



Taunton Forge School

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

September was a blur and it's hard to believe October is here! Fall is not sure it wants to arrive yet, but there is much happening at Taunton Forge! I enjoyed meeting many parents at Back to School Night and appreciate the great attendance and support. I hope you found the evening to be informative and valuable.

During October, we will be celebrating our core value of RESPECT. "Respect people and property" is also our first school rule. I am sure you would agree that when that rule is followed, our school environment makes great strides toward being as supportive, encouraging, and comfortable as possible. The week of October 3 was Respect Week at all NJ schools. Additionally, the week of October 16 is Peace Week.

October also has a number of special events and school closings. Although the calendar on our website has all of the dates, here are a few highlights:

- Friday, October 20 – School closed for students for a Teacher Training Day
- Tuesday, October 10 – Home and School Association Meeting at Chairville School, 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, October 12 – MEF Throwdown Staff Basketball Game at Memorial School, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 16 – Board of Education Meeting at Board of Education Offices, 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, October 25 – Pumpkin Carving Night at Taunton Forge Cafeteria, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, October 31 – Halloween Parade and Classroom Celebrations – 1:45 p.m. start time

I would also like to thank all families for their support of the Taunton Forge Book Fair. It was a very successful event and coupled with our Ice Cream Sundae Party, all had a great time! Thank you to all of our parent volunteers who worked very hard at the book fair, especially book fair chairpersons Karoline Kokolis, Ashley Mackiewicz, Jill Gounaris, and Sara Walsh.

I want to encourage families to keep collecting Box Tops for Education, as they are redeemable for cash for our school. Additionally, we are continuing our ShoeBox Recycling Program. Through this year-round program, we are asking families to donate their gently used shoes that children have outgrown or no longer wear. Adult shoes can be donated, too. By donating, our school earns money, the shoes go to communities in over 50 countries, and the shoes stay out of landfills. A donation box is located in our foyer entryway and you can drop them off any time that school is open.

Thank you for all of your support of Taunton Forge School. You can e-mail (rlacovara@medford.k12.nj.us) or call me at the above number (extension 5445) should you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions. Have a great October!

Sincerely,

Rich Lacovara
Principal

