



NJ-SP Bluejay Express

Mrs. Amy Bright, Principal
October 2024

Preparing Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Opportunities

Conferences, Kindness, Culture, Courage, and Candy!

We invite all parents and guardians to attend our upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences on Wednesday, October 9th. This is a valuable opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, discuss their progress, and learn more about how we can work together to support their success. Your involvement is key to your child's learning journey, and these conferences provide a chance to address any questions, celebrate achievements, and set goals for the year ahead.

October is Bullying Prevention Month, a time for our school community to come together and promote kindness, respect, and inclusion. It's essential to teach students about the importance of empathy and standing up for others. By addressing bullying early, we can help create a safe and supportive environment where every child feels valued. Throughout the month, we will be engaging in activities that encourage positive behavior, open conversations about kindness, and empower students to be upstanders.

Also in October, we are celebrating National Hispanic Heritage Month, honoring the rich culture, history, and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans; providing an opportunity for students to learn about diversity and cultural appreciation. Through vignettes on announcements, classroom activities, and stories, we will highlight the achievements and traditions that have shaped our country. Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month helps our students understand the importance of inclusivity, respect for all cultures, and the unique contributions everyone brings to our community.

Red Ribbon Week is coming up from October 28 - November 1, and it's a special time for our elementary students to learn about making healthy, positive choices. This nationwide campaign encourages children to live drug-free lives and empowers them to make safe decisions. Throughout the week, we'll have fun theme days and classroom activities focused on promoting healthy habits, respect for ourselves and others, and the importance of courage and saying no to harmful substances.

Finally, all families are invited to our Trick or Treat the Halls event on Halloween night from 5:00-7:00 p.m.! Join us for a fun and safe evening where students can dress up in their favorite costumes and collect candy from teachers and community members inside the school. This is a great opportunity for families to come together, meet other parents, and celebrate Halloween in a warm, welcoming environment. We look forward to seeing you there for a night full of treats and fun!

Important Dates:

October 2, 2024 – Walk to School Day

October 4, 2024 – Frozen Friday

October 7–11, 2024 – Scholastic Book Fair

October 9, 2024 – ELearning Day – Parent/Teacher Conferences

October 10, 2024 – PTO Meeting 5:30

October 11, 2024 – Picture Retakes

October 11, 2024 – Early Dismissal (School will release at 12:20 PM)

October 14–18, 2024 – Fall Break, NO SCHOOL

October 28–Nov 1, 2024 – Red Ribbon Week

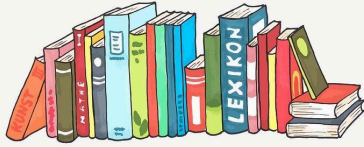
October 31, 2024 – Classroom Fall Parties

October 31, 2024 – Trick or Treat the Hall 5:00–7:00 PM

November 4, 2024 – Bluejay Collaboration Time (BCT); Late Start, School begins at 9:35 AM



Join teachers and Mrs. Bright on National Walk to School Day. We will meet at Norwayne Field at 7:00 AM on Wednesday, October 2, 2024, and Mrs. Bright will lead students to school. We will walk down the sidewalk on Highway 10 with an NJPD escort. Departure time from Norwayne Field will be at 7:10 AM. This is optional for students to participate, all buses will continue to operate as normal.



The Book Fair is coming October 7 - 11. There will be many available opportunities to shop throughout the week. Students will attend with their class during the school day. On Monday evening we will host a family night from 5:00 - 7:00 PM. Wednesday, during our parent-teacher conferences, the book fair will be open from 8:00-2:00PM to **PARENTS ONLY!**

Bluejay PTO News

Kids Campaign was a great success! The student body, with the help of our community, raised over \$2000. These funds will be put towards fun events for everyone to enjoy, such as trick or treat the halls, an anti-bullying convocation, sponsor grade level field trips, and much much more. We are so thankful for all the volunteers and support from our Bluejay families!



FREE ice cream on Frozen Friday! On October 4th, all our Elementary students will receive free ice cream thanks to a generous donation from a Denham Freewill Baptist Church!



Breakfast is served each morning at NJ-SP Elementary. Enjoy a healthy start to your day with a yummy meal in our cafeteria.



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