



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



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** I would like to express my gratitude to our excellent staff for establishing a positive and comfortable learning environment for our students. It truly has set the tone to continue with a wonderful school year.

As mentioned earlier this year, our school year for Grades 1 through 4 has been changed to reflect trimesters instead of quarters. Having said that, our first trimester ends on Friday, December 6<sup>th</sup>. Report cards will be distributed to students in Grades 1 through 4 on Monday, December 16<sup>th</sup> through the PowerSchool Parent Portal. It is important that you complete your PowerSchool Portal account to access report cards for your child(ren). If you are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office for support. Also, our pre-k and kindergarten students will remain receiving report cards twice a year and will be distributed on Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with evening conferences scheduled for Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.** We will have one day of overflow conferences on **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 4<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, and Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> and also on Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**, for the NJEA Teacher's Convention and **Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving recess. American Education Week will be celebrated the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>. 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 Clothing Drive   |
| November 4       | - <b>Single Session Day</b> – EVENING Parent/Teacher Conferences |
| November 5 & 6   | - <b>Single Session Day</b> – Parent/Teacher Conferences         |
| November 7 & 8   | - <b>Schools Closed for Staff and Students</b> – NJEA Convention |
| November 11      | - Overflow Parent/Teacher Conferences                            |
| November 11-15   | - American Education Week  |
|                  | - PTA Thanksgiving Food Drive                                    |
| November 13      | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Dictionary Day Visit from the SPF Rotary |
|                  | - Coffee with the Superintendent @ Terrill, 9:00 a.m.            |
| November 14      | - Veteran's Day Celebration                                      |
|                  | - School Spirit Day, wear red, white, and blue                   |
| November 15      | - PTA Sponsored School Dance                                     |
| November 22      | - PTA 4 <sup>th</sup> Gr. Movie Night                            |
| November 27      | - <b>Single Session Day</b>                                      |
| November 28 & 29 | - <b>Schools Closed</b> – Thanksgiving Weekend                   |



**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. Joan Mast, on **Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 9:00 a.m., at Terrill Middle School.

This forum, hosted by the SPF PTA Council, provides an opportunity to meet with Dr. Mast 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 evening 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 14<sup>th</sup>**. A visitation will take place where veterans will share stories with our students about their experiences. If you or someone you know is a Veteran and would like to come share a personal story with our students, please contact Mr. Fiory at [jfiory@spfk12.org](mailto:jfiory@spfk12.org) or Mrs. Kelli Miller at [kmiller@spfk12.org](mailto:kmiller@spfk12.org) by **November 4<sup>th</sup>**.

**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 5<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with evening conferences scheduled on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. One overflow day has been scheduled on **Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>**. 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 trimester, 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 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 11<sup>th</sup>**

**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— 8:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.*

*(Lunch and Pre-K milk are NOT served on single-session days.)*

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

*November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> – By appointment - 1:45 to 3:20 p.m.*

*November 4<sup>th</sup>, Evening Conferences—By appointment - 7:00 to 8:35 p.m.*

*November 11<sup>th</sup> (Overflow) – By appointment – 8:25 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.*

**KIDS CARE UPDATE:** The Kids Care Club collected a total of **176** lunches during the Share A Sandwich Drive held on Thursday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 6**. 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. Click on the Lunch Menus and Payforit shortcut on the bottom bar.



For more information on our lunch program, including payment options, again, please go to our school website and click on the Lunch Menus and Payforit 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](mailto:comments@pomptonian.com). Please direct any inquires to the Food Services Director at (908) 889-7333, or [cafeteria@spfk12.org](mailto:cafeteria@spfk12.org).

**MILK MONEY:** Pre-K milk money for the month of **DECEMBER** will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup>**, in the amount of **\$10.50 (15 days x \$ .70)**. A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. *Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHSC 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!

