



CONOVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Tricia R. Barr, Principal

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Dear Conover Road Primary School Families,

Presentation of Class Flags:

Our students and teachers have spent the early weeks of this school year in creating classroom communities in which each child knows themselves to be a valued, contributing member of their “school family.” Each class was asked to create a flag that represents the shared goals and hopes that the children would achieve together this school year. At our most recent School Wide Meeting, each class flag was revealed and explained. The class flags will now hang in each classroom as a symbol of the ideals and commitment of each class community. When children look at them they will remember their class expectations for respect, friendship, patience, and hard work.



Betsy Ross Historical Reenactor:

Children in second grade were able to participate in an interactive assembly with historical reenactor, Kim Hanley, as she portrayed Betsy Ross. Through a presentation coordinated and funded by Freeholder Lilian Burry and the Colts Neck Historical Preservation Committee, students learned of the historical significance and symbolism of our country’s flag. Children were inspired as they learned how an ordinary, working-class woman of the Colonial Era bravely showed her patriotism and commitment to our newly formed country to create our

first banner. Children noticed that the colors and elements used in Betsy Ross are consistent with our current flag. Children even learned how to make a five point star with systematic paper folding and one single snip of a scissor...something that many of our second graders have been trying to recreate during indoor recess!



Parent Volunteers:

It is often said that “many hands make light work.” We are grateful to each of our families for your willingness to assist our professional staff in preparing materials; facilitating learning stations in our Innovation Lab; and checking books in and out of our library. In the interest of student safety, please recall that **ALL** parents that volunteer their time and talents to support our school are required to complete our volunteer training module. Our school security monitors will not allow any parent volunteers to enter the building without first completing this training session. The link for the training module can be accessed at:

https://coltsneckschools.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1292928&type=d&pREC_ID=1650984

October Updates:

The month of October allowed us to enjoy the fall season with special events such as Mrs. Tym’s and Mr. Baiata’s SPOOKTACULAR “Halloween Gym,” and our Annual Halloween Parade. While the weather did not allow for parent spectators, we do hope that you had a chance to see the creative costumes in the slide show posted on our website. Many thanks to all of our class parents for your incredible contributions to class Halloween parties! The children certainly enjoyed a spectacular day!



[Halloween Parade Slide Show](#)



Fire Prevention Week:

October also allowed our youngest students to learn about fire safety and how to remain proactive and aware in handling emergency situations. Our little ones learned about how to responsibly call 9-1-1 for assistance; about the importance of having family fire drills; and knowing what to expect if a fire fighter ever came to their home dressed in protective clothing. Unfortunately, many children are afraid of first responders and will hide during active fire events. Therefore, our children listened to the sounds the oxygen helmets made and were reminded that the sound should be reassuring as help is on the way! We are so grateful to all of our Volunteer Firefighters and Fire Police in Colts Neck!



November School Wide Meeting:



SCHOOL SPIRIT DAY: November 27

DRESS IN RED, WHITE, and BLUE!

With Thanksgiving quickly approaching, we are reminded of the quote, by W.J. Cameron that states, "Thanksgiving, after all, is a word of action." This month our young students will have an opportunity to express their respect and gratitude to the men and women that bravely served our nation in our Armed Forces. Our **School Wide Meeting on November 27** will allow our students to honor the Veterans that play a personal significance in their lives. Our aim is to provide our students with a brief

introduction to all branches of our nation’s military and to personalize the experience as our students introduce and acknowledge a family member’s contributions to our nation’s military forces. Please extend our invitation to your family members who are Veterans so that we may honor them at our upcoming School Wide Meeting. Please call Mrs. Corrigan at 732-946-0055 ext. 4700 to confirm their attendance by Friday, November 22nd.

Report Cards:

First Marking Period Report Cards will be accessible to parents of students in Grades 1 and 2 on the Genesis Parent Portal on November 27. (Kindergarten students will not receive a report card until the second marking period.) In order to gain access to your child’s grade report, you will need to log into the “grading” tab on each individual child’s Genesis account.



The expression, “Childhood is a journey, not a race,” is one that beautifully captures the approach to report cards and assessments used at 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.

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. Students are assessed in relation to their own progression towards mastery of a standard and not in comparison to the progress or work of other students.

A standards-based report card instrument is not intended to be converted to a traditional letter grade equivalent. Students maintaining a “typical” progression of working towards grade level mastery should be receiving a score of 2, “Developing,” at this point in the academic year. By the end of the year, students are expected to achieve a 3, “Accomplished.” Students will be graded according to the following rubric:

4	Exemplary	Performance exceeds grade level standard without prompting from the teacher.
3	Accomplished	Performance meets grade level standard with some prompting from the teacher.
2	Developing	Performance indicates progress toward grade level standard with regular prompting from the teacher.
1	Area of Concern	Performance indicates insufficient progress towards grade level standard.



Don't forget to follow our **Twitter feed (@ConoverPrimary)** to learn about the many events happening at Conover Road Primary School.

Please note the following upcoming events:

- Wednesday, November 27—Short Session Day for Students and Staff
- Wednesday, November 27—Veterans Day School Wide Meeting
- Wednesday, November 27—Report Cards Accessible on Genesis Parent Portal
- Thursday and Friday, November 28-29—Thanksgiving Recess—School Closed

As the colder weather starts to set in, don't forget that you can change up your child's nightly reading routines by taking advantage of the beautiful collection of online books in our Tumblebooks Library. (www.tumblebooks.com Password: books)

Regards,

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