

Back to School Night

#### **Back to School Night Schedules:**

Wednesday, September 21st

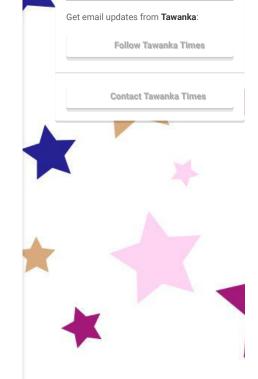
6 pm: 1st grade 7 pm: 3rd grade

Thursday, September 22nd 6 pm: Kindergarten 7 pm: 2nd grade

8 pm: 4th grade







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spread the word online.



to the school and it delayed the start of our school day by 15 minutes. We also received many complaints. We would like to encourage students to continue to ride the bus on rainy days so we can avoid this problem in the future.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation!



Please pack a snack for your child every day. Students have the opportunity to eat a quick snack in class during their designated snack time to help fuel their body and mind. The nurse does not provide snacks to students who forgot to bring a snack.

It is also a good idea to pack a water bottle for your child to use throughout the day. Please make sure it is a bottle that closes tightly and will not spill.

#### **BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENUS**

The daily cost for elementary breakfast is \$1.50 and lunch is \$2.80. There are also ala carte snacks available for purchase.

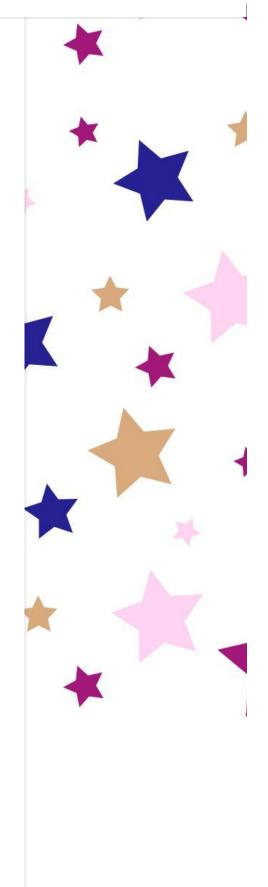








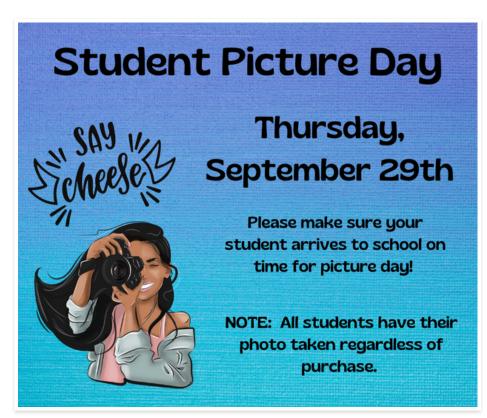






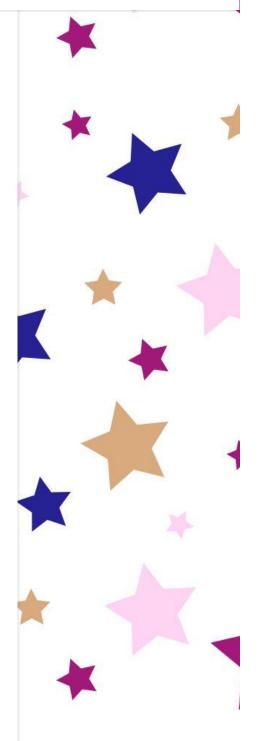








Mr. Palmer enjoying the swings during recess on a beautiful September afternoon while Mr. Dave looks on!

