



DEANE-PORTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



APRIL 17, 2024





Dear Deane-Porter School Family,

As I write this, a wave of emotions washes over me - excitement for a new chapter, immense pride in what we've accomplished together, and a touch of sadness at saying goodbye. After 31 incredible years in the Rumson School District, my journey here will come to an end on July 1st, 2024.

These past three decades haven't just been "fulfilling" - they've been transformative. Working alongside such a dedicated team of educators and staff has been a true privilege. Witnessing the growth, the "aha!" moments and the sheer joy of learning in our students' eyes has been the greatest reward. From those first, nervous steps into Pre K and kindergarten to the confident strides of our graduating 8th graders, I've been so honored to be a part of their incredible educational odyssey.

The memories we've created together are truly irreplaceable. The Moving on Up Ceremonies, the Lunches With a Loved One, and who could forget the day our beloved therapy dog, Boomer, joined the family? These moments, along with the countless connections I've made with students, colleagues, and parents, will forever hold a special place in my heart.

Leaving the vibrant energy and daily interactions of the Rumson School community will undoubtedly be an adjustment. But as I look back, I see our school district stronger than ever, and that fills me with immense pride. The foundation we've built together ensures a bright future for generations of students to come.

For the opportunity to be part of this extraordinary family, I am deeply grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

With heartfelt appreciation,

Ms. Shari Feeney

Principal, Deane-Porter School





We are so excited to be celebrating and supporting Bring Your Child to Work Day on Thursday, April 25th. If your child(ren) will be joining you and learning more about your career, we ask that you please provide us with a letter from your employer to document their excused absence. This can be sent in with your child(ren) on Friday April 26th. Once the letter is in receipt, Thursday's attendance will be adjusted accordingly.

We wish our students a meaningful experience celebrating this day with you!



Spring Concert

May 15th

Kindergarten and First Grade
10:00 AM

- Each family will receive 2 tickets to the concert

Second and Third grade
7:00 PM

- Each family will receive 3 tickets to the concert

The Multipurpose Room capacity and grade level sizes determine the number of tickets available per family.



THE RUMSON PTO IS EXCITED TO HOST

LUNCH WITH A LOVED ONE

MONDAY MAY 20TH, 2024

RAIN DATE TUESDAY MAY 21ST, 2024

LOOK FOR INVITE IN WEEKLY FLYER AFTER SPRING BREAK

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SCHOOL
COUNSELOR
I'LL BE THERE FOR YOU

School Counselor SPOTLIGHT

If you would like to talk to or see Mrs. Piernik, please call, 732-842-0330 X4409 or e-mail, jpiermik@rumsonschool.org



New Jersey
Student Learning
Assessment

Upcoming NJSLA Testing for Grade 3 Students



All public schools in New Jersey will administer the NJDOE-mandated NJSLA assessments this spring. Rumson students in Grades 3-8 will take the NJSLA assessments in ELA and Mathematics from **May 6-10, 2024**. Testing begins promptly at 9:00 a.m., so we ask parents' assistance in ensuring students arrive to school on time. In the event that your child reports to school later and the testing session has begun, your child will be held in the Cafeteria under the supervision of a teacher, and then will be scheduled for a make-up exam at a later date. Please do not send your child ill to school, just to take the exam, as their health is a priority and we can always schedule a make-up exam.

In accordance with NJSLA Test Security requirements, all cellular phones and electronic devices (including but not limited to: smartphones, iPods, smartwatches, tablets, e-readers, FitBits) are prohibited from the testing environment, including after students have completed testing and during breaks. If a student is found to be in possession of a cellular phone or any other prohibited material, then the student will be dismissed from the testing environment and the test may be invalidated later by the State Education Agency.

As the easiest method to avoid any cell phone-related test irregularities, we encourage you to simply have your child leave their cell phone or other prohibited device at home on NJSLA testing days.

