



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. In addition, I would like to thank you, our School One families for your continued support to our staff and students.

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd, and Friday, November 4th. We will have one day of overflow conferences on **Monday, November 7th**. If you have not signed up or are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office immediately.

Schools will follow a **single-session** day on Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd, and Friday, November 4th and also on Wednesday, November 23rd the day before Thanksgiving recess. **Morning Pre-K arrives 8:25 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 8:25 a.m. and are dismissed at 12:40 p.m.**

In addition, schools will be closed for staff and students on **Thursday and Friday, November 10th and 11th**, for the NJEA Teacher's Convention and **Thursday and Friday, November 24th and 25th** for Thanksgiving recess. American Education Week will be celebrated the week of November 13th.

Lastly, I would like to say thank to our School One families for donating to the Share a Sandwich Collection. There were over 190 sandwiches donated and delivered to St. Josephs in Elizabeth. The organization was thrilled with the delivery. Our School One community rocks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- November 1st-4th - PTA & Kids Care Candy Drive
- November 2nd - **Single Session Day –Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- November 3rd - **Single Session Day – EVENING Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- CoGATs Testing for Grade 3
- November 4th - **Single Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- PTA 4th Grade Movie Night @ 6:30 p.m.
- November 5th - PTA Clothing Drive
- November 6th-18th - PTA SOS & Kids Care Thanksgiving Food Drive
- November 7th - Overflow Parent/Teacher Conferences
- November 9th - Veteran's Day Celebration
- November 10th & 11th - **Schools Closed for Staff and Students – NJEA Convention**
- November 14th-18th - American Education Week
- November 14th - World Kindness Day Celebration
- November 16th - 3rd Grade Dictionary Day Visit from the SPF Rotary
- PTA Virtual Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.
- November 18th - Pretzel Sale
- November 23rd - **Single Session Day**
- November 24th & 25th - **Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Weekend**

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK: Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd, Thursday, November 3rd, and Friday, November 4th. Evening conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 3rd. There is an overflow day scheduled for Monday, November 7th. 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 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 7th**

DAILY SCHEDULE ON SINGLE SESSION DAYS

Pre-K A.M.—8:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Pre-K P.M.—10:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Grades K through 4— 8:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

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

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

November 2nd and 4th – By appointment - 1:40 to 3:20 p.m.

November 3rd, Evening Conferences—By appointment - 7:00 to 8:40 p.m.

November 7th, Overflow Day – By appointment – 8:25 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

STUDENT DISMISSAL: The office has been experiencing student dismissal calls very late in the afternoon (after 3:00 p.m.). Many times, it can be difficult for the office to reach a teacher especially if the class is returning from a special, outside at the end of day, or in between dismissal. While we understand extenuating circumstances, please make sure to contact the office well in advance if there is a change in your child's dismissal. This will provide the office plenty of time to make the teacher aware of the change so that the teacher can safely dismiss your child.

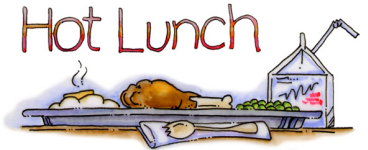
BUS SAFETY: Please make sure that you follow all proper traffic laws with regards to our school buses. We kindly ask that when you are driving and you see a bus with a stop sign out, **please stop and wait patiently.** The safety of our children should be our number one priority and we all need to chip in to do our part.

LUNCH PROGRAM (GRADES K - 4): School lunches are \$3.50 and on pizzeria pizza day, an EXTRA slice is \$2.75. A copy of the November 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.



PRE-K MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of DECEMBER will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH**, in the amount of \$11.20 (16 days x \$.70). A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 7th. *Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHS 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. Milk is NOT served on single-session days (November 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 24th).*

Happy Thanksgiving!