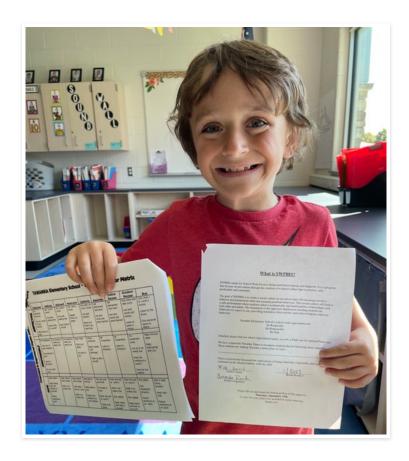


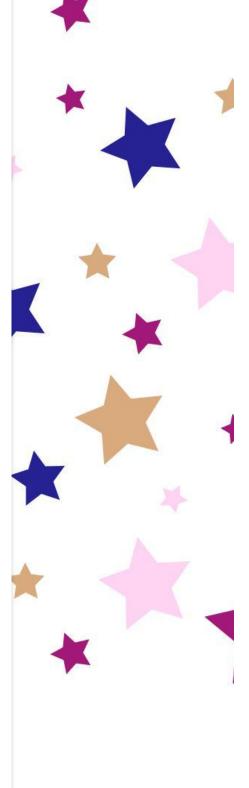




# **SWPBS**

Earlier this month, students were given the Positive Behavior Matrix. Will (from 1st grade) reviewed the Positive Behavior Matrix with his parents and returned his signed slip! Great job, Will! You are being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE!

















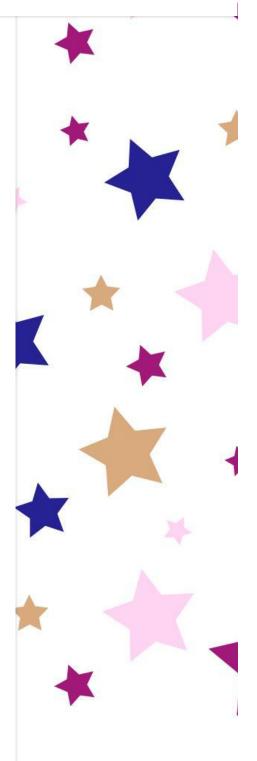




Mrs. Curtin's class showing off their favorite characters and superheroes below!



**THROW BACK DAY** 



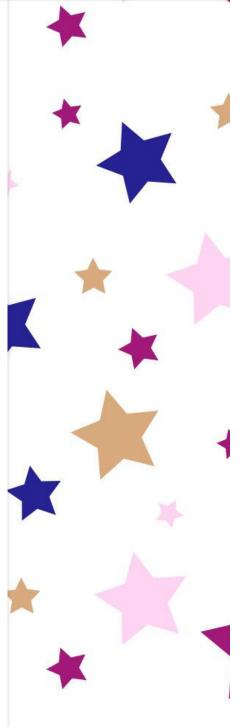








Pictured here is Mrs. Rothman and two of her students in their pajamas for PJ Day. And two of her other friends making a school bus snack picture!









# KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

At Kindergarten orientation, bus driver Greta spoke to the students about bus expectations and safety. Students then got the chance to take a short bus ride!







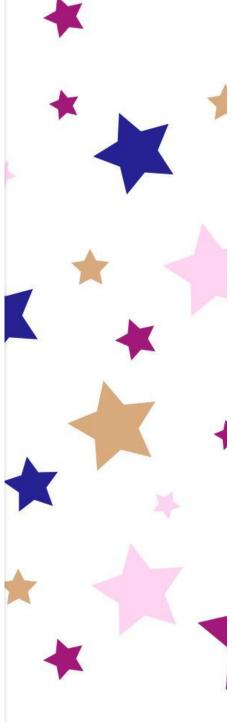
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Three cheers for Kindergarten! The boys and girls are excited about school and ready to learn! The first day of school the PTO gave all kindergarten students a special Tawanka T-shirt just for the future Neshaminy Class of 2035!

# MRS. NEFF'S NEW CREW!



Another few pictures of Mrs. Neff's room wearing "I love Kindergarten" hats. Don't they look great?!





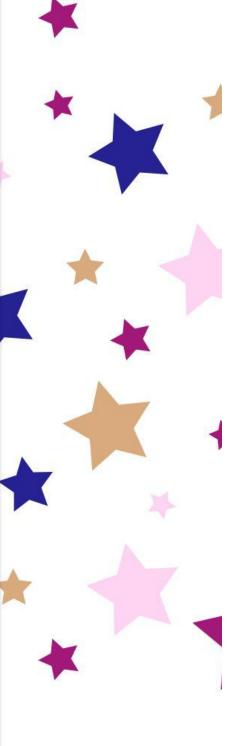






# **MRS. GEERS**

Kindergarten is doing an amazing job learning to working together in small groups!

