

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

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** While we have had a few kinks to iron out from the start of the school year, I must say that we have made it through to where our staff and students have developed a routine. Our staff has done a wonderful job in establishing schedules and beginning the implementation of the curriculum and I commend them for their efforts. Creating strong relationship with each of you builds a path of success for an outstanding year for all of our students.



**Thank You** to the PTA for the Back-to School Staff Luncheon. Once again, it was wonderful and the thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated by our entire staff.

Back to School Night was a success thanks to you all making a concerted effort to attending virtually and supporting the School One staff and our children. It is greatly appreciated. We look forward to continuing our collective efforts as the month of October unfolds.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| October 5-9   | - Week of Respect<br>- Fire Prevention Week                 |
| October 7     | - School Spirit Day, wear your spirit wear or red and white |
| October 12    | - Schools Closed for Students, <i>Columbus Day</i>          |
| October 19-23 | - School Violence Awareness Week                            |

**WEEK OF RESPECT** The Anti-Bullying Bill of Rights Act (P.L.2010, C 122) requires that the week beginning with the first Monday in October of each year be designated as a “Week of Respect” in New Jersey. For the year 2020, October 5-9 will be declared as the Week of Respect. To recognize the importance of social and emotional learning and character education, school districts, charter schools and renaissance school projects are required to observe the week by providing age-appropriate instruction focused on preventing HIB. Teachers will be sharing ways to foster respect among students and staff for the diverse cultures and personalities represented in our neighborhood and school community to prevent harassment, intimidation and bullying.

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK** The first week in October is also Fire Prevention Week. As part of our fire safety instruction, teachers will share and discuss simple and important things students can do to keep themselves safe from fire in their home.

**SCHOOL VIOLENCE AWARENESS WEEK** Since 2003, our District has been observing School Violence Awareness Week, which will be sponsored once again during the week of October 19<sup>th</sup>. Activities will be conducted in our virtual classrooms to teach the children about respecting oneself, others, and property.