



## Ocean Road School – March Reminders



### Early Dismissal Days – March 26-29

- Monday, March 26 through Thursday, March 29 are early dismissal days. School hours for grades K-5 are 8:10-12:25. (Kindergarten dismissal will begin at 12:20.) PreK hours are 9:10-11:40 only.
- Students should bring lunch to school on early dismissal days.
- There is **no After Care** on Thursday, March 29. Parents of children who usually attend After Care should inform the child's teacher in writing of their child's dismissal plan for Thursday, March 29.
- Full Chorus will rehearse on Tuesday, March 27 until 1:30 p.m.



### 2018 Teacher of the Year

- Congratulations to our 2018 Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Jill Vitale! We are thankful for Mrs. Vitale's dedication to the Ocean Road School's littlest learners, and we are so proud of the many talents that our staff members share each day.



### Dates to Remember

- March 26-29 - Early Dismissal Days (After Care available March 26-28 only)
- Thursday, March 29 – Early Dismissal Day with no After Care
- Friday, March 30–Friday, April 6 – School Closed – Spring Recess
- Wednesday, April 11 – No Voyager/Think Tank
- Thursday, April 19 – Report Cards issued; Last Chorus rehearsal for the school year
- Tuesday, April 24 – Chorus Concert – 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 2 – Band Concert – 7 p.m. (at Nellie Bennett)
- Thursday, May 10 – Art Show – 6 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 23 – Last Voyager/Think Tank for the school year
- Tuesday, May 29 – Field Day for grades 3-5
- Wednesday, May 30 – Field Day for grades K-2
- Thursday, June 14 – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Promotion Ceremony – 8:45 a.m.
- Friday, June 15 – Last Day of School



### 2018 Standardized Testing Dates

- Grade 3: April 24, 25, 27 – PARCC LA testing  
May 2, 3, 4, 7 – PARCC Math testing
- Grade 4: April 19, 20, 23 – PARCC LA testing  
May 2, 3, 4, 7 – PARCC Math testing
- Grade 5: April 16-18– PARCC LA testing  
May 8-11 – PARCC Math testing  
May 22-23 – Science testing

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## **Safety and Security Reminders**

In order to maintain a secure and orderly school environment, parents are reminded of the following:

- If your child is being picked up early from school, please send a note to the teacher in the morning with the pickup time and the name of the person picking up the child.
- Changes to your child's usual dismissal plan should be communicated to the teacher via a written note in the morning. Please do not call the office with dismissal changes unless it is a true emergency.
- If you pick up your child at the Catherine Street doors at dismissal time, please keep the area around the doors clear for staff and students. Please do not crowd the doors or stand in close proximity to teachers as they are dismissing their students.

## attendance **MATTERS**

### **Attendance Concerns**

Absenteeism has been a significant issue at Ocean Road School this year. It is important to understand that all absences - even days missed due to illness - are part of a student's absence rate. In our district, we also see many students missing school due to vacations planned outside of the usual school holiday periods.

Research shows that school success goes hand in hand with consistent attendance. Attending school every day allows children to build a strong academic foundation and develop positive relationships with peers. Poor attendance habits in elementary school may have a lifelong effect on children.

In addition, all public schools receive a School Performance Rating from the New Jersey Department of Education. Student attendance is a key factor in this rating. A lower performance rating can make a school or district less competitive when students are applying to college.

Finally, it is important for parents to understand that students who miss a significant number of school days, regardless of the reason, may be retained at grade level for the following year.

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