Otherwise, in compliance with district policy and Student, Staff and Parent Handbook rules, and to comply with Test Security policies, prior to the start of NJSLA testing each day, teachers will collect the phones/devices of all students who bring their phones and/or prohibited devices to a classroom.

Phones will be stored together outside of the classroom and returned at the conclusion of testing each day.



Allergens and Pollen

CDC.gov

Nurse Notes

Climate change will potentially lead to both higher pollen concentrations and longer pollen seasons, causing more people to suffer more health effects from pollen and other allergens.

Pollen is an airborne allergen that can affect our health. Pollen grains are tiny “seeds” dispersed from flowering plants, trees, grass, and weeds. The amount and type of pollen in the air depends on the season and geographic region. Though pollen counts are typically higher during the warmer seasons, some plants pollinate year-round.

Climate change will potentially lead to shifts in precipitation patterns, more frost-free days, warmer seasonal air temperatures, and more carbon dioxide (CO₂) in the atmosphere. These changes can affect:

- when the pollen season starts and ends and how long it lasts each year,
- how much pollen plants create and how much is in the air,
- how pollen affects our health (the “allergenicity” of pollen),
- how much pollen we are exposed to, and
- our risk of experiencing allergy symptoms.

Pollen exposure can trigger various allergic reactions, including symptoms of hay fever. Hay fever, also known as allergic rhinitis, occurs when allergens like pollen enter your body and your immune system mistakenly identifies them as a threat. If you have allergic rhinitis, your body then responds to the allergen by releasing chemicals that can cause symptoms in the nose. Symptoms of allergic rhinitis can occur during certain seasons or year-round, depending on the allergen, and affect as many as 60 million people per year in the United States. Symptoms from allergic rhinitis include sneezing, runny nose, and congestion.

Pollen exposure can also trigger symptoms of allergic conjunctivitis. Allergic conjunctivitis is the inflammation of the lining of the eye (conjunctiva) due to exposure to allergens like those in pollen. Allergic conjunctivitis is found in up to 30% of the general population and as many as 7 out of 10 of patients with allergic rhinitis. Symptoms from allergic conjunctivitis include red, watery, or itchy eyes.

People with respiratory illnesses like asthma may be more sensitive to pollen. Exposure to pollen has been linked to asthma attacks and increases in hospital admissions for respiratory illness. Medical costs linked with pollen exceed \$3 billion every year, with nearly half of those costs being linked to prescription medicine. Higher pollen concentrations and longer pollen seasons can also make you more sensitive to allergens. This can trigger asthma episodes in individuals with asthma and diminish productive work and school days.

Extreme rainfall and rising temperatures also can contribute to indoor air quality problems. For example, they can cause the growth of mold indoors, which may lead to worsened respiratory conditions for people with asthma and/or mold allergies and heightened challenges in maintaining adequate asthma control.

CDC Allergen Resources:

- [Asthma](#) – guidance on asthma symptoms, triggers, and management
- [Asthma and Allergies in the Workplace](#) – NIOSH resources on a variety of asthma- and allergy-related topics
- [Asthma and Mold After a Hurricane](#) – Information for Clinicians Helping Patients with Respiratory Conditions After a Hurricane or Other Tropical Storm
- [Covid-19 and Seasonal Allergies](#) – Frequently asked questions about Covid-19 and seasonal allergies
- [Pollen and Your Health](#)
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Reading Makes Life Sweeter

Who
Pre-K through Elementary
School Students

What
Students will receive a
Free Bundtlet for each
month that they read
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When*
February 1, 2024 to June 30,
2024

Why
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enriches children's brains,
increases vocabulary and
test scores, introduces
readers to the world around
them and helps develop
their imaginations.



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read for at least
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District Website:

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April 23 - National School Bus Driver Day

April 25 - National Take Your Daughters & Sons to Work Day

April 30 - Special Ed Advisory Group meeting

May - Speech & Hearing Month

May 2 - Boomer's 7th birthday!

May 5-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8 - National School Nurse Day

May 15 - Spring Concert/Art Show

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