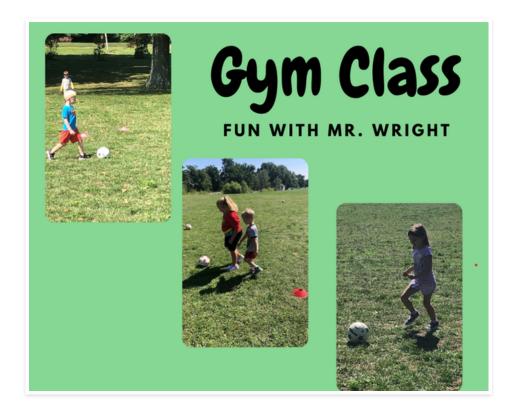




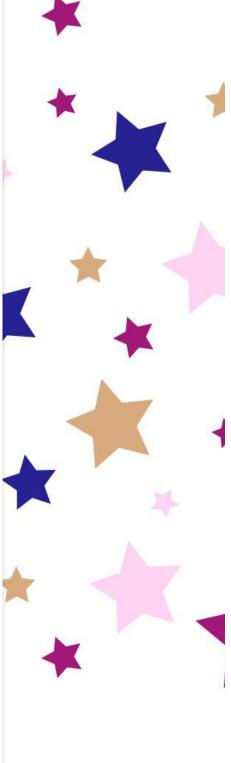


## **GYM FUN**

Here are some of our new Tawanka Eagles having fun in gym class with Mr. Wright.





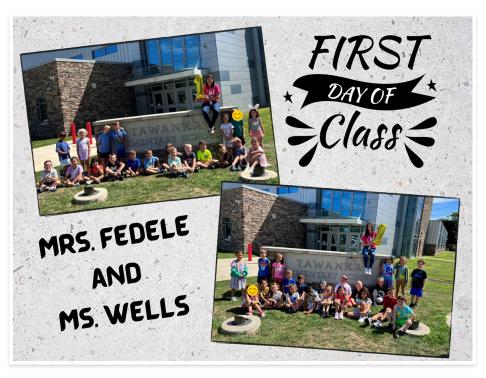


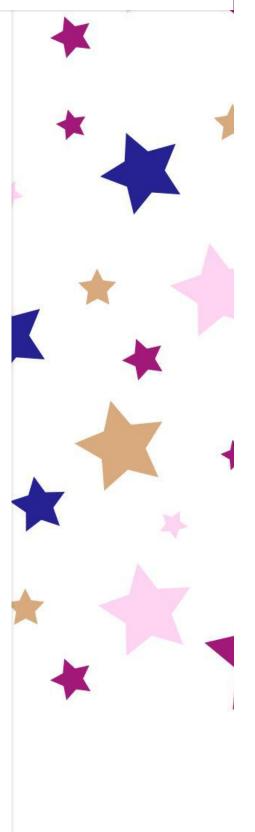


Our first grade teachers were so excited to start the new school year and meet their new students!

Pictured below: Back row, left to right: Mrs. Curtin, Ms. Kotsopoulos, Mrs. Moskat, Ms. Mortimer, and Mrs. Carnila. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Mannherz, Ms. Wells, and Mrs. Fedele

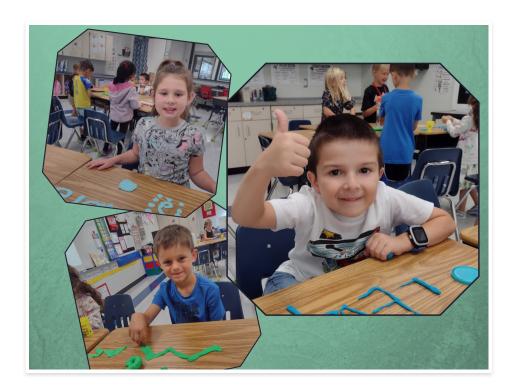








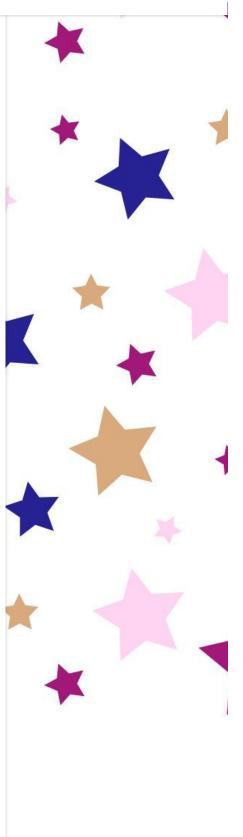
The students in Mrs. Carnila's class had fun practicing spelling their names and ages with playdoh!





