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**April
2019**

8:20 AM- School Begins
8:30 AM-Students ARE MARKED LATE
3:01 PM - School Ends
School Office Opens at 9:00 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1  Buy 1 Get 1 Book Fair April 1-8	2	3 Pretzel Sales 50¢ each 12:00 Early Dismissal Report Card Conferences 1-3:00PM	4 12:00 Early Dismissal Report Card Conferences 1-3:00PM	5 12:00 Early Dismissal Report Card Conferences 1-3:00PM	6
7	8 Book Fair Closes	9 Zoo Trip 2 nd grade, A11, 102,311 	 10 World Autism Day Wear Blue for \$1  Pretzel Sales 50¢ each	11	12 12:00 Early Dismissal	13
14 	15 PSSA Testing Window April 16-May 2 ELA PSSA Grade 3-8	16 ELA PSSA Grades 3-8	17 ELA PSSA Grades 3-8	18  No School	19  No School	20
21	22  School Closed	23 School Resumes	24  Pretzel Sales 50¢ each	25	26	27
28	29 Math PSSA Grades 3-8	30 Math PSSA Grades 3-8				

Attendance Matters....Strive For 95!

For the month of March, I missed _____ days! This means I have _____% attendance.

I am committed to coming daily for the month of March to participate in the Finletter "Outdoor Adventure"

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Greetings from the Thomas K. Finletter Academics Plus School. Below you will find a few reminders and updates that I would like you to be aware of:

Attendance Campaign:

Strive for 95!!!- On time and in school every day ...all day...all year!

Goal: 100% of all students will attend school at least 95 % of the enrolled days in 2018-2019

A number of students are arriving at to school at 8:30 AM- and are being marked late. School begins promptly at 8:20 AM. Please ensure that every effort is made to have your child at school on time.

- **Spring Break** is from Thursday, April 18th through Monday, April 22, 2019. School will resume to its normal schedule on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2019 at 8:20 AM.
- **PSSA 2018- all school districts in Pennsylvania will participate in the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA).** Please ensure that your student gets good nights sleep during the PSSA testing window and that he/she comes to school, on time daily, and prepared to do their very best on the test!
- **It is imperative that all students take the PSSA assessment during the testing window.**
- **Students are not permitted to bring any form of technology inclusive of cell phones and smart watches to school. If a student has one of these devices present during the PSSA, students may be subject to disciplinary action and parents may be fined by the DRC and state of Pennsylvania for this testing violation.**
- **The PSSA testing window will begin on April 15th, 2019 our schedule is as follows:**
Grades 3-8 ELA- April 15-17th, 2019
Grade 3-8 Math- April 29-30, 2019
Grades 4 and 8 Science-May 1-2, 2019
- **Report Card Conferences** will be held on April 2, 3rd and 4th, 2019. All students will be dismissed at **12:00PM** on these days and conferences will be held from 1:00-3:00 PM. ***Please ensure that you make arrangements to have your child picked up by 12:00 PM.***
- **Finletter S.A.C.- All parents that are interested in joining the Finletter School Advisory Council please contact Ms. Harrow at 215-400-3750.**
- **The Parent/Guardian District-wide Surveys** are now open online! All parents/guardians can access the survey at philasd.org/parentsurvey. The survey is available in nine languages. This year, we would like 100 % Participation from our families. This survey is a way for parents to provide input in your child's education. Parents/guardians must enter their child's School District of Philadelphia Student ID Number to access the survey. If parents/guardians do not know their child's School District of Philadelphia Student ID Number, they should contact their child's school. District parents/guardians can also look on their child's report card.
- **Student Uniform Policy**-All students in the School District of Philadelphia are required to wear uniforms. Our uniforms consist Khaki or Black uniform bottoms (shorts, skorts, skirts, pants or jumpers) and Dark Green polo shirts for grades K-5 and maroon Academy polo shirts for students in grades 6-8. (Polos will be sold at school with the Finletter name printed on them). No hoodies are to be worn in the building at any time. Pullover sweatshirts-in the appropriate colors can be worn in the winter months. On gym days students, may wear solid black or gray sweatpants or athletic shorts, and a Finletter Tee Shirt or uniform colored T-shirt. Uniforms are expected to be worn on class trips unless specified by the student's teacher. Any students out of uniform will not be permitted to attend the trip. Students who come to school with clothing or items that are offensive or cause disruption to the academic environment will be asked to remove them and they will be confiscated. Consequences for not wearing a uniform to school include, but are not limited to conference, detention and exclusion from privileges. Children may be asked to call home so that a uniform can be brought to school for them, or students will be asked to change into a uniform we keep at school.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation and support!

Respectfully,

Tamara Edwards, Principal

