

April 1, 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,



## District News

The communications campaign to restore our state funding continues! We are now looking for as many letters as possible to bring to the state budget hearing on April 10. Please go to this page for more information. A separate message is located below.

<http://www.trschools.com/community/cant-make-it-to-trenton-here-is-how-you-can-stay-involved>

HAVE YOU SIGNED? The Save Our Students! Parent-led petition needs your signature! Please take two minutes to sign if you have not already:

<https://www.change.org/p/new-jersey-governor-save-our-students-help-the-students-of-toms-river-regional-schools-before-it-s-too-late>

District Leaders Testify About Funding Crisis at State Conference:

<http://www.trschools.com/community/district-leaders-testify-about-funding-crisis-at-state-conference>

Our district has been working tirelessly to restore the loss of funding that will drastically affect every student in our community. Governor Murphy, Senator Sweeney and others associated with Senate Bill S2 have overall been unresponsive to our reasonable requests.

***Our Goal: Flood Trenton with 16,000 little voices of Toms River Schools.***

Inaction is not an option. Every child in the district is writing a letter to Governor Murphy and Senator Sweeney requesting support for our funding. 16,000 little voices will be heard! We are imploring you to match your child's letter by writing one of your own!

### **Please consider the ways that your child will be affected.**

- Does your child dream of one day playing on an intermediate and/or high school sports team?
- Do you dream of your child attending a college that expects active involvement in extracurricular activities?
- Do you appreciate your child learning in a classroom setting with a reasonable number of students?
- Does your child depend on courtesy busing?

You can send your letter to school with your child. Children who bring in a letter from a parent and any other family member or friend will receive a token of appreciation from their school administration. The more letters, the better! Our hope is to multiply our 16,000 letters by 2 or 3!

Mr. Healy and several small ambassadors will bring these plentiful sacks of letters with them to the April 10th budget hearing. Therefore, all letters are due by **Monday, April 8th**. Mr. Healy has approved this initiative and knows he has the full support of our staff and students.

We have heart, focus, and the needs of our children at the forefront. Let's show Trenton what Toms River is made of!

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We are excited to inform you that Toms River Regional Schools pre-registration for kindergarten has begun. For all parents of eligible kindergarten students, turning 5 by October 1, 2019, now is the time to register in order to guarantee your son's or daughter's placement in their home school. Please visit the following website <http://www.trschools.com/registration/Kindergarten> and pre-register for one of the upcoming registration dates. Here you will be able to review the registration requirements and download the documentation and forms that must be completed prior to your appointment. Visit the website for additional details and to access contact information if you have any questions.

#### **Please Help the Animals at the Popcorn Park Zoo!**

- Cedar Grove is having a collection of needed items for the Associated Humane Society's Popcorn Park Zoo. Wish list items are posted throughout the school and also at [www.ahscares.org](http://www.ahscares.org).
- The Associated Humane Society's Popcorn Park Zoo operates solely on the generous donations of others.
- The collection will end on April 12.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Light It Up Blue for Autism Awareness – April 2, 2019
- Spring Egg Hunt - April 13, 2019 [Spring Egg Hunt \(1\).pdf](#)
- School closed for Spring Break April 19 – April 28, 2019

Proud Patriots,

*Jeffrey D. Ryan*

Principal



**The mission of Cedar Grove Elementary is to grow our students into respectful, curious and productive citizens.**

**To achieve this mission we commit to:**

- 1. Model and teach the elements of respect within an environment of civility.**
- 2. Engage students in educational experiences grounded in best practice and high standards.**
- 3. Engage peers and students in a collegial learning environment which prioritizes continued growth within the challenge of a changing world.**
- 4. Support families and the community in encouraging students to reach their full potential**