



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



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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** I would like to express my gratitude to our excellent staff for establishing a positive and comfortable learning environment for our students. It truly has set the tone to continue with a wonderful school year. In addition, I would like to thank our School One families for following wellness protocols to maintain a healthy school community for all.

**Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.** We will have two days of overflow conferences on **Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.** If you have not signed up or are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office immediately.

Schools will follow a **single-session** day on Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and also on Wednesday, November 24<sup>th</sup> the day before Thanksgiving recess. **Morning Pre-K arrives 8:35 and is dismissed at 10:35 a.m. Afternoon Pre-K arrives 10:35 a.m. and is dismissed at 12:40 p.m. Grades K through 4 arrive at 8:35 a.m. and are dismissed at 12:40 p.m.**

Schools will be **closed** for students on Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> for a Staff Professional Day. In addition, schools will be closed for staff and students on **Thursday and Friday, November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>,** for the NJEA Teacher's Convention and **Thursday and Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving recess. American Education Week will be celebrated the week of November 15<sup>th</sup>.

Lastly, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to our staff and school community for collecting 116 bags of candy for the Kids Care Club Candy Drive to benefit the IHM Food Bank. Together, we can make a difference.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

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| November 1                | - <b>Single Session Day</b> – <i>EVENING Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> |
| November 2                | - School Closed for Students – <i>Staff Professional Day</i>            |
| November 3                | - <b>Single Session Day</b> – <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>         |
| November 4 & 5            | - <b>Schools Closed for Staff and Students</b> – <i>NJEA Convention</i> |
| November 8-19             | - PTA SOS & Kids Care Thanksgiving Food Drive                           |
| November 8                | - <b>Single Session Day</b> – <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i>         |
| November 9 & 10           | - Overflow Parent/Teacher Conferences                                   |
| November 12               | - World Kindness Day Celebration  |
|                           | - PTA Pretzel Sale  |
|                           | - PTA 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Movie Night @ 6:30 p.m.                     |
| November 13 <sup>th</sup> | - PTA Clothing Drive  |
| November 15-19            | - American Education Week   |
| November 17               | - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Dictionary Day Visit from the SPF Rotary        |
|                           | - PTA Meeting @ 7:30 p.m.   |
| November 24               | - <b>Single Session Day</b>   |
| November 25 & 26          | - <b>Schools Closed</b> – Thanksgiving Weekend                          |
| November 30-Dec. 2        | - PTA Holiday Boutique  |

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK:** Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 1, Wednesday, November 3, and Monday, November 8. Evening conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Two overflow days have been scheduled for Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>. Students will follow a single-session schedule, please refer to the arrival and dismissal times below. These conferences provide an opportunity for both teachers and parents to discuss students' progress within the curriculum. Your child's performance during the first trimester, along with his/her particular strengths and areas where growth may be necessary, will be addressed. Conferences allow parents the opportunity to express their perceptions and insights as well as be actively involved in their child's educational progress.

School One families were sent an email in October indicating the link to sign up for conferences through the **PTC Fast** web site. If you have not yet signed up for a conference or are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office immediately. **Please arrive for your conference on time and please do NOT bring your children.** Thank you for your understanding. We hope we have made the scheduling process of parent/teacher conferences more convenient for the School One community.



**SCHEDULE FOR PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES  
NOVEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>**

**DAILY SCHEDULE ON SINGLE SESSION DAYS**

*Pre-K A.M.—8:35 – 10:35 a.m.*

*Pre-K P.M.—10:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.*

*Grades K through 4— 8:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.*

*(Lunch and Pre-K milk are NOT served on single-session days.)*

**CONFERENCE SCHEDULE**

*November 3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> – By appointment - 1:45 to 3:15 p.m.*

*November 1<sup>st</sup>, Evening Conferences—By appointment - 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.*

*November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> (Overflow) – By appointment – 8:25 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.*

**BUS SAFETY:** Please make sure that you follow all proper traffic laws with regards to our school buses. We kindly ask that when you are driving and you see a bus with a stop sign out, **please stop and wait patiently.** The safety of our children should be our number one priority and we all need to chip in to do our part.

**LUNCH PROGRAM:** All school lunches must be preordered through the Pay Schools Central website using your student's lunch account information at [www.payschoolscentral.com](http://www.payschoolscentral.com). Please be sure to complete the lunch choice/days option, along with the payment process to complete your child's lunch order. Meals can be preordered for multiple days.



If you have any general comments regarding the school lunch program, you may e-mail Pomptonian at [comments@pomptonian.com](mailto:comments@pomptonian.com). Please direct any inquires to the Food Services Director at (908) 889-8600 x31184 or [cafeteria@spfk12.org](mailto:cafeteria@spfk12.org).

**PRE-K MILK MONEY:** Pre-K milk money for the month of **DECEMBER** will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**, in the amount of **\$11.90** (17 days x \$ .70). A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. *Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPFHS Cafeteria) in a sealed envelope. Please indicate your child's milk choice for the upcoming month (fat free, low fat, low-fat chocolate or low-fat strawberry). Pre-K students participating in the free-milk program MUST submit an order form. Milk is NOT served on single-session days (November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>).*

## Happy Thanksgiving!

