

**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. As your family ventures outdoors, please continue to follow all safety and social distancing guidelines to remain healthy during this time. Also, please be aware that the *walking of dogs is prohibited on school grounds*. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

We are excited to welcome back our students on May 17 for five full days of in-person instruction. Students will have lunch in either the cafeteria or their classroom. If you would like to order lunch for your child, please make sure you **pre-order** their selection. In addition, students will go outside for recess in a designated area assigned to their class, weather permitting. Please make sure students have the proper footwear for outdoor play. We look forward to having our students back.

A friendly reminder...

**** IMPORTANT INFORMATION ****

As we move forward, if students are not sick and there were no extenuating circumstances, please be reminded that in the district's communication to parents on March 4th it was shared that students who choose the in-person option are expected to be in school every day. Further, it was noted:

- Students would be permitted to log in and attend class remotely without being marked absent if the student was quarantined or isolated due to Covid-19 or the student is generally feeling well but was ordered by their health care provider to recuperate at home after a contagious illness or medical/ surgical procedure.

Any other request for virtual learning would require approval from the principal or nurse.

In the future, if you are having the children log in virtually, please notify the school if it is due to medical reasons or check-in with either me or the nurse for approval. Otherwise, children will be marked absent if they are virtually attending without prior notice.

IMPORTANT MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 3rd – 7th - PTA Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 9th – 21st - Kids Care Book Drive
- May 12th - CogAt Testing – Gr. 3
- May 13th - Virtual Kindergarten Orientation @ 1:45 p.m.
- May 17th - Students return to 5 full days of in-person instruction
- May 17th – 19th - PTA Book Fair
- May 21st - School One Field Day – Wear Spirit Wear or Red & White
- May 28th – June 1st - School Closed for the Memorial Day Weekend

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: A virtual Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Thursday, May 13 at 1:45 p.m. Please be advised only children who are registered are invited to attend orientation. Details to follow.



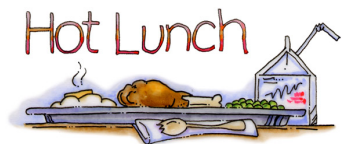
ARE YOU MOVING???: If your child will NOT be attending School One in September, please notify the main office at this time. You may contact the Main Office or email Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org.

PUPIL ASSIGNMENT PROCESS: As we begin to plan for the 2021/2022 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.

NEW REGISTRANTS: Parents of children in Grades 1 through 4 who will be enrolling at School One in September and were enrolled in private or parochial schools 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, 2021.** 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.

GRAB-N-GO LUNCH ORDERS: All lunches must be preordered through your student's lunch account at www.payschoolscentral.com; then click on Pre-Order Meals to the right; vegetarian lunches can be placed by calling 908-889-8600 x31184. Meals can be preordered for the entire month. A lunch menu for the month of May may be viewed on our school website. Click on the Lunch Menus and Payments shortcut on the bottom bar.



In-person students will be handed lunch prior to leaving for the day; remote students will pick up their lunch at the High School cafeteria window near door #10 between 11-1:45. For more information on our Grab n Go lunch program please go to our school website and click on the Lunch Menus and Payments shortcut on the bottom bar. 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 the Food Services Director at (908) 889-8600 x31184 or cafeteria@spfk12.org.

