



Taunton Forge School
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

March's core value is RESPONSIBILITY. We define responsibility as, "Taking the credit or blame for one's actions and/or doing what is expected or needed." This is, perhaps, one of the most challenging of our core values. However, modeling responsibility for our children is one of the most important things we do as parents and as educators. As we know, the children are constantly watching us to see how we handle situations.

I'd like to thank all of our room parents who helped make our Valentine's Day celebrations a success. There were a variety of good deeds performed by our classes that showed caring. Thank you for your hard work!

Thank you for your participation and help with the Home and School Association's Harlem Wizards game held on February 21. It was a big success thanks to the great involvement of district families and staff. Thank you, also, to those parents and guardians who attended the Home and School Association's Casino Night this past Saturday, March 3.

On Thursday, March 15, all district schools will have a 2 hour delayed opening. Bus pick up and the start of school will be two hours later than usual so that staff can engage in professional development activities. Lunches WILL be served that day. Be sure to mark your calendars for our Taunton Forge Roller Skating Party to be held at the Cherry Hill Skating Center on March 22 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. More information will be sent home soon.

Two other events of note will take place in March. First, March will be designated as "Bring a Family Member to Lunch" month, beginning on March 6. Family members will need to sign up on a Sign-Up Genius link that will be sent under separate cover. This separate communication will provide instructions on how this event will work. Second, March 20 is Spring Picture Day. All students will have their picture taken this day. This photo opportunity also allows families to include siblings in the photos. Keep in mind that purchasing the photos is optional. Additional information will be coming home soon.

Finally, in light of the recent tragic events in Florida, I am sure school security is on everybody's mind. I want to reassure all of our families that we are continuing to work to make sure our students and staff are safe, secure, and prepared. Security procedures were reviewed at our February staff meeting and our Crisis Management Team is meeting to review protocols. These efforts are occurring both at the individual building level and at the district level.

As always, I thank you for your support of your children and the Taunton Forge School. Should you have questions, concerns, or suggestions please call me at 609-654-6723, extension 5445 or e-mail me at rlacovara@medford.k12.nj.us. Thank you!

Sincerely,

Rich Lacovara
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