

Nicholas Oresko Community

Principal's Monthly Message

April 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

April is Autism Awareness Month.

The goal of this month is to educate the public and build awareness around autism spectrum disorders, and the difficulties and challenges that children with autism face. The official imagery has since come to be a puzzle piece. The idea behind the puzzle pieces is to represent the complexity of autism spectrum disorders, and also, as every puzzle piece is different in some way, they represent the diversity of every individual affected by autism. Lastly, the bright colors of the ribbon signify hope – hope that through increased awareness, early intervention and appropriate treatments, all people with autism will be able to lead happier, fuller, more complete lives and improve their daily living skills. In addition to the puzzle piece, the official color for National Autism Awareness Month is a bright royal blue.

Tuesday, April 2, 2019 has been designated as Light It Up Blue Day at Nicholas Oresko Community School. All students and staff are encouraged to wear bright royal blue.

New Jersey Student Learning Assessments – NJSLA for Grades 3 through 5 are scheduled for:

- ❖ Monday, April 8, 2019 ELA
- ❖ Tuesday, April 9, 2019 ELA
- ❖ Wednesday, April 10, 2019 Math
- ❖ Thursday, April 11, 2019 Math
- ❖ Friday, April 12, 2019 Math

Thursday, April 18, 2019 is a 12:40 Dismissal Day.

Spring Break begins on Friday, April 19, 2019. School will reopen on Monday, April 29, 2019 at 8:40 AM.

Congratulations to Mrs. DeBenedictis and our Jersey City Medical Center/RWJ Barnabas Health STEM Showcase Award winners: Winning an Individual Silver Medal, Preksha Agarwal, Winning Team Competition Silver Medal, Sarah Francis, Jacinta Tero and Elena Vodychko. Special Awards: "Broadcom Masters Nominee", Preksha Agarwal.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kim and our Math Olympiad Team for placing FIRST in both the A Division and the B Division. Congratulations to Daniel Santos and Gabriel Santos for tying for FIRST in the Math Individual Competition.

Congratulations to Mrs. Nowak and our Junior Model UN Team for being recognized as the BEST DELEGATION at the Bayonne Board of Education's Second Annual Junior Model UN Conference.

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 **Respect Others & Act Responsibly** 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!

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

Sincerely,

Charles Costello
Principal