



The Arbor Times

Arbor Intermediate School's Monthly Newsletter

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A message from the Principal

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today"-H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

This quote embodies the belief at Arbor School that if all students come to school each day and give their best effort, they will be ready and well-prepared for the challenges of tomorrow. Each day teachers design well-crafted lessons to provide students the chance to engage in hands on and cooperative learning. Since the beginning of

the school year, they have instilled in each of the students the importance of putting their best foot forward and we will provide the support needed.

As we move closer to our PARCC testing period, we are confident that teachers have prepared each student for the rigors of the assessment. From now until the end of the testing we will maintain our focus on students doing well each day in

order to demonstrate academic success on the test.

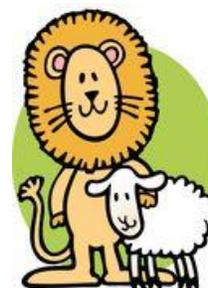
At home, please encourage your child each morning to come to school ready to learn and open to the strategies being shared by the teacher. With your help and support, each child will be fully prepared for all future demands.

Sincerely,
Janelle Williams
Arbor Principal

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We Need YOU!

Our PTO is in need of parents to be general members as well as members of the board. Remember to join by completing and returning your membership form. The board is currently in need of a **treasurer and fundraising chair.** Please email arborwaypto@gmail.com to express your interest.

P.T.O. Corner

Upcoming Events

Book Fair: 03-13 to 03-17

Book Fair Night: 03-21

Harlem Wizards Game: 04-19

Online Info

http://arbor.piscatawayschools.org/parent_center/p_t_o

Reminders

Stop and Shop:

Remember to sign up at your local store for their A+ Rewards Program

Box Tops:

Box Tops for Education are collected all year round. Please remember to send these in as they help raise lots of money for our school.



Counselor's Connections-Mrs. Robyn Rosenthal

March is Career Awareness Month at Arbor School, culminating with Career Day on March 23. Please ask your students to tell you about their counseling lessons this month. Fourth graders are exploring the Bureau of Labor and Statistics website (www.bls.gov/k12) for kids where they can discover which careers are increasing in America and which are in decline. They can also learn from the website what kind of educational requirements there are for various careers as well as about how much money one can earn in that career. Fifth graders are learning how their interests and personalities will have an effect on their career choice by using John Holland's codes for themselves: Realistic, Investigative, Social, Enterprising and Conventional (RIASEC). Students will analyze their interests and discover some interesting things about themselves, the world of work and also about their friends.



Arbor School Spotlight

Career Day 2017

On March 23rd, 2017 we will have our annual Career Day. Parents, families, and community friends of Arbor School are welcome to come in to share their career experiences with the students at Arbor School! If you are interested in participating please email our school counselor Mrs. Rosenthal rosenthal@pway.org

This year, students are encouraged to *dress professionally* for Career Day. Boys are encouraged to wear suits, shirts, pants, ties, or bow ties on this day. Our young ladies are also asked to wear suits, dresses, skirts, tops, and maybe a hair bow to maintain a touch of their youth!! This is also a great opportunity for you to begin engaging in conversations with your child about their future aspirations!

In preparation for Career Day, students are encouraged to bring in hand drawn posters, pennants, signs, or posters from their favorite colleges, a college of a parent/brother/or sister, or a college that you may like your child to attend in the future. These items will be hung up around the school for Career Day. Students can bring in the items from now until March 21st.

-Mrs. Rosenthal

PARCC Testing

Our annual state assessment testing time is shortly upon us. Students at Arbor will be testing between April 11th-May 6th, 2016. Students will be assessed in Language Arts and Mathematics over the course of one week in each grade. Last year, our students performed well and I expect the same or better this year. Personalized letters will be going home with your child's exact testing dates as we move closer to the assessment. Please make every effort to ensure your child is in school during testing as to avoid taking make-ups. If you need more information regarding PARCC, please visit the district's website under the Parent Center and select one of the many topics presented.

Important Dates

- ✓ Book Fair Week: 03/13/2017 to 03/17/2017
- ✓ Family Book Fair Night/Hour of Code Night: 03/21/2017 6:30-8:30pm (rescheduled date)
- ✓ Career Day: 03/23/2017
- ✓ Spirit Day: Dress as your favorite book character: 03/24/2017
- ✓ State House Trips: 03/21-03/31
- ✓ Piscataway Reads: Piscataway High School 6:30pm
- ✓ Spring Break: April 10th-April 17th
- ✓ Blue and Green Day: -April 21st



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