

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. However, before jumping into May, I would like to take this opportunity to say "Thank You" to a few individuals for coordinating assemblies for our staff and students during the month of April.

In support of Neurodiversity Month, our teachers incorporated lessons and activities to celebrate all that is wonderful about neurodivergent learners by teaching and educating our students. In addition, our students participated in a "Bubble Parade." We were reminded that our differences should be celebrated.

A sincere thank you to the PTA for hosting the Variety Show. It was so wonderful to see the talents of our students come to life. I was also proud to be part of our staff performance. It was a night to remember.

Our Kids Care Club held a collection for St. Hubert's Animal Welfare. I want to thank our staff and families for all your donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. A visit from St. Hubert's has been planned and will be taking place on May 8th for our Kids Care Club Members. We look forward to learning more about their organization and how our community can provide additional support. Our Kids Care Club is always working hard to lend a hand.

NJSLA Testing will be taking place this month for our 3rd and 4th grade students. The ELA portion is scheduled for the morning of May 6th and 7th, while the Math portion is scheduled for the morning of May 13th, 14th, and 15th. The best way for our students to be prepared for test taking is to report to school refreshed after a good night's sleep and fortified by a well-balanced breakfast. Please reassure your children of your belief in their overall ability and your satisfaction with their general achievement and accomplishments. We appreciate all of your efforts to ensure that your children will be able to function at their best and that they attend school every day throughout their specific assessment period.

As we continue with our P.R.I.D.E. initiative, I am happy to report that our students are working hard everyday to show P.R.I.D.E. and achieve their goals. Our Kindergarten will be presenting Empathy on May 13th and will be modeling it to Grades 1-4 at our school-wide assembly. Thank you again to our parents and guardians for supporting this initiative at home. Keep soaring with School One P.R.I.D.E!

Facebook: SchoolOne Cardinals ♦ **Instagram:** @schoolonecardinals

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.

IMPORTANT MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 1st
 - 4th Grade Field Trip (*Rain Date May 8th*)
 - PTA Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- May 5th - 9th
 - PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6th
 - Kindergarten Field Trip
- May 6th & 7th
 - NJSLA Testing (ELA)
- May 8th
 - Kids Care Club - *Visit from St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Ctr. (Gr. 4)*
- May 8th & 9th
 - PTA Plant Sale
- May 13th
 - P.R.I.D.E. Assembly for Staff and Students
- May 13th, 14th, 15th
 - PTA Book Fair Dates, *Preview Night 5/13*
 - NJSLA Testing (Math)
- May 21st
 - Band Presentation for Students (Gr. 3)
 - Opera Assembly for Staff and Students (Gr. 3)
- May 22nd
 - School Spirit Day - *Memorial Day - Wear Red, White, and Blue*
 - Holocaust Presentation for Staff and Students (Gr. 4)
- May 23rd & 26th
 - Schools Closed Give Back Day/Memorial Day
- May 28th
 - Kindergarten Orientation
 - 3rd Grade Field Trip
- May 29th
 - 2nd Grade Field Trip
- May 30th
 - School One Field Day – *Wear Spirit Wear or Red & White*
 - PTA Pretzel Sale

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Families with kindergarten aged children are asked to please visit our district website at <https://www.spfk12.org> for information regarding registration, the required forms, and procedures to register.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28th, 10:00-11:00 a.m. Families are reminded to make an appointment with the Registration Coordinator to finalize registration.



NEW REGISTRANTS: Parents of children in Grades 1 through 4 who will be enrolling at School One in September and were enrolled in a public, private or parochial school this year are urged to contact the Main Office at this time. This is particularly important for children entering our first-grade program. **Children registering for first grade must be at least 6 years of age on or before October 1, 2025.** If you know of a family in your neighborhood with children entering School One in the fall, please convey this information to them. Please contact Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org or (908) 322-7731 Ext. 15002 for further details.

PUPIL ASSIGNMENT PROCESS: As we begin to plan for the 2025/2026 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 the classroom. 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.

ARE YOU MOVING??? If your child will NOT be attending School One in September, please notify the main office at this time. You may contact the Main Office or email Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org.

STUDENT ABSENCES: Please remember to notify the school 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. Please use any of the preferred options listed below. You may also send an email to Mrs. Eschbacher at meschbacher@spfk12.org or Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org. If we do not hear from you regarding your child's absence, we will call you. Should we be unable to contact you, the police may be called for assistance.

<p style="text-align: center;">EMAIL schooloneabsence@spfk12.org SCHOOL ONE ATTENDANCE LINE (908) 322-7731, PRESS 1 POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL www.spf.powerschool.com</p>
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PRE-K MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of JUNE will be collected **FRIDAY, MAY 9TH**, in the amount of \$10.50 (14 days x \$.75). A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, May 5th. *Please complete the form and return to school with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPF BOE) in a sealed envelope. Pre-K students participating in the free-milk program MUST submit an order form.*



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 May 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. 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. Please direct any inquiries to Mr. DelBane at (908) 889-7333.