



NJ-SP Bluejay Express

Julie Berndt, Principal
September 2018

Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

NJ-SP Elementary School Vision

Our Purpose is to provide a safe and caring environment where children are responsible and respectful learners, challenged to be the best they can be.

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NJ-SP School Direction

Teaching students to be responsible, respectful, caring achievers through the Bluejay Way.

A Note From The Principal:

We are off to a great start of this school year! A big THANK YOU goes out to all of the families that attended "Meet the Teacher" Open House night. We had a busy start to school. The first round of our NWEA and SRI testing is complete and scores will be coming home with your student on September 7th. These scores will show you how your student is doing compared to other students in that grade level throughout the United States. Students and staff are settled into a routine. The new playground equipment was a big excitement for the students. We now have a large spinner, individual spinner, and a may pole. These items were purchased from the profits of the Bluejay Family Fun Night last April and school fundraisers. Thank you Bluejay Strategic Planning Fun Fair Committee for helping this to happen for our students.

Thank you families for supporting the fundraisers.

The Magic Of Science presentation will be coming soon. This is an in-house mobile education field trip for all of our students. The subjects that the presentation will cover are chemistry experiments that students can recreate at home. Tricks to solving math problems, magnetism, physics, optical illusions, and sciences that can be made to look like magic.

A big shout out goes to Lauren Thompson for exemplifying "The Bluejay Way". Lauren Thompson wanted to help children with expenses at Riley Children's Hospital. She decided to have a yard sale to raise money for a donation. It took a team of people working for many months to plan, gather items, and get them ready; it was a lot of work. Many people came to the yard sale. Some bought a few things, some bought many things, some bought nothing but donated money. It was amazing to see the support of our community. We heard many amazing stories about people's experiences at Riley's. The end result was \$2,500 that was raised to help the children at Riley Children's Hospital.

Mrs. Julie Berndt

"The beautiful thing about learning is that no one can take it away from you."

B.B. King, musician

Body Safety Parent Presentation

On Monday, September 24, 2018 at 5:30 at the NJ-SP Elementary gym, Sara Hoyt from Dunebrook will give a presentation about Body Safety. All parents are invited to attend. Child care will be available during the presentation. Ms.Hoyt is a trained Body Safety presenter. She will be explaining the Body Safety program that she will be presenting to students on Tuesday, September 25th. Information was sent home with students earlier this week. If you do not want your child to attend this presentation at school, fill out a permission denial form at the Parent Information night or contact the school.

Thoughts from your Title 1 Team:

Parents Make the Difference

Parents want the best for their children, including a successful and positive school experience. When a child is struggling in school there is no time to waste. Working together, parents and teachers can keep students on the road to school success and graduation. If your child is struggling in school, here are some important things that you can do:

- Communicate with your child's teacher(s)
 - Ensure that your child attends school regularly
 - Encourage your child to do well in school
 - Understand the assessments (tests) your child takes
 - Ask how you can help your child at home
 - Understand and exercise your rights as a parent
 - Collaborate with your child's school
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Important Dates

Mon. Sept 3 - Labor Day - No School

Thurs. Sept 6 - PTO Mtg @ 2:45 Media Center

Thurs. Sept 13 - King Field Trip to Library, Bakery, & Fire Station

Mon. Sept. 17 - BCT Day, School Starts at 9:50 am

Tues. Sept. 18 - School Board Meeting @ 5:30 pm

Mon. Sept 24 - Body Safety Parent Presentation @ 5:30 Elem. Gym

Tues. Sept. 25 - Annual Title 1 Parent Meeting at 5:30 in the library.

Tues. Oct. 2 - Picture Retakes

Mon.-Thurs. Oct. 8-11 - Scholastic Book Fair is here!

Mon.-Fri. - Oct. 15-19 - Fall Break



