

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

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Happy Holidays!

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: First and foremost, I want to extend my gratitude to our School One families for their patience as we pivoted to an all remote learning model. While I understand that this change has a rippling effect on families, please know that your flexibility and support are greatly appreciated. Additionally, I would like to extend my appreciation to all of our School One parents/guardians for their commitment and assistance. Two of our goals are (1) to develop a partnership between parents and teachers, and (2) to attain your support as we strive to enable our students to reach their maximum potential. As educators, we appreciate all that you do to extend your child's learning, and we look forward to your continued involvement during this unprecedented time.

While we were unable to have our annual visit from our Veterans, I want to thank our students who participated in writing thank you notes. I am positive that it brought a smile to their faces. We are always indebted for their service to our country. Our annual visit from the SP-F Rotary Club to our 3rd grade classes had to be modified to just include the delivery of donated dictionaries to our students. We are grateful to receive this invaluable resource for our 3rd grade students year after year to support their academic success. Dictionaries will be distributed at our next supply pick up. Stay tuned.

I would also like to recognize the Kids Care Club and the PTA SOS Committee for their Thanksgiving Food Drive collection. Many items were donated and shared with St. Bartholomew Church's Food Bank. We greatly appreciate your support and kindness in helping families in need.

Every year, we support School One families in need during the holiday season. We are proud to say we are able to continue this tradition with our Flurries of Kindness. Thank you for those families that were able to grab a snowflake to donate a gift to add some holiday cheer to our families in need. We kindly ask that **items be returned unwrapped by December 11**. Please remember to include your snowflake to the item. If you have any questions, contact the Main Office.

As the holidays approach, both children and adults experience excitement, joy, and stress. Although the holidays may be celebrated different this year, we want to remind parents that our students put forth a great deal of effort throughout the virtual school day. It is extremely important for them to maintain a regular schedule to remain healthy, alert and prepared for remote learning. Please encourage your child to stay focused and put forth their best effort in terms of class work and homework assignments. By establishing a healthy routine, they will be able to work to the best of their ability and meet the challenges of their instructional program. With that in mind, on behalf of the School One Staff, we would like to wish you and your family a joyous holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

IMPORTANT DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:

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| December 11 th | - End of First Trimester |
| December 18 th | - Grades available on Parent Portal |
| December 23 rd | - Pajama Day |
| | - Virtual Holiday Sing-A-Long for Staff & Students |
| Dec. 24 th - Jan. 1 st | - Schools Closed for Winter Break |