

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Flyers:

Freehold Recreation Spring Soccer is open for registration until February 15th. Details [here](#).

The New Jersey Department of Health is sponsoring a workshop Eat Healthy - Be Active on four dates in February at the Freehold YMCA. Details in English and Spanish [here](#).

Homework Helpers, working out of the Monmouth County Library in Manalapan, is offering free homework assistance to students grades 1-8. Details [here](#).

Items of Note:

I bring to your attention an error that we have on the yellow parent calendars. The calendars properly show the early dismissal days graphically for parent/teacher conferences in March, but the words are incorrectly shown on the week following. The below upcoming event schedule shows the correct dates for early dismissal in March for parent/teacher conferences.

I also want to bring to your attention that a curriculum team is discussing how to infuse new elements into the middle school curriculum starting in 2020-2021. Recent state legislation requires boards of education to include instruction on the political, economic, and social contributions of persons with disabilities and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in appropriate places within middle and high school curriculums. This is to be part of the district's implementation of the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

We have been working with other districts in Monmouth County on the development of appropriate instructional materials to implement these requirements. Some districts in the state have also been piloting model lessons in this regard. Their work will be made available to us. Ultimately, however, we in Freehold Boro will need to decide how we will approach this topic in our own school community. There is no set curriculum from the state that we must implement.

As parents and guardians, you should know that we have experience in integrating important material such as this. In the recent past we have incorporated elements into our curriculum about the Holocaust and from the Amistad Curriculum of African-American history. As a diverse school district dedicated to the success of all our students, we are committed to implementing this new requirement in a thoughtful and positive manner. As we further develop our curricular approach, we will stay fully transparent in our process. To that end, I wanted to let you know that we are currently working on this initiative.

Upcoming Events:

Mon, Feb 3: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Fri, Feb 7: MP2 report cards sent home

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Tue, Feb 11: Title I Parent Involvement Night (Science)

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Mon, Feb 17: Presidents Day - district closed

Tue, Feb 18: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Thu, Feb 20: State NJQSAC Inspection

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Tue, Feb 25: Governor's FY21 budget speech

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Mon, Mar 2: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Wed, Mar 4: End Interim Reporting Period 3

Fri, Mar 6: Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (afternoon)

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Sun, Mar 8: Shift to Daylight Savings Time (spring forward)

Mon, Mar 9: Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)

Tue, Mar 10: Early Dismissal - Parent/Teacher Conferences (evening)

Wed, Mar 11: IR3 reports sent home

Fri, Mar 13: PAE PTO Talent Show

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Mon, Mar 16: BOE Meeting (7pm/PAC New Cafeteria)

Fri, Mar 20: FIS musical Annie Jr

Thank you.

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Superintendent

