

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

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: We are now enjoying longer daylight hours, warmer temperatures, and the beauty of flowering trees, plants, and shrubs. Several events are planned which are sure to make May a busy month. We encourage all parents to read through this newsletter thoroughly and refer to the calendar.

In addition, a number of families have been observed walking their dogs on school property as they pick up or drop off their children. It is my responsibility to ensure that our students have a safe entrance and dismissal from school. Therefore, I am appealing to all families who walk their dogs to or from school to please refrain from having their pets on school grounds. I thank you in advance for your cooperation with this.

A special thank you to all staff and students who participated in the "Autism Acceptance Celebration". This event brought our entire staff and student body together to bring Autism Acceptance to our school and community. We were reminded that Autism, like other "invisible disabilities" is not a choice, however, acceptance is.

Lastly, I'd like to thank our School One community for their generous donations to the Girl Scout Troop 40889 & Kids Care Food Collection. All food items were delivered to Immaculate Heart of Mary's Food Bank. Also, a sincere thank you to the PTA for hosting several events in April, especially Multi-Culture Night, which turned out to be a huge success. It was awesome to see so many families participate and share their culture with our community. Our diversity is what helps make School One so special

IMPORTANT MAY DATES TO REMEMBER

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| ➤ May 2 nd – 6 th | - PTA Teacher Appreciation Week |
| ➤ May 3 rd | - PTA BSE Grade 3, 3:15-5:00 p.m.
- 4 th Grade Book Club, 3:10-4:30 p.m. |
| ➤ May 4 th | - Kindergarten Orientation, 1:45 p.m. |
| ➤ May 5 th | - Kindergarten Field Trip to Turtle Back Zoo
- PTA BSE Grade 4, 3:15-5:00 p.m. |
| ➤ May 6 th | - PTA Mother's Day Plant Sale |
| ➤ May 10 th & 11 th | - NJSLA Testing |
| ➤ May 10 th | - 4 th Grade Book Club, 3:10-4:30 p.m.
- PTA BSE Grade 2, 3:15-5:00 p.m. |
| ➤ May 12 th | - PTA BSE Grade 1, 3:15-5:00 p.m. |
| ➤ May 13 th | - PTA Pretzel Sale
- PTA 4 th Grade Beach Party @ 6:30 p.m. |
| ➤ May 17 th – 19 th | - NJSLA Testing
- PTA Book Fair, Preview Night 5/17 @ 6:00 p.m. |
| ➤ May 17 th | - PTA 4 th Grade Book Club, 3:10-4:30 p.m. |
| ➤ May 20 th | - School One Field Day – Wear Spirit Wear or Red & White |
| ➤ May 24 th | - 4 th Grade Trip to Turtle Back Zoo |
| ➤ May 25 th | - 4 th Grade Spring Concert @Nettingham Middle School @ 7 p.m. |
| ➤ May 26 th | - 3 rd Grade Field Trip to Terrill Middle School, Cinderella |
| ➤ May 27 th | - PTA Pretzel Sale |
| ➤ May 30 th | - School Closed for Memorial Day |

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Families with kindergarten aged children are asked to please visit our district website at <https://www.spfk12.org> for information regarding registration, the required forms, and procedures to register.

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION: Kindergarten Orientation is scheduled for Wednesday, May 4 at 1:45 p.m. Families are reminded to make an appointment with Mrs. Shatika Nathaniel to finalize registration.



ARE YOU MOVING???: If your child will NOT be attending School One in September, please notify the main office at this time. You may contact the Main Office or email Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org.

PUPIL ASSIGNMENT PROCESS: As we begin to plan for the 2022/2023 school year, please keep in mind that students are placed in heterogeneous class sections. Many factors are thoroughly examined and discussed. These include both the students' academic performance in all components of the curriculum, and their social interactions in relationship to peers. We strive to maintain a balance in the classroom. Groupings are developed according to students' study habits and levels of participation during class instruction.

We realize that parents have valuable information to share regarding their children's specific needs. Should there be any special factors you feel are necessary for us to consider, you may express them in writing to the principal's office. Your input will be taken under advisement. **We respectfully request that you do NOT request a specific teacher by name.** Your support and encouragement regarding your children's assignment will be important in ensuring they have a successful year.

NEW REGISTRANTS: Parents of children in Grades 1 through 4 who will be enrolling at School One in September and were enrolled in private or parochial schools this year are urged to contact the Main Office at this time. This is particularly important for children entering our first-grade program. **Children registering for first grade must be at least 6 years of age on or before October 1, 2022.** If you know of a family in your neighborhood with children entering School One in the fall, please convey this information to them. Please contact Mrs. O'Brien at cobrien@spfk12.org or (908) 322-7731 Ext. 15002 for further details.

PRE-K MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of JUNE will be collected **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11TH**, in the amount of **\$9.80 (14 days x \$.70)**. A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, May 9th. *Please complete the form and return to school with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHS Cafeteria) in a sealed envelope. Pre-K students participating in the free-milk program MUST submit an order form.*





LUNCH/MILK MONEY (GRADES K-4): A lunch menu for the month of May may be viewed on our school website (go to the “Shortcut” section labeled “Lunch Menus and Payments” of our home page).

Students must have balances on their PaySchool accounts to purchase lunch from the food service lines. Purchases are CASHLESS. To register for an account, please visit www.payschoolscentral.com.

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.

