
Nicholas Oresko Community School

Principal's Monthly Message

December 2018

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The holidays are meant to be a joyous time spent celebrating the season with friends and family, and the Bayonne Board of Education has been working to make sure that hospitalized veterans are included in the gift-giving traditions, and recognized for their service and dedication to our country.

Nicholas Oresko Community School joins with the Bayonne Board of Education in its annual Veterans Holiday Gift Collection program. Students are encouraged to bring in gifts for hospitalized veterans. Gifts that can be donated include the following: new crossword puzzle books, word fine books, Sudoku books, checkers, chess sets or other small games. These gifts can be placed in the collection box in our school. The gifts will be given to hospitalized veterans of all wars residing at the East Orange VA Hospital and other local veterans' groups. Gifts for the veterans are due Friday, December 8, 2017.

Are you planning a family trip for the holidays? As you think about your arrangements, we want to stress the importance of sending your child/children to school every day possible. Every year, absences spike in the weeks before and after the winter holiday as families squeeze in a few more vacation days. We know that just a few missed days here and there can add up to too much lost learning time and put your child behind in school. This is as true in pre-k as it is in grade eight. Put simply, too many absences at any age can affect a student's chances for academic success.

We recognize that holidays are an important time for reconnecting with families. The costs of plane tickets often influence when you want to travel. Please keep in mind the costs to your children's education if they miss too much school, and the message you will be sending about the importance of attendance. Even if you get a homework packet from the teacher, it doesn't make up for the interaction and learning that happens in the classroom. Our teachers will be teaching, and our students will be learning, right up until vacation starts and the first day back.

This holiday season, give your children the gift of an education and the habit of attendance.

Thank you to the Oresko School PTO for sponsoring our Eighth Grade Ring Ceremony as well as our monthly gold slip and student of the month prizes. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to our Fire Prevention Poster Contest winners. Special Thanks to our dedicated Art teacher, Mrs. Melissa Maiorano.

Remember to check our school's Digital Backpack and the Parent Portal on a regular basis. If you haven't submitted your email address to our secretary, Ms. DeLeon, please do as soon as possible.

We encourage our students to make a choice every day to **R**espect **O**thers & **A**ct **R**esponsibly when it comes to their studies, attending school daily, being on time, and completing all assignments in a timely fashion. If students make the right choice and have a positive attitude, they will surely be successful in school

The magic of the holidays never ends and its greatest of gifts are family and friends. The faculty and staff joins me in wishing you Happy Holidays and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

Nicholas Oresko Community School continues to work towards "Moving from Good to Great!"

Sincerely,

Charles Costello
Principal