



# CONOVER ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Conover Road Primary School Families,

What to wear to show your school spirit? On Tuesday, September 24, the choice is easy...**BLUE & GOLD**, of course! We ask all of our students to come to school dressed in our district's colors to show their school spirit and excitement for all that the Colts Neck Schools have to offer.

As you know, tomorrow is a very big day for the Colts Neck Township School District, and we greatly need your help to vote on a referendum that will allow us to make some much needed improvements in the district. Show your own school spirit and vote anytime tomorrow between 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. This comprehensive initiative focuses on:

- SECURITY
- HEALTH & SAFETY
- ENVIRONMENTALLY RESPONSIBLE UPGRADES
- FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS

To learn more about tomorrow's referendum, please visit:

## [Colts Neck Referendum Information](#)

It was a pleasure to meet with so many of our families during last Thursday's Back to School Night event. We hope that you found our school to be a warm, nurturing, and inspiring environment. Please know that we welcome your insights about your child and his/her learning progression. We know that ongoing, consistent and purposeful conversation will strengthen our home-school partnership. It was a pleasure to unveil our video creation where our students showcased how they will use their "Power of YET" this school year. Together, we will make this the best school year YET for our students in Colts Neck!

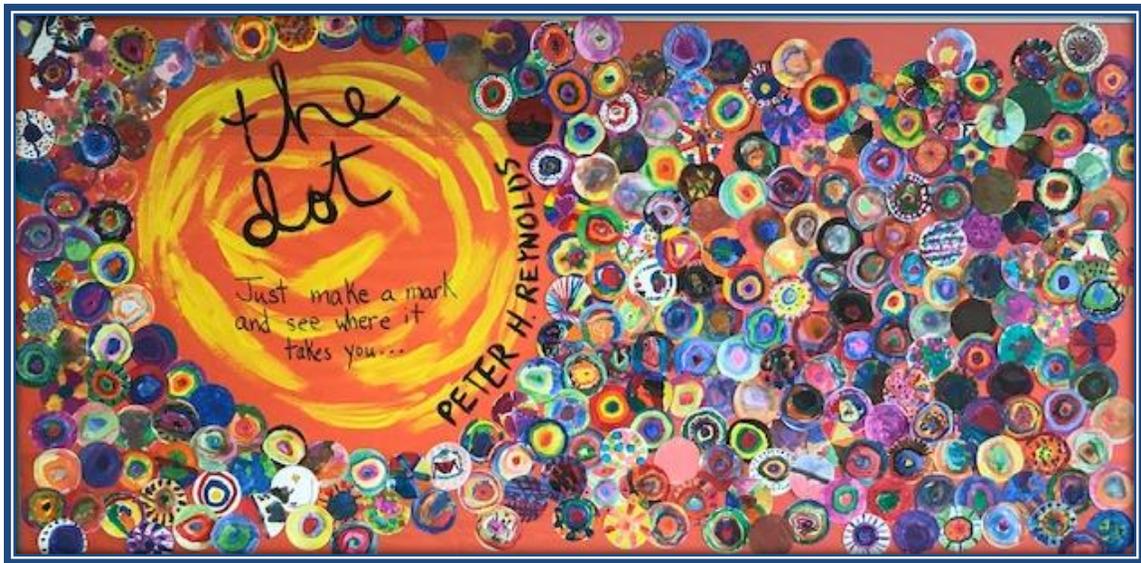


VOTE

**Tuesday, September 24, 2019**

**6 am – 8 pm**

Our first **School Wide Meeting** took place last week, where we celebrated “International Dot Day.” This day marks the anniversary of the publication of *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. This inspiring story encourages children to take risks and make their own unique marks on new situations. The story reminded children to show creativity, compassion and courage as they create their own dot...after all, it is a lasting impression. After our School Wide Meeting, the children had an opportunity to make their very own colorful dot that now hangs in our hallway. As children pass the display, they will recall that the marks of everyone in our school community are needed to make our school complete.



This school year allows us to expand upon our School Wide Positive Behavioral Support (PBS) program. Students will be excited about the possibility of earning LIFT tickets to recognize how they make our school a better place! Students will continue to earn “LIFT Tickets” that will hang from their backpacks that recognize their efforts to LIFT our school community as they:

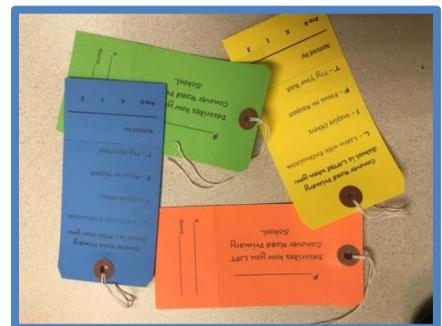


**L**—Learn with Enthusiasm

**I**—Inspire Others

**F**—Focus on Respect

**T**—Try Their Best



Our next **School Wide Meeting** will take place on Friday as we discuss our school rules and expectations for behavior, social interactions, and quality of schoolwork. This session will allow us to share the student video that was created for Back to School Night, and to keep our young students excited about all of the milestones they have yet to achieve.

