



# SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## SCHOOL ONE

### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** This newsletter greets you at the heart of the winter season. Please remember to send your child(ren) with warm coats, hats, and gloves as we go out for recess on the days that we feel suit. Pre-K and Kindergarten report cards will be available via the PowerSchool Parent Portal on **Wednesday, February 12**. If you encounter an issue accessing the portal, please contact the Main Office.

Our P.R.I.D.E. initiative is continuing momentum. Our 2nd Grade students hosted our "Integrity" assembly and prepared a performance to describe the importance of integrity. We look forward to upcoming assemblies hosted by our first grade and kindergarteners. Thank you to our families for your continued support of our P.R.I.D.E. initiative. Remember to join our social media accounts to see pictures of those who receive cards, video snippets of our students in action during assemblies, and more.

Visit **Facebook:** SchoolOne Cardinals or **Instagram:** @schoolonecardinals1

We will celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school on **Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>** (barring any school closings due to weather), which will involve several special activities for children in Kindergarten through Grade 2. We will also be hosting two school spirit days this month. The first is scheduled for **Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup>** to celebrate **Super Bowl Team Spirit**. Students have the choice of wearing their favorite sports team apparel. The other school spirit day is scheduled for **Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**. Students will be asked to wear red and white in celebration of **Valentine's Day**.

I would like to send a special thank you to our School One families and staff for the donations for the Kids Care "We Care Kits" Drive. Personal care items, along with hats and gloves were collected and delivered to the St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. Also, I would like to inform you that the Kids Care **Supper Bowl Food Drive** collection will begin **February 2<sup>nd</sup> and continue through February 7<sup>th</sup>**. Together we are making a difference. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

#### **IMPORTANT FEBRUARY DATES TO REMEMBER:**

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| ➤ February 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> | – Kids Care " <b>Supper Bowl</b> " Food Drive                            |
| ➤ February 4 <sup>th</sup>                  | – School Spirit Day - <b>Celebrate the 90<sup>th</sup> Day of School</b> |
| ➤ February 5 <sup>th</sup>                  | – End of Mid-Year Semester                                               |
|                                             | – PTA Author Visit                                                       |
| ➤ February 7 <sup>th</sup>                  | – School Spirit Day – <b>Super Bowl Team Spirit</b>                      |
|                                             | – PTA BSE Afterschool Enrichment Program                                 |
|                                             | – PTA Family Skate Night                                                 |
| ➤ February 12 <sup>th</sup>                 | – Pre-K & Kinder Report Cards Available to Parents                       |
|                                             | – QUEST Mental Marathon                                                  |
| ➤ February 13 <sup>th</sup>                 | – Dental Magic Show for Kindergarten                                     |
| ➤ February 14 <sup>th</sup>                 | – School Spirit Day – <b>Valentine's Day; Wear Red &amp; White</b>       |
| ➤ February 17 <sup>th</sup>                 | – Schools Closed for President's Day                                     |
| ➤ February 19 <sup>th</sup>                 | – 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School (barring any school closings)          |
|                                             | – Tree Steward Presentation for Grade 4                                  |
|                                             | – PTA Multi-Culture Night                                                |
| ➤ February 21 <sup>st</sup>                 | – Grade 4 Field Trip                                                     |
| ➤ February 26 <sup>th</sup>                 | – QUEST Brain Bowl                                                       |

**MORNING DROP-OFF:** We are asking for your cooperation as you drop your children off for school at 8:25. As you approach the school, please stay in the line of traffic. Once you move into the drop-off zone, pull up as far as possible and allow the child(ren) in your vehicle to **depart on the PASSENGER side in a timely manner**. After your child has safely left your car, follow the car in front of you and move cautiously into the street, as soon as possible, so other cars may move forward. Please remain patient so that all children can be dropped off safely. **All drivers MUST stay in their car. If you feel your child is too young to open the door on their own, then we ask you to park in the neighborhood and walk to school.** Thank you.



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION:** Please visit the Scotch Plains-Fanwood District website at [www.spfk12.org](http://www.spfk12.org) for information regarding Kindergarten Registration for the 2025/2026 school year. If you know of a neighboring family with a school-age child, please pass this information along to them or have them contact the School One Main Office.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PRE-SCHOOL PROGRAM:**

The Scotch Plains - Fanwood Preschool Program provides a foundation of readiness skills for 3- and 4-year-old children. The preschool program is a tuition-based, regular education program with integrated classes that include some classified student participation. Enrollment is limited to Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents.

Re-enrollment for children currently attending our Preschool Program will take place in February. The enrollment process for new children wishing to enroll for next year will become available in March. Details and information about the enrollment process will be posted to [www.spfk12.org/preschool](http://www.spfk12.org/preschool) in the coming weeks.



**Contact Information**

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**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Please remember to call the School One Attendance Line when your child is going to be absent and include your child's name, grade, your child's teacher's name, and a detailed reason for your child's absence. You may also send an email to Mrs. Meaghan Eschbacher at [meschbacher@spfk12.org](mailto:meschbacher@spfk12.org) or Mrs. Christina O'Brien at [cobrien@spfk12.org](mailto:cobrien@spfk12.org) or enter your child's absence in the PowerSchool Parent Portal. If we do not hear from you to report your child's absence, we will call you. Should we be unable to contact you, the police may be called for assistance.

**EMAIL**

[schooloneabsence@spfk12.org](mailto:schooloneabsence@spfk12.org)

**SCHOOL ONE ATTENDANCE LINE**

(908) 322-7731, PRESS 1

**POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL**

[www.spf.powerschool.com](http://www.spf.powerschool.com)

**LUNCH PROGRAM (GRADES K - 4):** School lunches are \$3.70 and on pizzeria pizza day, an EXTRA slice is \$3.00. A copy of the February menu can be found on the district website. Gluten-free menus are available by request only. Please contact the Main Office if you would like to receive a copy.

For easy service, students should have balances on their PaySchool accounts to purchase lunch from the food service lines. To register for an account, please visit [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). Cash and checks (payable to the Scotch Plains BOE) are accepted. Please be sure to provide an envelope marked with your child's name and "Lunch Money" clearly printed.

Please keep in mind that the school is unable to provide refrigeration for lunches brought from home or heat lunches that students bring to school.



If you have any comments about the school lunch program, you may email Pomptonian Food Service at [comments@pomptonian.com](mailto:comments@pomptonian.com). Please direct any inquiries to Mr. DelBane at (908) 889-7333.

**PRE-K MILK MONEY:** Pre-K milk money for the month of MARCH will be collected on **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14<sup>TH</sup>**, in the amount of \$15.00 (20 days x \$ .75). A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. *Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPF BOE) 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*