

# SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## Office of the Superintendent



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Dear Parents/Caregivers of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School community,

The Scotch Plains - Fanwood Public Schools recognizes that many of our families have been and continue to be impacted by the various conflicts taking place across the globe. We share with members of our community deep concern and sadness for the loss of innocent lives and the destruction of communities. Also, we as a district understand the shared need for all members of the community to feel safe, supported, and heard.

In an effort to respond to the needs of the SPF community, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District has partnered with ***Imagine***, A Center for Coping with Loss to become a grief informed school community.

***Imagine*** is a children's grief support center located in Mountainside and Newark, NJ. ***Imagine*** provides free, peer support groups for children and their families coping with a loss due to death. In addition to the support they provide at their centers, they also provide training within schools and workplaces. To learn more information about ***Imagine***, please feel free to visit their website [www.imagenj.org](http://www.imagenj.org) or contact them at 908-264-3100.

The district is partnering with ***Imagine*** to provide various trainings to administrators, staff, and students within the district, in addition to providing a workshop for the parents/caregivers of students. ***Imagine's* first parent/caregiver workshop, "How to talk to Children about the Grief in the World" will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 from 7:00pm-8:30pm in the Media Center at SPFHS. [Registration is required because spaces are limited](#).** We will offer future sessions if community interest shows the need. We are looking to acknowledge and address the widespread grief that many of us are currently navigating and we're looking forward to our parents/caregivers receiving this important information as we work towards creating a supportive grief informed school community.

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