### *Student Assessments:*

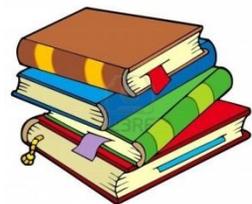
Classroom teachers have begun the process of conducting student assessments in literacy and mathematics. The resulting data from these assessments will be used to differentiate instruction within the classroom as well as through our Targeted Intervention and Targeted Enrichment Programs. Our expectation is that each child will read texts at his/her independent level; work on mathematics prompts that are correctly tiered; and write at his/her own developmental stage. In the event you feel that your child needs additional interventions or enrichment opportunities to best support learning goals, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher.

All first and second grade students have taken the DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) assessment. The DIBELS will determine a child's letter naming fluency; manipulation of letter sounds; ability to separate sounds in words (phoneme segmentation); ability to decode nonsense words; among other grade-appropriate early literacy skills.

First and Second Grade students will soon complete the **NWEA MAP (Northwest Evaluation Association Measures of Academic Progress)** assessments in mathematics and reading. In our district, students take these online assessments in the fall, winter and spring to provide our instructional staff and parents with a personalized assessment profile that allows instruction to be adapted to each child's learning level. The assessment data shows what each student knows and gives targeted instructional goals about what each child is ready to learn.

### *Library Parent Volunteers Needed:*

Volunteers work in the Conover Road Primary School library during their child's class time for the entire school year. Volunteers shelve books and also check them out to the children and staff. Parents may also be asked to shelf-read and to assist the librarian with special projects. To volunteer to assist your child's class in our school library, please email our Media Specialist, Ms. Susan DiFedele at [difedele@coltsneckschools.org](mailto:difedele@coltsneckschools.org). Kindly include your child's name and homeroom teacher as well as your contact



information on your e-mail.

All parent volunteers must first complete our Parent Volunteer Training which can be accessed through the following link:

[https://coltsneckschools.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC\\_ID=1292928&type=d&pREC\\_ID=1650984](https://coltsneckschools.edlioschool.com/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=1292928&type=d&pREC_ID=1650984)

*Picture Day:*

Kindly mark your calendars for our school picture day on **Wednesday, September 25th**. Parents may order fall portraits online by visiting: [www.bnlschoolpictures.com](http://www.bnlschoolpictures.com)

Enter code: **8H5Z3Q9**

*Notes:*

The Primary School is always a busy place, with opportunities for outdoor play and art projects galore. Occasionally, children find themselves in need of a change of clothing due to these other activities. Kindly send your child with a spare set of clothing, in a bag labeled with your child's name. These extra clothes can be kept in your child's cubby in the event the need arises for a quick change.



If your child is absent from school for any reason, please be sure to call Mrs. Annemarie Delle Donne, our school nurse and attendance officer at (732) 946-0055 and follow the phone prompts to report your child's absence from school. All absences are to be followed up with a written parent note or note from a physician. Please be specific as to the reason for the absence (e.g., cold stomach ache, etc.) *All families will receive an automated phone call from our School Messenger system whenever a child is absent from school.*

Daily Pickup Release forms are accessible on the Genesis Parent Portal. If you will be picking a child up from school at regular dismissal time, a form must be filled out for each child in your household. We will solely use the Genesis Parent Portal for pick-up requests. All Daily Pickup Release forms must be entered by noon of the date of pick-up.

*Please note the following upcoming events:*

- September 23-27 and October 3: Preschool Trips to Eastmont Orchards
- September 24—REFERENDUM VOTE—Polls Open 6 am to 8pm
- September 24— **BLUE & GOLD** School Spirit Day

- September 25—Picture Day
- September 27: School Wide Meeting, “The Power of Yet”
- September 30 and October 1—Schools Closed in observance of Rosh Hashanah
- October 7-11—Week of Respect
- October 8—Grade 1 Trip to Wemrock Orchards
- October 9—Schools Closed in Observance of Yom Kippur
- October 14—Schools Closed for Students—Professional Development Day
- October 15 and October 17—Kindergarten Trip to Huber Woods

Even in these early days of school, it is apparent that we will have a spectacular year filled with dynamic learning experiences. Please do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher, counselor, nurse or myself if we can provide assistance to you or your child at any point during the school year ahead. We look forward to ongoing collaboration and conversations to best support the growth and learning of your little ones! Let’s make this the best year YET!

Regards,

*Tricia Barr*

Principal