



Message from the Superintendent March, 2019



Spring is on the way! The March equinox occurs when the sun crosses the celestial equator marking the beginning of spring. The March equinox happens at the same moment across the world, but local time for us will be March 20th at 5:58 pm.

March is the third month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendar that consists of 31 days. It was the first month of the year in the 10-month Roman calendar.

On March 1, 1872 Yellowstone National Park was established. Also, National Anthem Day will be celebrated on March 3rd, as on that day in 1931, President Herbert Hoover signed a congressional resolution officially making "The Star Spangled Banner" the national anthem of the United States of America. Additionally, Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 10th at 2:00 AM.

Since 1987, the month of March has been designated "Women's History Month" where we join in commemorating and encouraging the study, observance and celebration of the vital role of women in American history.

Important dates you should know for March, 2019 are:

- March 8** Abbreviated Day for Staff Training and Development
- March 14** Pi Day is an annual celebration of the mathematical constant π (pi). Pi Day is observed on March 14 (3/14 in the month/day format) since 3, 1, and 4 are the first three significant digits of π . The District will conduct the Math Olympiad.
- March 17** Bayonne Saint Patrick's Day Parade
- March 18** School Closed for Students. Staff Training and Development Day
- March 19-22** Elementary District Assessments #3
- March 26** Bayonne Public School Career Fair and Job Expo

The District will kick off the month with activities to recognize the birthday of one of the most beloved children's authors of all time, Dr. Seuss. Our students will celebrate and honor his birthday by participating in fun activities and reading his much-adored books. Dr. Seuss's birthday also coincides with Read Across America Week. Look for daily events from your child's/children's teacher.

March is also New Jersey STEM Month. The goal of NJ STEM Month is to celebrate New Jersey's commitment to student success in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programs. During the month, our Science, Technology, and Mathematics Departments will highlight efforts designed to increase access to STEM learning.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent