



**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, as well as seeing other exciting things happening around our school. Visit **Facebook:** SchoolOne Cardinals or **Instagram:** @schoolonecardinals!

**Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>.** There may be some overflow conferences held during the day on **Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup>** and the week of **November 18<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 Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>** and also on **Wednesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>** 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, **Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>** for Diwali, **Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>** for Election Day, **Thursday and Friday, November 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>**, for the NJEA Teachers Convention and **Thursday and Friday, November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>** for Thanksgiving recess. American Education Week will be celebrated the week of November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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 **205** 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 1st                                 | - <b>School Closed for Staff and Students - Diwali</b>                   |
| November 4 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>   | - PTA SOS & Kids Care Halloween Candy Drive                              |
| November 4 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>   | - PTA Holiday Plant Sale   |
| November 5 <sup>th</sup>                     | - <b>School Closed for Staff and Students - Election Day</b>             |
| November 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>   | - <b>Schools Closed for Staff and Students – NJEA Convention</b>         |
| November 11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup>  | - American Education Week  |
| November 12 <sup>th</sup>                    | - <b>Single Session Day –Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>                  |
| November 13 <sup>th</sup>                    | - <b>Single Session Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>                 |
|  | - Veterans Day Celebration   |
| November 14 <sup>th</sup>                    | - <b>Single Session Day – EVENING Parent/Teacher Conferences</b>         |
| November 15 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Overflow Parent/Teacher Conferences ( <b>Normal Full Session Day</b> ) |
|  | - School Spirit Day, <i>Wear Pajamas</i>                                 |
|  | - PTA 4th Grade Movie Night  |
| November 18 <sup>th</sup> -22 <sup>nd</sup>  | - PTA SOS & Kids Care Thanksgiving Food Drive                            |
| November 20 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Rotary Visit with Grade 3  |
| November 26 <sup>th</sup>                    | - Gr. 3 Respect Assembly for Staff & Students                            |
| November 27 <sup>th</sup>                    | - <b>Single Session Day</b>  |
| November 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup> | - <b>Schools Closed – Thanksgiving Weekend</b>                           |

**PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCE WEEK:** Parent-teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, and Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Evening conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. Students will follow a single-session schedule, please refer to the arrival and dismissal times below. There is an overflow day scheduled for Friday, November 15<sup>th</sup> along with some additional days the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>. All overflow days follow 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** website. 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Additional days the week of November 18<sup>th</sup>**

**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 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> — By appointment - 1:40 to 3:20 p.m.*  
*November 14<sup>th</sup>, Evening Conferences—By appointment - 7:00 to 8:40 p.m.*  
*November 15<sup>th</sup> and the week of November 18<sup>th</sup> Overflow Days – 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 \$3.70 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](http://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 11<sup>TH</sup>**, in the amount of **\$9.80 (14 days x \$ .70)**. A milk order form will be sent home with your child on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. *Please complete the form and return with your payment (either exact change, or a check made payable to SPF Board of Education) 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 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, and 27<sup>th</sup>).*

# Happy Thanksgiving!

