I hope you all had a wonderful spring break, and enjoyed some version of spring. Certainly, if you were here, it did not feel like spring! Luckily, we had a few good days this week.

We had our PRIDE Gathering today! This month is focused on Autism Education and this discussion was a big portion of our gathering today. We want to celebrate all of our friends and learn more about what makes each of us special and how we are similar! We will have a theme week at the end of April to celebrate and focus on the things that make us each unique! Take a look at the flier here.

**Take Your Child to Work Day** - As you may be aware, Thursday, April 25, 2024 is designated as "Take Your Children to Work Day." This day is promoted as a learning opportunity for young people. If your child or children will be accompanying you to your place of employment on April 25, 2024, please complete this form by Tuesday, April 23, 2024 to assist us with our attendance on this day. You only need to complete this form once per family with the details of each child you are excusing who attends Woods Road School.

**Third and Fourth Grade Parents** - *NJSLA is coming in May.* May 13-17th will be our week of assessments. Please see the included letter <a href="here">here</a> from Dr. Feltre for more information.

**Music Recognition -** The Hillsborough Township Public Schools have been recognized as one of the NAMM Foundation's 2024 Best Communities for Music Education. The award program recognizes and celebrates outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, students, and community leaders who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education. Only 975, or 6%, of school districts nationwide received this recognition for 2024. This is the 4th consecutive year that our schools have been named a BCME district and truly represents the joy and passion that our music educators bring to their classrooms each and every day!

## **Upcoming Events:**

April 12 - Marking Period 3 Ends

April 15 - No Preschool Monday

April 22 - Report Cards Released

April 22-26 - Autism Education Week

April 23 - Kindergarten Concert

April 24 - District Art Gala - 6-8 - Municipal Building

April 25 - Take Your Child to Work Day

April 29 - No Preschool Monday

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