you are driving and you see a bus with a stop sign out, **please stop and wait patiently**. The safety of our children should be our number one priority and we need to chip in to do our part.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK: Parent-teacher conferences will be held on **Tuesday, November 6th and Wednesday, November 7th with evening conferences scheduled on Monday, November 5th**. Two overflow days have been scheduled; Monday, November 12th and the morning of Tuesday, November 13th. Students will follow a single-session schedule, please refer to the arrival and dismissal times below. These conferences provide an opportunity for both teachers and parents to discuss students' progress within the curriculum. Your child's performance during the first marking period, along with his/her particular strengths and areas where growth may be necessary, will be addressed. Conferences allow parents the opportunity to express their perceptions and insights as well as be actively involved in their child's educational progress.

School One families were sent an email in October indicating the link to sign up for conferences through the **PTC Fast** web site. If you have not yet signed up for a conference or are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office immediately. **Please arrive for your conference on time and please do NOT bring your children.** Thank you for your understanding. We hope we have made the scheduling process of parent/teacher conferences more convenient for the School One community.



**SCHEDULE FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
NOVEMBER 5th, 6th, 7th, 12th, and 13th**

DAILY SCHEDULE ON SINGLE SESSION DAYS

Pre-K A.M.—8:35 – 10:35 a.m.

Pre-K P.M.—10:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

*Grades K through 4 and Special Education Classes— 8:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.
(Lunch and Pre-K milk are NOT served on single-session days.)*

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

November 6th and 7th – By appointment - 1:45 to 3:20 p.m.

November 5th, Evening Conferences—By appointment - 7:00 to 8:35 p.m.

November 12th & 13th (Overflow) – By appointment – 8:25 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

KIDS CARE UPDATE: The Kids Care Club collected a total of **177** lunches during the Share A Sandwich Drive held on Friday, October 26. The lunches were counted, sorted, and delivered to St. Joseph Social Service Center in Elizabeth. The Kids Care Club would like to extend a special thank you to the School One Staff and Families for their generous donations.

The Halloween Candy Drive is in full swing. Donations are being accepted from **November 1** through **November 7**. Bring any extra candy in a sealed ziploc bag and place it in any one of the collection boxes in the lobby. The Kids Care Club members will be sorting candy, writing personal notes, and preparing treat bags for delivery to several local community homeless shelters and food pantries.

LUNCH PROGRAM: A lunch menu for the month of November 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. Please direct any inquires to: Steve Esposito, Food Services Director, (908) 889-7333, or cafeteria@spfk12.org.

MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of **DECEMBER** will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**, in the amount of **\$10.50 (15 days x \$.70)**. A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 12th. *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.*

Happy Thanksgiving!

