



SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
SCHOOL ONE  
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SCOTCH PLAINS, NEW JERSEY 07076

## PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:** Welcome BACK TO SCHOOL for the 2020/2021 school year!!! We made it through the first week however, not without any bumps. We are still ironing out the kinks daily and hope to be on a smoother path soon. Thank you staff, parents, and students for your patience. As we prepare for another school year, unlike any before, we want to provide you with as much information as possible to make your experience at School One a positive one. **Please read through this entire newsletter.**

The homeroom sections will be as follows for the current school year:

**Pre-K A.M. & P.M.:** Mrs. Kelley Sponheimer

**Kindergarten:** Mrs. Kim Ciemniecki, Ms. Madison Savulich, Mrs. Kerry Scazafave, and Mrs. Katherine Szczubelek

**First Grade:** Mrs. Marina Beirne, Mrs. Caitlin Disney, Ms. Meredith Sackheim

**Second Grade:** Mrs. Jackie Duffy, Mrs. Christine Mills, Mrs. Cristina Shea, Mrs. Laura Smoot

**Third Grade:** Mrs. Nikki Glinski, Mrs. Nicole MacDermant, Mrs. Caitlin Romero, and Mrs. Segotta

**Fourth Grade:** Ms. Caraline Smith, Mrs. Alison Welch, and Ms. Ellen Young

All of our teachers bring a wide variety of experiences from both within the classroom and beyond the classroom's walls and I know they will each contribute in making the year a positive one for your child.

**DAILY SCHEDULE:** The elementary school day during virtual learning for **Grades K-4 begins at 8:40 AM and ends at 12:50PM** for lunch and recess/movement break at home. Your child's teacher will provide a morning snack break. Students will log back into their classroom sessions in the afternoon. *The afternoon virtual session will take place from 2:00-3:00 PM*, and will include whole group and/or small group activities. **Preschool** students will attend AM or PM sessions. The morning session is 8:35 AM -11:05 AM. The afternoon session is 12:40 - 3:10 PM.

Students must be logged into their teacher's Google Classroom to begin their day. Their teacher will begin with a live Morning Meeting to preview the day's schedule, communicate expectations, build a classroom community, and incorporate social-emotional learning.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:** A copy of the district calendar can be found [HERE](#). For important upcoming dates, including school and PTA information, and brief summaries of happenings at School One, please visit our website, [www.spfk12.org/schoolone](http://www.spfk12.org/schoolone).

- September 21<sup>st</sup> Free/Reduced Lunch Applications Due
- September 22<sup>th</sup> Virtual Back to School Night (Single-Session Schedule)
- September 28<sup>th</sup> Schools Closed for Yom Kippur



## SAVE THE DATE

**BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT WILL BE ON**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>.**

Elementary schools will follow a single-session schedule that day as follows:

**Morning Pre-K: 8:35 – 10:40 a.m.**

**Afternoon Pre-K: 10:45 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.**

**Grades K through 4: 8:35 a.m. – 12:50 p.m.**

Please refer to Mr. Fiory's memo that was shared on Thursday, September 17, 2020 for detailed information and schedules.

**FREE AND REDUCED LUNCH/MILK PROGRAM:** Applications for the Free/Reduced Lunch Program can be found by clicking [HERE](#).

Please return the free/reduced lunch/milk application form by **Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, only if you are applying for this program.** The lunch program is available to students in Grades K through 4. Pre-K students are eligible for milk only. If you are applying, be sure to complete ALL pertinent information (incomplete forms will delay the application from being processed). **State regulations require that only one application per household (or one per foster child) be returned.** Parents whose children receive free or reduced price lunches or free milk may be required to provide supportive documentation regarding proof of income. A new application must be completed EACH year for eligibility.

**Please note...if your child received reduced price lunches (\$ .40 per lunch) or free lunches during the 2019/2020 school year, he/she will continue to receive the same benefits until the 2020/2021 applications have been reviewed or for the first 30 days of school.**

**SCHOOL ONE PTA:** Our PTA officers for 2020/2021 include: Diann Kohler, President; Pam Zajac, Vice President of Services; Teri Hansen, Vice President of Fundraising; Tracy Wright, Recording Secretary; Denise Salamanca, Corresponding Secretary; and Caren Dankin, Treasurer. Many other dedicated people chair and participate in the committees that make up School One's PTA. You are encouraged to join them! Thank you to Mrs. Diann Kohler and the PTA Executive Board for their service this year, and their assistance in preparing for the new school year. The dedication and commitment of so many of you make the School One community an extraordinary place to work and learn.

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Attendance at school (online or in person) is imperative for student learning and will be taken daily. It is important that students are logged in on time to their respective class calls each day that school is in session to ensure continuity of instruction, unless illness or emergency prevents their attendance. Please remember to call the School One Attendance Line when your child is going to be absent. If you do not call to report your child's absence, we will call you. Should we be unable to contact you, the police may be called for assistance.

When you call the attendance line, please state your child's name, grade, your child's teacher's name, and a detailed reason for your child's absence. Please speak slowly and clearly.

**SCHOOL ONE ATTENDANCE LINE**  
**(908) 322-7731, PRESS 1**  
**(AVAILABLE 24 HOURS A DAY)**



**STUDENT INSURANCE:** The Board of Education has approved student accident insurance for all students during school time. This premium is paid by the Board of Education. Parents have the option of selecting additional coverage. Additional information can be found by clicking [HERE](#) or by visiting [www.BollingerSchools.com](http://www.BollingerSchools.com) and to apply online.

**SWIFTK12 ALERT SYSTEM:** The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District emergency notification system **SWIFTK12** is an application generated through PowerSchool and will be used as the district's primary emergency alert notification system. Parents will receive notification via email and/or phone regarding school closings or delays and any other type of emergency information as needed. Parents are urged to provide updates regarding changes to their contact information to the Main Office **IMMEDIATELY** so that notifications are received properly and timely.

**TECHNOLOGY REQUEST:** Hot spot requests must be made directly through the Main Office. Please contact Mrs. O'Brien at [cobrien@spfk12.org](mailto:cobrien@spfk12.org) if you have a need for a hot spot.

**Have a Great Year!!!**