



RIVERDALE SCHOOL NEWS

June 2016

From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:

As the end of this school year approaches, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support throughout the school year. Additionally, there is someone who we would like to thank for his many years of dedication and service to the children in the community. That person is Mr. Steve Pricone, who is retiring from our school this year. Mr. Pricone has positively touched the lives of so many families in his years at Riverdale School. He is much more than a teacher, as he is a mentor, coach, confidante and friend to so very many of us! Mr. Pricone will be honored by our Board of Education at their June 8th meeting beginning at 7:30. Community members are welcome to join us and wish him all of the best that he so deserves as he begins this new chapter in his life.

As those wonderful summer days come upon us, please remember that learning simply doesn't end with the close of our calendar year. There are many of us who do work year round to assure a successful school year for our children and our staff. Keeping abreast of the educational trends, including the best way to connect teaching and learning remains around us at all times. We are proud of our Riverdale students and want them to continue to be the best that they can be in all areas. We all continue learning each and every day...whether in school or enjoying the summer months! And besides, everyone can be engrossed in a good book too!

As Phillip Done (winner of the Schwab Foundation Distinguished Teacher Award) states in his final chapter in *32 Third Graders and One Class Bunny*, "It's never easy for me to let my little birds go...I erased the '1 Day Left' on the corner of the whiteboard, closed the piano lid, took one last look around the room, turned off the lights, and locked the door." It is difficult for so many of us to end a school year. Please enjoy your children no matter their age; we will miss seeing them each day as school lets out in just a blink of the eye!

We encourage you to check our current and new school website (www.rpsnj.org) for upcoming information; the new site is scheduled to go live on July 1st! We are so very fortunate to be a part of this community that is so supportive of the educational components of our school. Please know that you are always welcome at Riverdale School. Have a great summer...and we ask that our students be ready to continue to learn and grow even more when September rolls around!

UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

NJASK Science Make-ups	June 1	Various Locations
Kindergarten Tea	June 1 – 8:30 through 10:15	Cafeteria
Eighth Grade Awards Dinner/Dance	June 3 – 6:30	Off Site
Spring Concert	June 7 – 7:30	Gym
School Board Meeting (Honoring Mr. Steve Pricone for his many years of service to the children of our district.)	June 8 – 7:30	Library (may adjourn temporarily to another location)
PTA Meeting	June 9 – 7:30	Cafeteria
Kindergarten Celebration	June 17 – 1:15	Gym
Eighth Grade Graduation	June 22 – 6:30	Front Lawn
Last Day of School for Students	June 23	N/A
Pompton Lakes High School Graduation	June 23 – 6:30	Pompton Lakes High School
School Board Meeting	June 29 – 7:30	Library