

MONTHLY MEMO

January, 2012

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EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSINGS

We make every effort to avoid closing school before the regularly scheduled time. However, if it should ever be necessary to close early we can set up Global Connect to call work or emergency numbers. If we do not have a work number or emergency number for you, please send one in to us as soon as possible. In the event of an emergency early closing the phone message will ask parents to pick up or to call to give us permission to release their child. Children will not be sent home early without parent contact.

If it becomes necessary to close school or have a delayed opening we will use our Global Connect phone notification system. If you have changed your home number recently, please let us know. We will continue to announce closings on KYW, AM 1060, Channel 6 Action News and www.wpvi.com. Delanco's Emergency School Closing Number is 677. Announcements will be posted on our district website, Delanco.com.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Education will take place on Wednesday, January 11th at 7:30 PM in the M.J. Pearson School Cafeteria. The public is welcome.

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Monday, January 16th Delanco Schools will be closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

GRADING CYCLE ENDS

On January 27, 2012 the second grading cycle for all students in grades 1-8 will end. Grade reports will be sent home on Friday, February 3rd. Parents are urged to examine the grades, return the signed envelope (for PS students) and contact the school if a conference is requested.

NEW DELANCO PUBLIC LIBRARY HOURS

Beginning on Monday, January 2nd, 2012, the new library hours will be as follows:

Monday 10 am to 6 pm

Tuesday 1 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday CLOSED

Thursday 1 pm to 8 pm

Friday 10 am to 6 pm

CLOSED SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

TO ALL FIFTH GRADE PARENTS

All students entering sixth grade must have two new immunizations: Tdap and Menactra **before** entering middle school in September 2012.

SCHOOL TRIPS

Tuesday, January 10, 2012 Basketball WSS to St. Joseph's University Phila. PA
Friday, January 27, 2012 STEPP students to the Philadelphia Zoo
Wednesday, February 1, 2012 6th Grade to Philadelphia Art Museum

DISTRICT WEBSITE INFORMATION

Our school website, www.Delanco.com, contains various information and announcements about our schools. Teachers are developing classroom websites, which we hope will be helpful to students and parents.

TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Each year the District develops a Professional Development Plan for our teachers. This plan determines the types of training and in-service programs the teachers will participate in the following school year. We are now in the process of developing our plan for the 2012-2013 school year and would like to invite parents to suggest areas you feel should be part of our professional development. Please e-mail your suggestions to bbehnke@delanco.com or send them in writing addressed to Bobbie Behnke to either school office.

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS REGARDING USE OR STORAGE OF HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES

Pursuant to the Worker and Community Right to Know Act, NJSA 34:5A-3 et seq., notice is hereby given and all parents/guardians are hereby advised that any construction or other activities involving the use of any hazardous substances will be posted on a bulletin board in the school. In addition, hazardous substances may be stored at the school at various times throughout the year, and hazardous substance fact sheets for any of the hazardous substances being used or stored are available at the school.

ASBESTOS NOTIFICATION

All accessible asbestos has been removed from both of the district's school buildings. The only remaining asbestos has either been safely encapsulated or is located in crawl spaces or boiler rooms, away from public contact. This asbestos is monitored periodically to ensure that it is not released into the atmosphere. All related reports are available for public review in the central office.

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

The success of the school system depends upon the support and participation of interested citizens. Anyone wishing to run for the Board of Education for the coming term must obtain a petition from the School Business Administrative. Please call Judith Jackson at 461-1905, or come to the BOE office located at the end of the Pearson School at 1301 Burlington Avenue. Nomination petitions are due by the end of February with elections following in April.

ABSENCE REPORTING

Reminder to Parents/Guardians: Whenever your child will be absent or late for any reason, you are asked to call and inform the school. Please call the school number listed above and press **1**. Please follow the prompts. This is our way of maintaining an accurate account of your children's whereabouts for their safety. Please cooperate by phoning in all absences or tardiness by 8:45 AM daily.

PTO NEWS

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to save the Box Tops for Education throughout the year. This is an easy way for the PTO to make money to pay for assemblies and field trips throughout the school year for Delanco students.

Holiday Auction

Thank you to all who helped out and donated items for this year's Holiday auction. The auction was once again a huge success. The PTO made over \$10,000, which will be used to pay for the upcoming class trips as well as a few assemblies that are scheduled. Thank you also to Liz Rottinger and her band of "elves" for all their hard work

Chick-Fil-A Spirit Night

Our next Chick-Fil-A spirit night will be Wednesday, January 25, 2012 at the Delran Chick-Fil-A from 5pm-8pm. Coupons will be coming home through the school a few days before. Once again the PTO will be offering a prize to the class with the highest percentage of coupons turned in that night. Chick-Fil-A will donate 20% of the sales with a coupon back to the Delanco Schools.

FAMILY FUN WEEK

The PTO is planning a Family Fun Week in January. Details will follow shortly. Here is a list of upcoming events for that week.

Tuesday January 24 Science Night Pearson School 6:30 PM

Wednesday January 25 Spirit Night Chick Fil-A Delran 5-8 PM

Thursday January 26 Library Night Delanco Library 6:30 PM

Friday January 27 Carnival Night Pearson School 7:00 PM

Sunday January 29 Holiday Skating Party Delanco 5:15-7:15 PM

PTO MEETING

The next PTO Meeting will be Monday, January 9, 2012 at 7:30pm in the Pearson Conference room.

Susan Hoffman/Kathy Haines-Co-Presidents
(856) 461-2951/ (856) 461-9434

Jamie Nucifora-Vice President
(856) 461-3999

Ruth Esposito – Treasurer
(856) 764-2154

Tracey Hamlin—Secretary
(856) 824-9009

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Attention All Delanco Parents:

If you have a child or know of a child who will be eligible for kindergarten (must be 5 years old by October 1, 2012) please fill out the form below for a kindergarten registration packet.

Last Name of Student

First Name

Middle Name

Date of Birth

City of Birth

State of Birth

Mother's Name

Father's Name

Address

Delanco, NJ 08075

Phone Number ()

Mail or Drop off at either The Pearson School or The Walnut Street School

Return this form to:

Attention: Nancy Fox

M. J. Pearson School

Board of Education Office

1301 Burlington Avenue

Delanco, NJ 08075

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