

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: The health and safety of our staff and students is our number one concern here at School One. As we prepare to have students return five days beginning March 15, we continue to remind staff, students, and parents to follow the safety protocols while here at school and at home. We appreciate the open lines of communication from parents regarding illness, close contact, exposure, and travel. We kindly ask that you continue to contact the school with any information to keep our school community healthy. Together we all can do our part to keep ourselves and each other safe.

In addition to health and safety protocols, we also continue to take part in security drills and consistently remind our students of our procedures in the event of an emergency. Everyone has a part in keeping our students safe. Parents can also assist by NOT parking in the staff parking lot so that we can make sure that all vehicles in the lot are those designated to be there. I also ask that when dropping off in the morning the driver please stay in their vehicle and move as far forward as possible. We have staff available to assist your child. I thank you for your continued support and I welcome any discussions from parents regarding the safety and security of our students.

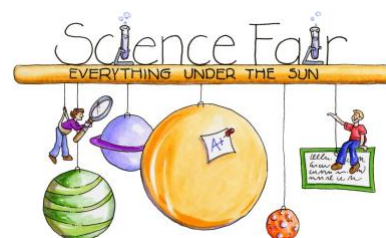
A special thank you to our School One community for donating food items for the Kids Care **“Supper Bowl”**. We’ve collected a number of items to be delivered to St. Bartholomew Churches’ Food Pantry.

We appreciate the support of parents and guardians in helping to keep students engaged and focused during virtual learning. We kindly ask that you help your child(ren) to be organized by keeping their work space equipped with the supplies they need on a daily basis. This routine will help prepare your student to enter each day ready to learn. As we move forward in the upcoming months, your continued encouragement and support is essential.

IMPORTANT MARCH DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 1st – 5th - Kindergarten Registration @ BOE – Appointment Required
- March 2nd - National Read Across America Day
- March 8th-12th - PTA Virtual Author Visit – Pre-K, Kinder, and Gr. 1
- March 11th- 12th - Supply Pick Up Dates
- March 15th - PTA School Pictures for Cohorts B & D
- March 17th - Students return five days
- March 19th - PTA Virtual Science Fair
- March 22nd – 26th - School Spirit Day - Wear Green For Luck!
- March 23rd - PTA Virtual Author Visit – Gr. 2, 3, and 4
- March 26th - Think Purple Week
- March 29th – April 2nd - End of Trimester 2
- March 29th – April 2nd - International Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Day
- March 29th – April 2nd - School Closed for Spring Recess

PTA VIRTUAL SCIENCE FAIR: The School One Science Fair will be held virtually on **Monday, March 15th**. Participating students in Grades 1 through 4 will upload a science experiment on a shared padlet to family and friends in this non-judged event. In past years, the Science Fair has had over 100 students participate. We expect to have this same size involvement again this year.





PTA CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY WEEK: During the week of March 22nd, our District is participating in the National PTA Drug and Alcohol Awareness Week. We will join Parent-Teacher Associations across the nation in working towards a drug-free society.

One of the programs we are sponsoring includes the “Think Purple” campaign. The tradition of tying purple ribbons throughout our towns began by the PTA and community members. There are also a variety of activities being sponsored in memory of children who have lost their lives or have been physically or emotionally injured, either directly or indirectly, due to drugs or alcohol. A series of themes will be set for each day of the week.

The entire student population will again be asked to participate in designing the “I Am Special” dolls. Students are encouraged to work with their families on this project at home to raise awareness towards substance abuse. These “special people” will be linked together in our lobby and throughout our first-floor hallway for everyone to see.

We are looking forward to your support in each of these programs during this important week. I’d like to recognize our PTA Chemical Dependency Committee for making this week so special for our children.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Kindergarten registration for the 2021/2022 school year is underway. The district is requesting that all kindergarten age children, both returning students and new students, register by **May 28, 2021** to ensure placement in their home schools.

Registration will take place at the Department of Special Services located at Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School. To assist with security and safety procedures, it is required that parents make an appointment with Ms. Shatika Nathaniel, Registration Secretary, by calling 908-889-0100 Ext. 31504.

Appointments for School One registration will be scheduled the week of March 1st through March 5th.

Please visit the district website at <https://www.spfk12.org> for additional information regarding registration and required forms. Should you know of a neighboring family with a school-age child, please pass this information along to them.

GRAB-N-GO LUNCH ORDERS: All lunches must be preordered through your student’s lunch account at www.payschoolscentral.com; then click on Pre-Order Meals to the right; vegetarian lunches can be placed by calling 908-889-8600 x31184. Meals can be preordered for the entire month. A lunch menu for the month of March may be viewed on our school website. Click on the Lunch Menus and Payments shortcut on the bottom bar.



In-class students will be handed lunch prior to leaving for the day; remote students will pick up their lunch at the High School cafeteria window near door #10 between 11-1:45. For more information on our Grab n Go lunch program please go to our school website and click on the Lunch Menus and Payments 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. Please direct any inquires to the Food Services Director at (908) 889-8600 x31184 or cafeteria@spfk12.org.