## MS. ATWATER'S CLASS

Check out C-106 trying out their morning tubs! Morning tubs provide students with the opportunity to practice cooperative play, collaboration, social and problem-solving skills. We love starting out our mornings this way!







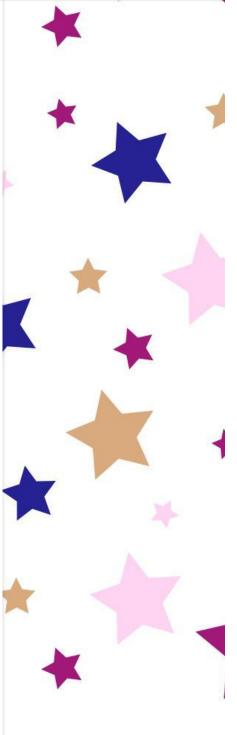
# MRS. HANNA

Mrs. Hanna's class is all done up in their customs, 80s/90s gear, pajamas and famous person to help celebrate Neshaminy going Gold for Childhood Cancer Awareness.



## **OUTDOOR FUN!**

2nd graders made their first visit to our pollinator pod this year! We checked on our plants, practiced yoga poses, and planted a pinwheel in the beautiful outdoors!







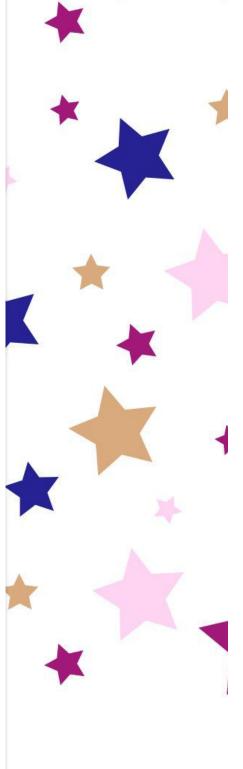


Third grade is putting all their heart into making new friends! It's going to be a great year!



## MRS. SYLVESTER'S CLASS

Third graders in Mrs. Sylvester's class are practicing "Place Value" in Math class!

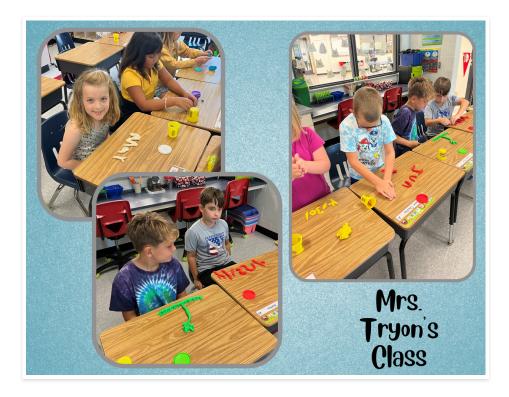






### MRS. TRYON'S CLASS

Mrs. Tryon got to "know" her new students by using "dough"! The students were asked different "I dough not know" questions, and had to answer using only Play- Doh. Their creativity really came through with answering each question about themselves in different ways. Some chose to spell out words, while others created symbols, and even emojis. Everyone had fun and many new connections were made with each other and Mrs. Tryon!



### **SUPERHERO DAY!**



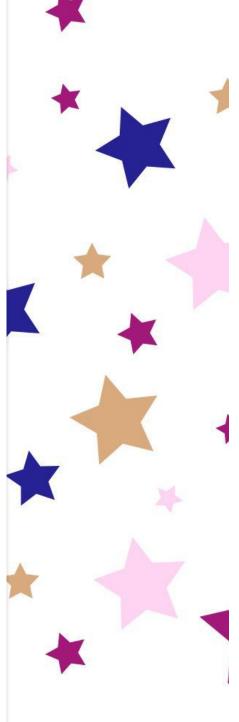






### MUSIC RECRUITMENT ASSEMBLY

The 3rd and 4th graders attended an instrumental music recruitment assembly this week. Music teachers from across the district demonstrated instruments that are part of the program here at Neshaminy. 3rd graders can string instruments and 4th graders can play band or string instruments.



