

**UPPER DEERFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY BULLETIN  
APRIL 2019**

<b>Mon., 4/8 – Tues., 5/28 Including Make-Up Days</b>	<b>NJSLA TESTING GRADES 3 – 8 – CHECK WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER OR DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR GRADE LEVEL DATES AND TIMES</b>
Mon., 4/8	Marking Period 3 Ends – Report Cards Issued Mon., April 15 PTO Meeting at 6:30 – Seabrook Media Center
Wed., 4/10	Family Night – no scheduled homework
Thurs., 4/11	Seabrook Open House/Spring Concert PTO BOGO Book Fair
Fri., 4/12	Frozen, Jr. at Woodruff School – 7PM
Sat., 4/13	Frozen, Jr. at Woodruff School – 2PM and 7PM
Sun., 4/14	Frozen, Jr. at Woodruff School – 2PM
<b>Thurs., 4/18 – Mon. 4/22</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED – EASTER/SPRING BREAK</b>
Wed., 4/24	Administrative Professionals Day (Secretary's Day)
Thurs., 4/25	Board of Education Meeting 7PM – Woodruff Library
Fri., 4/27	Blue & Gold Day Arbor Day
Sat., 4/27	Upper Deerfield Township Community Day Woodruff PBSIS Dragon Run

**Transportation Safety:** It is important that you update your address with your child's school in the event you move within district or out of district. Bus stops are set for safety reasons and we need accurate, up to date information in the event of an actual emergent situation.

**Easter/Spring Break Calendar Notice:** As we know, our break is being cut short due to the inclement weather. This means we will have a full day of school on Tuesday April 23. Our Easter/Spring Break will be from Thursday, April 18 through Monday, April 22. May all of you enjoy a wonderful Easter and enjoy the time off from school while being safe during this break.

**Tentative Last Day for Students and Graduation:** With the calendar revisions, Monday, June 17 is the last day of school for students. Hopefully there will be no inclement weather events or other reason to close school prior to the end of the school year. In the event there is an event that schools are closed before June 17, those days will be added to the end of the school year. Our graduation will remain on Friday, June 14 unless there are additional school closures.

**2019-2020 School Year:** Looking ahead to next school year is behind this year with our calendar approval. At this point we have a few events such as parent/teacher conferences, back to school nights, open house and some others labeled with times to be determined on the calendar that will be released and approved by the Board of Education. The dates of these to be determined times will be in place, only times are unable to be announced. We apologize in advance these times are unavailable and will provide the times as soon as we are able to do so.

**Full Day Preschool:** The Upper Deerfield Township School District is once again offering a full-day Pre K Program through a grant that was awarded. Our District will be able to enroll up to 90 students. Registration is by appointment. More information will be posted on the website and via a formal reminder sent home with students.

**RESIDENCY:** This is a reminder that residency checks are conducted in our district and, if you are found to be a non-resident attending our district, you will be subject to fines and tuition payments. In addition, if you have someone in your residence on "affidavit status" the penalties for attesting to the residency of a person in your home can be as high as \$15,000. Please make sure you have the proper paperwork to prove your residency if it is under investigation. While our goal is to educate all students registered, it is illegal to claim a residence or affidavit status under false pretenses to deprive other students residing legally in Upper Deerfield of their full educational experience.

**Open House/Spring Concert Seabrook School:** On Thursday, April 11 beginning at 6:30pm, the Seabrook School will have its annual Open House/Spring Concert. In addition to this evening's events will be the PTO BOGO (Buy One-Get One Free) BOOK FAIR. Get a nice treat to see all the fine work and enjoy the concert while getting a discount on books.

**Woodruff School ACE Performing Arts:** On Friday, April 12, Saturday, April 13, and Sunday, April 14 the Woodruff School ACE Performing Arts will be performing Frozen Jr. as a Disney Premier in the Woodruff School Cafeteria. Performance times are 7pm on Friday, 2 pm matinee and 7pm shows on Saturday and a 2pm matinee on Sunday. Advance tickets are available at the Woodruff School Box Office located in the Main Office of Woodruff School. Don't wait to purchase your ticket the day of the show as you run the risk of the show being sold out. Come out and see a performance unlike any other, including Broadway, Pitman and Philadelphia.

**NJSLA TESTING:** Our students in grades three through eight will be completing the NJSLA, formerly known as PARCC, during the period of April 8 through April 12. Make-up testing will conclude be as needed through May 23. The students will be assessed in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Also, make sure your child(ren) get a good night's sleep each night and eat breakfast. Breakfast will be available in the cafeteria daily for students as well. It is also important your child(ren) attend school during the regular test administration as it is a state and federal requirement that all students attending public school be tested. Once again, here is a test taking tip, known as the PIRATES strategy, from Dr. Frender to assist students in taking tests:

P- Prepare to succeed-put your name and PIRATES on the test. Make affirmations.

I- Inspect the instructions.

R- Read, remember; reduce

A- Answer or abandon

T- Turn back

E- Estimate. Avoid absolutes, choose the longest or most detailed choice, and eliminate similar choices.

S- Survey.

**Please mark these dates on your calendar and make sure your child(ren) get a good night's sleep each night and eat breakfast. It is also important your child(ren) attend school during the regular test administration as it is a requirement to test all students.**

**School District Website:** [www.udts.org](http://www.udts.org) Be sure to visit our website for important announcements and information. You can put money in your child's lunch account, review board meeting notes, visit a teacher webpage for information, and access your child's grades in the parent portal of the GENESIS program.

**Academic Assistance:** Academic Assistance after school is available for students on designated dates from 2:15 – 3:15 PM under the direction of district teaching staff. This is an opportunity for the students to obtain additional assistance with their work. Transportation must be provided home from this activity. Contact your building principal for more information and space availability.

**Parking Lots:** When picking children up from school, please do not block parked cars or traffic. This is a safety issue in case of an emergency. We ask that you please respect the rights of others who are abiding by the rules of parking lot etiquette. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Social Media and Cell Phones:** Parents and students are reminded to adhere to social media postings and school cell phone use policies. There have been instances of concern being raised over cell phone use and social media postings regarding the material posted. In addition, cell phones are not to be used in school or on the school grounds. This is a safety issue for many reasons, especially during the time period students are walking to and from buses during arrival and at dismissal. In addition, there have been recent violations to security and other personal information of individuals due to social media and it is important to remain vigilant to postings that may cause for concern.

**Anti-Bullying Theme:** This month's Anti-Bullying theme is "**Every Sprinkle Counts – Spread Kindness.**"

**Board of Education Meeting Change:** The Upper Deerfield Township Board of Education meets the fourth Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted, at 7:00 PM in the Woodruff School Library. **This month the regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Thursday, April 25.**

**Quotes worth Quoting:**

"It is the mark of an educated mind to be able to entertain a thought without accepting it." -Aristotle

"A teacher affects eternity; he or she can never tell where his influence stops." -Henry B Adams

"A man's mind, stretched by new ideas, may never return to its original dimensions." -Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr

"Never yet was a springtime, when the buds forgot to bloom". -Margaret Elizabeth Sangster

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." -William Shakespeare