



# Florham Park School District

2016-2017 School Year



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## I am Florham Park!!

**Dear Parent or Guardian:**

### Snow!

It is my sincere hope that we are finished with snow days for this school year. We have used our allotted amount. If we have anymore we will add on to the end of school and then use the Monday after Easter. Fingers crossed!

### Strategic Plan

Our second strategic plan meeting was March 6<sup>th</sup>. I do believe it was very successful in determining our vision as a community. We had so many interesting ideas for the district. Our last meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will take us through our goals and objectives for the next 3-5 years. Please join us. At our first meeting we had over 50 stakeholders, over 40 at our second, let's make it standing room only for our third! We value your input. Here is a link to our outcomes from meeting # 2.

[http://www.fpks.org/pdf/Strategic/Meeting\\_2\\_Outcomes\\_Florham\\_Park.pdf](http://www.fpks.org/pdf/Strategic/Meeting_2_Outcomes_Florham_Park.pdf)



## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

3/17	<b>Half day-Early Dismissal (Teacher In-Service)</b>
3/21	<b>RMS Concert @ HPHS</b>
3/22	<b>HIB Presentation</b>
3/24	<b>Walk to School Day</b>
3/27	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>
3/30	<b>PTA Prize Party</b>
3/31	<b>Third Marking Period Ends</b>
3/31	<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Fun Night</b>
4/3	<b>Board of Education- Special Meeting Strategic Plan</b>
4/7	<b>Report Cards Distributed</b>
4/10-4/17	<b>Schools Closed-Spring Recess</b>
4/19	<b>BWD Jump-a-Thon</b>
4/20-4/26	<b>PARCC Testing-Gr. 3 &amp; 4 (Make-ups 4/27 &amp; 4/28)</b>
4/24	<b>Board of Education Meeting</b>
4/27	<b>Take Your Child to Work Day</b>

### **Being late to school**

Recently, the administrative staff had a conversation regarding student tardiness. Remember that if your child is “only” 10 minutes late and “only” missing homeroom, it puts them 10 minutes behind the rest of the children. They still have to organize their materials and get where they need to go. We try to instill the importance of timeliness upon the children and we really need your help. Please have them organize their belongings the night before or set your alarm for 10 minutes earlier. We are all in this together.

### **Walk to School Day**

Our third walk to school day is March 24<sup>th</sup>. I’m looking forward to seeing your children walk to school (hopefully the snow has melted).

### **Delayed Opening vs. Early Dismissal**

Many districts around us are moving their in-service days to delayed openings instead of early dismissals. We have two of these days per year. Our last one is tomorrow, March 17<sup>th</sup>. For the district it is a win/win. We still get to teach your children and also have two focused hours of professional development with our teachers. I would like to hear from the parent population regarding your thoughts. Will this make it more difficult for you? Please email me at [inservicedays@fpcs.org](mailto:inservicedays@fpcs.org) if you feel one way or the other or if you really have no preference.

**Sincerely,**

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