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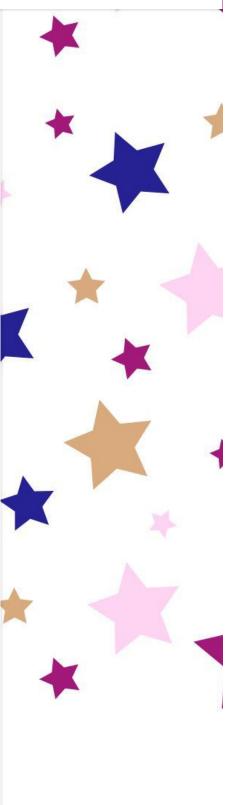
# **BUDDY CLASSES**

Mrs. Hanna's 2nd graders met their 4th grade buddies in Mr. Finkel's class for the first time. We had a blast playing kickball!!



## MRS. CROMWELL'S CLASS

First day of school group photo!









#### **STARTING SOON!**

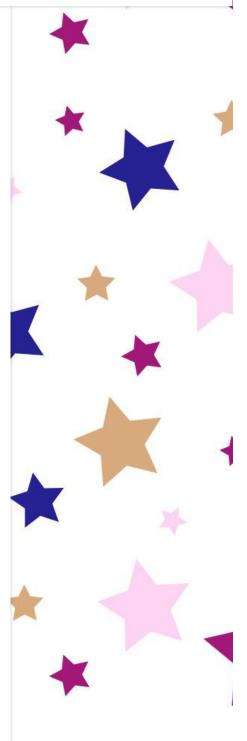
The Math Challenge for 2022-23 will be starting on September 23rd! The math challenge is free and no sign-up in necessary. All Tawanka students are invited to participate. Once the challenge begins, students can print a math packet, complete, and turn in before the due date. Every student that completes a challenge will have their name submitted into a random drawing to win a small prize. There will be 15 challenges throughout the year, and students participating 10 or more times will receive a certificate in June 2023.



### HERE COMES THE BUS APP

Neshaminy has a bus-tracking app called "Here Comes the Bus" (HCTB). This app allows parents to see the location of their child's bus in real time. The app works on both iOS and Android operating systems.

Neshaminy HCTB Page - https://www.neshaminy.org/Page/43477

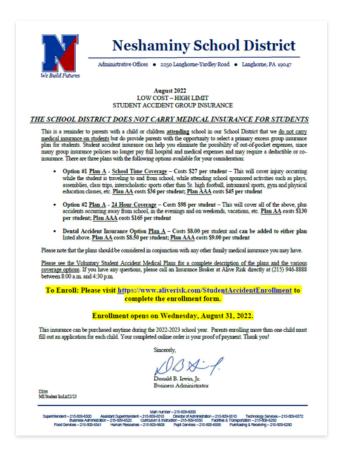




#### STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Neshaminy School District <u>does not</u> carry medical/dental insurance for students. However, you do have the opportunity to purchase low cost student accident group insurance.

All applications will need to be completed online. https://www.neshaminy.org/domain/71



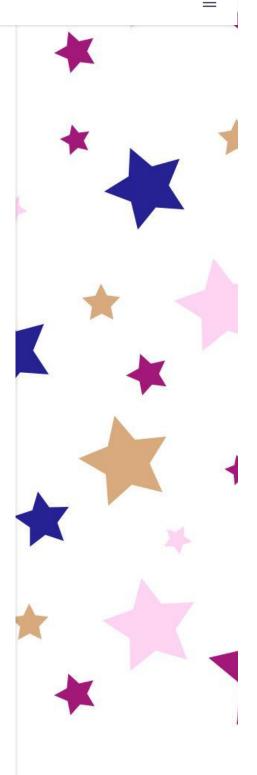
#### TITLE I INFORMATION

Welcome back Tawanka families! Tawanka Elementary is a Title I School. As such, we will be sharing information on what that means as well as announcements about any Title I events that we are hosting throughout the year. Be sure to check out the <a href="Title I page on Tawanka's">Title I page on Tawanka's</a> website for even more Title I information too! This year, our Title I team is made up of two Title I Reading Specialists and five Federal Instructional Assistants. Please reach out to Beth Smith (<a href="mailto:bsmith@neshaminy.org">bsmith@neshaminy.org</a>) or Andrea Gansor (<a href="mailto:agansor@neshaminy.org">agansor@neshaminy.org</a>) with any questions about anything Title I. We look forward to working with you this school year!

#### Your Right to Know

Parents, Did you know that you have the **right to know** about the qualifications of the teachers and paraeducators who work with your student? Read the letter below to learn what information you are entitled to and how to request it.

