



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

May 20, 2022

### ARRIVAL REMINDER

*School doors do not open – even in inclement weather – until 8:15 AM.*

*Please remember that when you are dropping your children off for the day that they will be outside until 8:15. Also, students should NOT be dropped off during unsupervised times. We are discovering that students are arriving earlier and earlier each morning and conflicts between students are occurring that we cannot resolve. Supervision is available from 8:05 AM. Also, students are considered late when they arrive after 8:25 AM. As always, your timely arrival and cooperation to these established practices will be appreciated.*

### THANK YOU for a SUCCESSFUL TESTING EXPERIENCE

*Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students have completed their required NJSLA testing in both Math and ELA. You would be SO proud as they engaged appropriately in the examination process, demonstrating their skills while maintaining a level of calm confidence that served them well. Your help with ensuring that they arrived well rested, well fed and on time with a fully charged Chromebook supported this successful experience. Our fifth graders will be tested in Science on Monday and Tuesday morning. We will wrap it up as soon as all students have completed the exam. Well done everyone!*

### HELP WANTED - VOLUNTEERS & DRIVERS ARE NEEDED!

*As we continue to push toward a comprehensive school experience that includes parent volunteer opportunities including driving to field trip locations, we are finding that some of our volunteer lists are falling short of need. Please consider taking the time to engage in the fingerprinting process, background clearance check and diving documentation procedures to afford you the opportunity to participate in the volunteer experience during the elementary years. The process only requires that you complete it once....with the exception of presenting current driving/insurance information as needed. We appreciate the gift of your time and I promise...the memories will be worth it!*

### TRAFFIC, SAFETY, TRAFFIC, SAFETY...and TRAFFIC AND SAFETY!

*We had made significant progress toward these habits prior to Spring break; however, I think we can all admit that our choices have not reflected awareness of procedures in the past few weeks. I realize that we had a challenging day this week with the redirected traffic patterns causing confusion. Let me firmly remind everyone that we do not park across the street from the school requiring that you and your child cross Blackburn Road in the middle of the block outside of the crosswalk, double parking is illegal, U-turns in the middle of the block during arrival and dismissal are unsafe, pulling around a car in front of you in the car line creates a dangerous situation for all, parking on both sides of Blackburn Terrace creates a hazard for everyone...well, I could go and on and on. I have been in touch with Summit PD and I am hopeful that their presence - in both marked and unmarked vehicles, will support our efforts to keep our students safe.*

With the weather predicted to be hot and humid this weekend, please stay cool and enjoy the brief glimpse into summer.

*Mrs. Tierney*