

**Scotch Plains-Fanwood Public Schools
School One
Principal's Newsletter**



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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: It hardly seems possible that June is here and the 2024/2025 school year is quickly coming to a close. With summer vacation quickly approaching, please continue to support the emotional well-being of your child. Summer is a time to enjoy family and the outdoors. Keep your child(ren) happy and cheerful and allow them to enjoy the riches of this time of year. Encourage your children to read on a daily basis, or write and illustrate activities that they are experiencing, perhaps about a family trip or a special topic of interest. I cannot emphasize enough the importance of having your child read over the summer.

To help reinforce your children's math skills, encourage them to play computation games or structure problem-solving activities involving measurement, graphing, or multiple operations based upon their developmental readiness. The Everyday Mathematics on-line software program will also be available through July for students.

In addition, all of School One wishes our fourth-grade students continued success as they move on to middle school. They are a terrific group of children who have worked diligently and contributed to our school in a variety of ways. We have witnessed their many achievements, and we have enjoyed and appreciated their unique personalities and qualities. It has been our pleasure to get to know each and every one of them.

Some upcoming events to be excited about are *School One Art Show, PTA Penny Challenge, the 4th Grade Picnic sponsored by the PTA, 4th Grade Music Concert, 4th Grade Recognition Ceremony, and the 4th Grade Clap Out!* We look forward to closing out the school year with some fun competition with the PTA Penny Challenge and School One memories for our 4th graders!

Finally, please accept my best wishes for continued positive experiences in these final weeks of school. Notification of your child's classroom assignment will be shared with you towards the end of August. Teaching assignments for the 2025/2026 school year are as follows:

Kindergarten: Mrs. Akinnitire, Mrs. Dally, Mrs. Miller, and Mrs. Szczubelek

Grade 1: Mrs. Beirne, Mrs. Disney, Mrs. Shea, and Mrs. Scazafave

Grade 2: Mrs. Duffy, Ms. Sackheim, Ms. D'Antuono, and Mrs. Smoot

Grade 3: Mrs. MacDermant, Mrs. Romero, Mrs. Glinski, and Mrs. Scarano

Grade 4: Ms. Smith, Mrs. Sponheimer, Ms. Yarem, and Ms. Young

Self-Contained Grades 2-4: Ms. Mercier

Have an enjoyable and safe summer!

JUNE DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 2nd-5th - PTA Penny Challenge
- June 3rd - Pre-K AM Field Day
- June 5th - Pre-K Portfolio Parties
- SPF Library Visit
- Ms. Mercier's Class Field Trip
- School One Art Show
- June 9th - 4th Grade Spring Music Concert
- June 13th - 4th Grade Picnic (Rain Date 6/16)
- June 16th - Gr. 3 End of Year Class Party
- Pre-K EOY Class Parties
- June 17th - Kindergarten Moving Up Celebration (times per schedule - Raindate 6/18)
- Gr. 1 End of Year Class Party
- June 18th - End of 3rd Trimester
- 4th Grade Recognition Ceremony
- June 19th - Schools Closed; *Juneteenth*
- June 20th - Kindergarten End of Year Party
- June 23rd - Gr. 2 End of Year Class Party
- June 24th - Single Session Day
- June 25th - Single Session Day, Last Day of School
- 4th Grade Clap Out
- Report Cards available in PowerSchool Parent Portal

ART SHOW: Please join us for an evening of celebration on **Thursday, June 5th at 6:30 p.m.**, as we gather to view the artistic accomplishments of our very talented students! Artwork will be featured from all grades in a variety of mediums.



STUDENT ABSENCES: Please remember to notify the school when your child is going to be absent and include your child's name, grade, your child's teacher's name, and a detailed reason for your child's absence. Please use any of the preferred options listed below. You may also send an email to Mrs. Eschbacher at meschbacher@spfk12.org or Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org. If we do not hear from you regarding your child's absence, we will call you. Should we be unable to contact you, the police may be called for assistance.

EMAIL

schooloneabsence@spfk12.org

SCHOOL ONE ATTENDANCE LINE

(908) 322-7731, PRESS 1

POWERSCHOOL PARENT PORTAL

www.spf.powerschool.com

PTA RECOGNITION: The entire staff would like to thank this year's officers, Executive Board, and all of you too numerous to name, for your hard work and dedication to the students and staff at School One. *Please join me in recognizing this year's PTA Officers: President—Angela Yas; Vice President Services—Nicole Mendoza Patel; Vice President Fundraising—Melanie Vega; Recording Secretary—Erin Olsen; Corresponding Secretary—Kristin Westover; Outreach Coordinator—Melissa Cruz; and Treasurer—Caitlin Brady.* We are indeed fortunate to have had such a wonderful group of people involved in our school programs.

MOVING: Please notify the Main Office immediately if you are transferring out of School One over the summer. Families leaving School One are asked to complete a Student Transfer Verification Form. Please contact Mrs. O'Brien in cobrien@spfk12.org for a copy of the form.

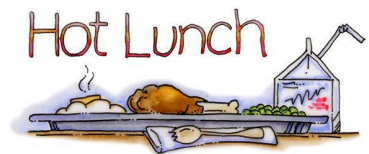
APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR FOR SCHOOL: I highly encourage students to refrain from wearing flip-flops, open-toe sandals, and slip-on shoes to school. This style footwear is not appropriate for recreational play during recess or when navigating the stairwells. Our students are very active during recess. They are running, climbing on apparatus, and playing a variety of games, such as soccer, basketball, gaga pit, four square, and kickball. Injuries can be sustained quite easily when they are engaged in these activities.

Please be cognizant of the importance of providing footwear for your children that gives them the support needed when they are engaged in play.

LOST AND FOUND: Weather permitting, our Lost and Found items will be on display outside the Main Entrance. Please stop by and have a look. Articles not claimed by the last day of school will be donated to a local charity.

LUNCH PROGRAM (GRADES K – 4): School lunches are \$3.70 and on pizzeria pizza day, an EXTRA slice is \$3.00. A copy of the May 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.

SCHOOL CLOSING: The last day of school will be **Wednesday, June 25th**. Also, June 24th and 25th are **SINGLE SESSION DAYS**. Dismissal for morning Pre-K is 10:35 a.m. Arrival for afternoon Pre-K is 10:35. Dismissal for afternoon Pre-K and Grades 1-4 is 12:40 p.m.

2025/2026 SCHOOL OPENING: The first day of school for students in the fall is scheduled for **Thursday, September 4th** and will be a full day session. The school lunch program will begin on Thursday, September 4th and the Pre-K milk program on Monday, September 8th.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: The school office will be closed on Thursday, July 3rd and Friday, July 4th. Summer office hours will be from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.; with the office being closed for lunch each day from 12 to 1 p.m.