#### Free and Reduced Meals





application. Starting in October, any stauchts who have not applica for the program will be

charged the full price for their lunch so be sure to apply by October 1st! You can scan the QR code on the flyer below to apply through a school cafe account; paper applications can also be sent home by request!



#### **Neshaminy School District**

Tawanka Elementary School • 2055 Erownsville Road • Langhorne, PA 19053

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

As a parent of a student attending a school that is receiving Federal Title I dollars, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the teacher(s) and instructional paragrofessional(s) who instruct your child.

Federal law requires every Title I school district to comply and to provide you with the requested information in a timely manner. We are happy to provide this information to you. At any time, you may ack:

• Whether the teacher met state qualifications and certification requirements for the grade level and subject he/she is teaching.

• Whether the teacher received an emergency or conditional certificate through which state qualifications were

Wastum for warred, and What undergraduate or graduate degrees the teacher holds, including graduate certificates and additional degrees, and major(s) or area(s) of concentration. You may also ask whether your child receives help from a paraprofessional. If your child receives this assistance, we can provide you with information about the paraprofessional's qualifications. Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) which was sinsed into law in December 2015 and reauthorizes the Elementary and Scondary Education Act of 1956 (ESEA) includes additionally right to know requests. At any time, parents and family members can request.

Information on policies regarding student participation in assessment; and procedures for opting out, and Information on recuired assessments that include:

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time and format of disseminating results.

Our staff is committed to helping your child develop the academic knowledge and critical thinking he/she needs to succeed in school and beyond. That commitment includes making one that all our teachers and purpopolessionals meet applicable Femanylyamis state requirements. We look forward to the upcoming school year, and together we will make a difference in your child's life.

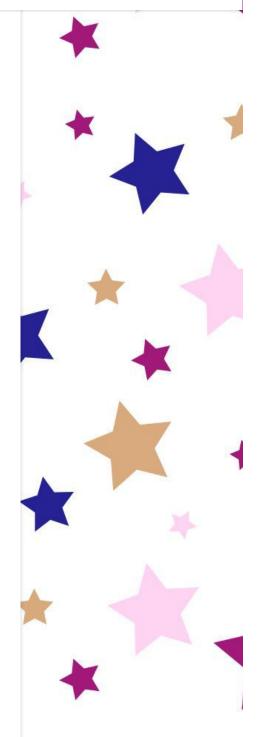
If you have any questions about your child's assignment to a teacher or paraprofessional, please contact Donald Palmer at Tawanka Elementary at 215-809-6310.

Sincerely,

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Donald Palmer

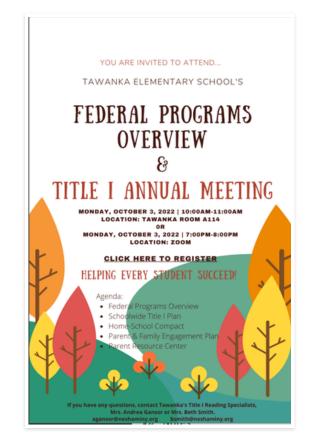
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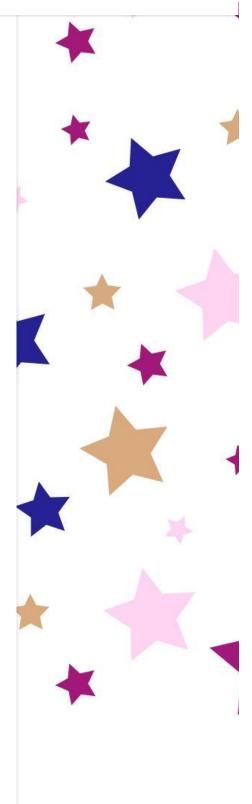


















Safety of all students and staff is a top priority at Tawanka, so we have strict safety procedures in place. A reminder of the following:

**<u>Building Entry</u>**: All visitors must scan their driver's license or state issued ID at the kiosk in the front vestibule and wait for entry. This is required at **every** visit, or access will be denied.

Early Dismissals: Please notify the teacher if your child will be picked up early. If being picked up by someone other than a parent/guardian, please specify who will be picking up your child. Students will only be released to individuals listed on the emergency card, but the office must be notified prior to pick-up. Students must be signed out in the main office. Again, driver's license or state issued ID is required to pick up a student. We strongly encourage early dismissals be no later than 3:00 pm.

