



CONOVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Conover Road Primary School Families,

It is hard to believe that we have already turned our calendars to December...this school year has had such a positive and productive start! This festive month always fills us with holiday cheer as we enjoy the magic of the season through the eyes of your children!

Report Cards:

Our first marking period report cards are accessible on the Genesis Parent Portal for students in first and second grades. The Conover Road Primary School uses a “Standards-Based” Report Card. The grade level standards provide a clear and consistent framework to prepare our children for college and the workforce. Specific benchmark skills for each grade level have been identified, and grades are earned according to the mastery of a skill that each child is expected to achieve by the end of the academic year.

Our report card indicators are not meant to be converted to a “traditional” A, B, C, D grading scale. Instead, take the time to reflect upon and celebrate your child's unique progress towards achieving the rigorous grade level standards. The process of learning is truly a “journey” as your child will follow his/her own course at their own unique pace. With ongoing instruction and consistent practice at school and at home, your child will continue to work towards mastery of these ambitious curricular goals.

The expression, “Childhood is a journey, not a race,” is one that beautifully captures the approach to report cards and assessments used at the Conover Road Primary School. Your child's grade report will reflect your child's developing competence in core subject areas as well as his/her emotional and social growth over a period of time. As always, should you have any questions or concerns relative to your child's attainment of these skills, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or myself.

Frosty's Holiday Bazaar and Book Fair:

The Colts Neck PTO is busily preparing for the “Frosty's” event on **December 3 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Conover Road Primary School**. Share some holiday cheer and get a head start on

shopping by visiting various vendors that will line our hallways. Our little ones will love finding the perfect gifts for their family members as our middle school “elves” guide them in making their special purchases. Don’t forget that our Scholastic Book Fair will also be open for business. Certainly, this will start the holiday season with a festive touch!

Veteran’s Day School Wide Meeting:

Our November School Wide meeting allowed our students and staff an opportunity to recognize and thank members of our nation’s Armed Forces. Our students personalized the experience as they acknowledged a family member’s contributions to our nation’s military forces. We are grateful to the Naval Jr. ROTC and Major Gregory Penczak from Colts Neck High School for joining us during this celebration. It was our pleasure and true privilege to have so many Veterans join our school community to be recognized by our young students!



First Grade Winter Show:

First Grade children have been hard at work in preparing for the annual **First Grade Winter Show**. First Grade families are welcome to attend our performance on **Wednesday, December 21 at 9:30 a.m.** (Siblings of performers will not be called out of class to attend the show as they will have seen a dress rehearsal on the prior day.)

Celebrating the "Gift of Friendship":

Our December School Wide Meeting will take place on Thursday, December 22nd. We will celebrate, "The Gift of Friendship." This meeting will highlight the gifts that we share with one another that are not wrapped in glittery paper or tied with a bow. The qualities of Friendship, Love, Respect, and Time are the true gifts of the season. Fifth grade students under the direction of Mrs. Tarby will present a musical retelling of the book *One Kathryn Otonari*. Children will see first-hand how the gift of one person's voice and compassion can offer a lasting and meaningful gift for all.

First Grade students will enjoy our annual **Holiday Story Hour and Sing Along** on **Friday, December 23rd**.

Our next school spirit day is a favorite for adults and children alike at the Primary School. **Friday, December 23rd** is **PAJAMA DAY!** (In the interest of safety, slippers may not be worn to school.)

Please note the following upcoming events:

- *Mon-Fri., December 5-9—PTO Book Fair (Family Night on Tuesday, Dec. 6)*
- *Wednesday, December 21—First Grade Winter Show*
- *Thursday, December 22—School Wide Meeting, "Celebrating the Gift of Friendship"*
- *Friday, December 23—Pajama Day*
- *Friday, December 23—Short Session Day*
- *Friday, December 23--Annual First Grade Holiday Story Hour and First Grade Sing Along*
- *December 24-January 2—Winter Recess—Schools Closed*
- *January 3, 2017—Schools Reopen*

Regards,

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