



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. In addition, our P.R.I.D.E. Initiative has set the tone for a wonderful school year. We are proud of our students who have received cardinal cards and we look forward to presenting to many more. I would like to thank you, our School One families, for your continued support to our staff and students to continue reinforcing P.R.I.D.E. at home. Make sure you join our social media accounts to see pictures of those who receive cards. Visit **Facebook:** SchoolOne Cardinals or **Instagram:** @schoolonecardinals!

Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, Thursday, November 2nd, and Friday, November 3rd. We will have one day of overflow conferences on **Monday, November 6th.** If you have not signed up or are having difficulty, please contact the Main Office immediately.

Schools will follow a **single-session** day on Wednesday, November 1st, Thursday, November 2nd, and Friday, November 3rd and also on Wednesday, November 22nd the day before Thanksgiving recess. **Morning Pre-K arrives at 8:25 and is dismissed at 10:35 a.m. Afternoon Pre-K arrives at 10:35 a.m. and is dismissed at 12:40 p.m. Grades K through 4 arrive at 8:25 a.m. and are dismissed at 12:40 p.m.**

In addition, schools will be closed for staff and students on **Thursday and Friday, November 9th and 10th,** for the NJEA Teachers Convention and **Thursday and Friday, November 23rd and 24th** for Thanksgiving recess. American Education Week will be celebrated the week of November 13th.

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to our School One families for donating to the Kids Care Club Share a Sandwich Collection. There were **225** sandwiches donated and delivered to St. Josephs in Elizabeth. The organization was thrilled with the delivery. Our School One community rocks!

DATES TO REMEMBER

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| November 1 st -14 th | - PTA SOS & Kids Care Candy Drive |
| November 1 st | - Single Session Day – <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> |
| November 2 nd | - Single Session Day – <i>EVENING Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> |
| November 3 rd | - Single Session Day – <i>Parent/Teacher Conferences</i> |
| | - PTA Pretzel Sale @ 12:40 p.m. |
| November 4 th | - PTA Clothing Drive |
| November 6 th | - Overflow Parent/Teacher Conferences (<i>Normal Full Session Day</i>) |
| | - PTA Holiday Plant Sale Begins (<i>Nov. 6 thru Nov. 27</i>) |
| November 7 th | - Single Session Day - <i>Election Day</i> |
| November 9 th & 10 th | - Schools Closed for Staff and Students – <i>NJEA Convention</i> |
| November 13 th -17 th | - PTA SOS & Kids Care Thanksgiving Food Drive |
| November 13 th -17 th | - American Education Week |
| November 13 th | - World Kindness Day Celebration |
| | - Veterans Day Celebration |
| November 16 th | - PTA Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. |
| November 17 th | - PTA Pretzel Sale |
| November 22 nd | - Single Session Day |
| November 23 rd & 24 th | - Schools Closed – <i>Thanksgiving Weekend</i> |
| November 30 th | - 4th Grade Field Trip to Liberty Science Center |

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK: Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 1st, Thursday, November 2nd, and Friday, November 3rd. Evening conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 2nd. Students will follow a single-session schedule, please refer to the arrival and dismissal times below. There is an overflow day scheduled for **Monday, November 6th**.

November 6th is a normal full day session. 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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 6th

DAILY SCHEDULE ON SINGLE SESSION DAYS

Pre-K A.M.—8:25 – 10:35 a.m.

Pre-K P.M.—10:35 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

Grades K through 4— 8:25 a.m. - 12:40 p.m.

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

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

November 1st and 3rd — By appointment - 1:40 to 3:20 p.m.

November 2nd, Evening Conferences—By appointment - 7:00 to 8:40 p.m.

November 6th, Overflow Day – By appointment – 8:25 a.m. to 3:20 p.m.

STUDENT DISMISSAL: The office has been experiencing student dismissal calls very late in the afternoon (after 3:00 p.m.). Many times, it can be difficult for the office to reach a teacher especially if the class is returning from a special, outside at the end of day, or in between dismissal. While we understand extenuating circumstances occur every now and then, please make sure to contact the office well in advance if there is a change in your child's dismissal. This will provide the office plenty of time to make the teacher aware of the change so that the teacher can safely dismiss your child.

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 (GRADES K - 4): School lunches are \$3.50 and on pizzeria pizza day, an EXTRA slice is \$3.00. A copy of the November 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 the Main Office an envelope marked with your child's name and "Lunch Money" clearly printed.

PRE-K MILK MONEY: Pre-K milk money for the month of DECEMBER will be collected on **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH**, in the amount of \$9.10 (13 days x \$.70). A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 6th. *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 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 7th, and 22nd).*

SUBSTITUTE SCHOOL NURSES NEEDED!!!!

Salary: \$225.00/per diem

Requirements: Registered Nurse License PLUS
NJ School Nurse Certification OR
NJ Substitute School Nurse Certification OR
Willingness to obtain

Interested individuals should apply online at www.spfk12.org, Job #125

Happy Thanksgiving!