#### **AHERA NOTICE**

Neshaminy School District has engaged Eagle Industrial Hygiene Assoc., Inc., to fulfill the requirements of the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), 40 CFR Part 763, Subpart E. This law requires that each Local Education Authority (LEA) engage EPA accredited individuals to initially inspect and subsequently reinspect every three years all student and staff accessed areas for the presence of both friable and non-friable asbestos containing materials (ACM) and to develop an Asbestos Management Plan from the information developed from the building inspections. All areas of our facilities were inspected for asbestos containing

materials.

The Management Plan provides a description of the amount, type, location and condition of all ACM found in these areas. The Plan also contains a detailed schedule of responses and activities for handling the ACM. The Management Plan is available for review by interested parents, faculty and staff in all school offices during business hours.

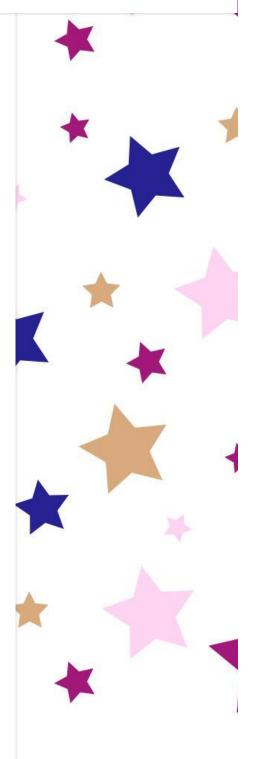
Donald B. Irwin, Jr.

**Business Administrator** 



#### PTO MEETING

Our first PTO meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 12th at 7 pm. Please join us! We welcome your input and would like to see more parents actively involved!









Last call for Pink Out T-shirts! The store closes this Sunday, September 18th @ 11:59 pm. This is a firm deadline - no late orders will be accepted!

#### PINK OUT SHIRTS

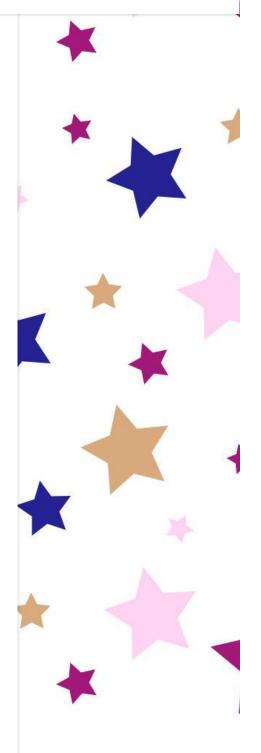




FallFest 2022

shadybrookfarm.com

Day and night Fall fun down on the farm! Come for wagon rides, pumpkin picking, corn maze, live music, tasty food, drinks, and loads festival activities.







Dear Families & Friends,

We are very excited to offer our families and friends the opportunity to purchase the 2023 KidStuff and SaveAround Coupon Books online! Each book purchased includes a 12 month Savings App with thousands of additional local and national coupons...save on the go using your phone! Save lots of money and help us raise much needed funds for our school!

Our school earns 40% profit for every book sold!

#### EASY WAYS TO SELL AND PURCHASE BOOKS...FREE SHIPPING!

- 1. Go to SAPayNow.com/268199
  - Please complete all fields and include the teacher's name or classroom behind the student's name. (Ex. Tom Smith-Mrs. Allen 206)
  - · choose your delivery
    - → "Ship Books (Free Shipping)" -SaveAround will ship orders directly
- 2. Post, email, and text our SAPayNow.com/268199 link to family, friends and coworkers so they can purchase books! They will enjoy saving money and supporting our school

When you receive your book(s), please see the book cover to register your APP for thousands of additional local and national savings on your phone... yes, even save across the country too!!

> If you have any questions, please contact: tawankapto@gmail.com

Orders & Payments Are Due By: September 30th, 2022.

Remember, safety first! Parents, please sell to relatives, neighbors, and coworkers.

Many THANKS for supporting our school!!

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Back to School Nights September 21st and 22nd the PTO will have T-Shirts for sale. We will also have KidStuff and SaveAround Coupon books available for purchase. Cash or Venmo accepted at the time of purchase.

The PTO will also be doing a 50/50 drawing.











