

# The Dolphin Splash

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February/March 2020

## February Dates



- 2/3-2/7 National School Counselor Appreciation Week
- 2/5 PTO Meeting 9:30
- 2/7 School Spirit Day & All School Meeting 9:15
- 2/14 No School-Staff Development
- 2/17 No School-President's Day
- 2/21 PTO PICTO Night
- 2/26 Kindergarten Registration



## March Dates

- 3/2 Read Across America
- 3/4 PTO Meeting 7:00 pm
- 3/5 Family Reading Night/Book Swap 6:30-8:00
- 3/6 School Spirit Day
- 3/16-3/20 Spring Book Fair
- 3/19 Family Reading Night & Spaghetti Dinner
- 3/24 Music in Our Schools Concert-RFIS



Treat others as you want to be treated

**Character Trait for February:  
Tolerance & Patience**

### Featured Teacher

#### Sra. Peake- Bilingual Teacher

Sra. Peake is a native of Puerto Rico. She arrived in the US when she was seven years old and learned to speak English. This experience has fueled her desire to help all students succeed and use their skills to empower them to achieve future success. Sra. Peake has worked in many districts in New Jersey and in Connecticut as a World Language teacher. Sra. Peake is a graduate of Rutgers University and is currently finishing up her MA in Administration at Rowan University.

Sra. Peake is a member of our Flemington Community and loves to see her students out and about! If you ever see her running on Thatcher's Hill be sure to wave and honk your horn! She has three children, two dogs, three guinea pigs, a hamster, and a fish! Sra. Peake is excited to continue utilizing her skills and knowledge to support our youngest learners this year!



### Featured Teacher

#### Mrs. Shames—Kindergarten Teacher

Mrs. Shames has been teaching for almost 30 years and has been a part of the Flemington Raritan School District for 25 years. She earned her bachelor's degree in Elementary Education from Bloomsburg University in Pennsylvania in 1991. She loves music and enjoys incorporating it into her daily lessons with her students. Every morning is started with a dance party to get her class excited about learning for that day. Mrs. Shames enjoys hiking and traveling with her husband and two children.

Mrs. Shames has always wanted to be a kindergarten teacher and has been able to live and breathe that dream at Desmares School for many years! She loves being a Desmares Dolphin!

# Book Swap

Please consider donating books that your children have out-grown. You can bring your books to the receptacle in lobby. We are looking for books that are appropriate for children in grades K-4.

We will be hosting a Book Swap on March 5 from 6:03-8:00 pm in the school lobby where the entire Desmares community will be welcome to select a free book to take home.



# Family Reading Night

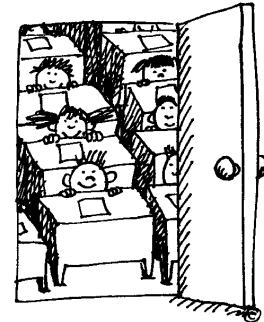
Please join us for **Family Reading Night on Thursday, March 5 from 6:30-8:00 pm.** There will be special guest readers including Desmares Teachers and Staff. There will be three story sessions for you to choose. Be sure to wear your pajamas and bring your blankets. Milk and cookies will be served after the last story session and a book swap.

## Classroom Assignments

Parents and teachers may already thinking about classroom assignments for next year. So, we thought it might be helpful for you to know how we go about matching students and teachers each year.

Your child's current teacher is personally involved in selecting his or her teacher for next year. In fact, the teachers of each grade level meet as a team with content specialist and the school counselor to discuss each student's needs and the most appropriate placement. In making their recommendations, all of the following factors are considered:

- The learning style of each student;
- The teaching style of each teacher;
- A proper balance of boys and girls in each classroom;
- A balance of readiness and skills in each classroom;
- A balance of social maturity among the students;
- Desirable social combinations of students;
- A balance of independent and cooperative learners in each classroom;
- A blend of personal qualities and strengths, which will enrich the learning experiences of all the students in each class.



Much time and effort is put into the development of class lists. While parental input is always helpful, the factors listed above are weighted more heavily in determining the appropriate class placement for each student. It is our responsibility to balance many factors, to the ultimate benefit of all our students.

**Therefore, we ask that you not request a teacher for your child.** If you have additional information about your child that you feel would be beneficial in determining placement, **please complete the [Parent Input Form](#).** The Parent Input Form is designed to gather parent in put about your child. You are not required to fill out this form, but encouraged to do so if you have any information you would like to share. The form can be found on our school's webpage.

Thank you in advance for your understanding. Please know that we all work together to place your child in a learning environment best suited to his or her academic and emotional growth. Every member of our teaching staff is a professional, committed to the education of your child.