

SUSSEX-WANTAGE REGIONAL SCHOOLS

2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR



Naomi Smarro 6th grade



Thank you to the Wantage Township Clean Communities Program and the Sussex-Wantage PTO for sponsoring this school calendar.

The CCP is funded by a state grant provided by the NJ Clean Communities Act. Monies received for this grant are used for roadside litter clean-ups, enforcement of illegal dumping and litter laws, and educational programs dealing with litter abatement.

CCP information – Ken Karnas 973-875-5316

The Sussex-Wantage PTO is a non-profit organization consisting of parents and teachers who volunteer their time and energy to make a difference in our school. The main objective of the SWPTO is to enhance our children's education by providing additional programs, equipment and educational materials that otherwise would not be available. The PTO does this by implementing fundraisers throughout the year. It is important that the PTO receives the support of parents and teachers so that it may continue to make a difference for the children in our schools.

www.swpto.org email: sw-pt@swregional.org.

Meetings will be held virtually and in person at 7:00 pm.

The links to join can be found on the SWPTO website www.swpto.org and the Facebook page.

Executive Officers

President:	Jamie Sylvestri
Vice President:	Krista Hammond
2 nd Vice President:	Melissa Cwynar
Treasurer:	Katlen Lathrop
Recording Secretary:	Chelsea VanderGroef
Corresponding Secretary:	Andrea Sparta
Trustee:	Josh Wagner
Publicity:	Christine Wagner

Standing Committees

Fundraising:	Christine Wagner
Membership:	Kelly Flynn
Volunteer Coordinator:	Lori Luburger

Special Committees

Book Fair:	Jamie Sylvestri and Katlen Lathrop
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Sussex-Wantage PTO



Sussex Wantage Regional Board of Education

Caitlin Space, President
 Stevie Vallone, Vice President
 Danielle Zill-Barry
 Alissa Cecchini
 Brittney Simmons
 Taylor Dely
 Leah Marrocco
 Joe Gaccione
 Jake Little

Michael Gall, Superintendent
 Christina Riker, Business Administrator



Board of Education Meetings

The Board of Education holds its regular session meetings at
 6:00 pm at the Sussex Middle School

July 30, 2026
 August 27, 2026
 September 24, 2026
 October 29, 2026
 November 19, 2026
 December 17, 2026
 January 7, 2027 Annual Reorganization Meeting
 January 28, 2027
 February 25, 2027
 March 18, 2027 Approval of Tentative Budget
 April 29, 2027 Public Budget Hearing
 May 6, 2027 Annual Personnel Meeting
 June 24, 2027

2026 - 2027 School Calendar

September	1-2 3 7	Tues-Wed Thursday Monday	Teacher In-Service First Day of School for Students Labor Day – School Closed
October	12 5-6 20 23 24 25 26-27	Monday Thurs-Fri Friday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thurs-Fri	Teacher In-Service – School Closed November NJEA Convention – School Closed Parent-Teacher Conf – Early Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conf – Early Dismissal Parent-Teacher Conf – Early Dismissal Early Dismissal Thanksgiving Recess – School Closed
December	23 24-31	Wednesday Thurs - Thurs	Early Dismissal Winter Break – School Closed
January	1 4 18	Friday Monday Monday	Winter Break – School Closed School Resumes MLK Jr. Day – School Closed
February	15	Monday	President's Day – School Closed
March	25 26 29-31	Thursday Friday Mon-Wed	Teacher In-Service – Early Dismissal Good Friday - School Closed Spring Recess - School Closed
April	1-2 5	Thurs-Fri Monday	Spring Recess - School Closed School Resumes
May	28 31	Friday Monday	Teacher In-Service – Early Dismissal Memorial Day – School Closed
June	11	Friday	Tent. Last Day Student – Early Dismissal
Total Days 180			

There is no allowance for emergency closing days. If school is closed for an emergency, the days will be made up as follows:

- 1st through 7th day – June (added to the end of the school year)
- 8th through 12th – April (subtracted from Spring Recess in reverse order)

www.swregional.org

C.E. Lawrence School

973-875-8820

Absentee line-dial 1
Nurse-dial 2
Child Study Team-dial 3
Speech-dial 4
Main Office-dial 5
Principal-dial 6
Operator-dial 0

Principal Kaleigh Themelakis
31 Ryan Road
Wantage, NJ 07461



Olivia Norman 5th Grade

Wantage Elementary School

973-875-4589

Absentee line-dial 1
Main Office-dial 2
Principal Office-dial 3
Nurse-dial 4
Child Study Team - dial 5
Operator-dial 0

Principal Christopher Gregory
815 Route 23
Wantage, NJ 07461

Board of Education Office

973-875-3175

Superintendent-dial 1
Transportation-dial 2
Business Office-dial 3
Accounts Payable-dial 4
Special Services-dial 5
Building & Grounds-dial 6
Technology-dial 7
Curriculum-dial 8
Operator-dial 0

Superintendent, Michael Gall
Business Administrator, Christina Riker
27 Bank Street, Sussex, NJ 07461

Sussex Middle School

973-875-4138

Absentee line-dial 1
Main Office-dial 2
Principal Office-dial 3
Vice Principal Office-dial 4
Nurse-dial 5
Child Study Team-dial 6
Operator-dial 0

Principal Shane Schwarz
Vice Principal Jack Bushey
10 Loomis Avenue
Sussex, NJ 07461



Julia Farber 1st grade

Closings, Delayed Openings and Early Dismissals

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In the event of a school closing, notification will be sent out by:

- Realtime Notification
- Broadcast on the radio at:
 - 102.3 FM WSUS
 - 103.7 FM WIXL
 - 106.3 FM WHCY
- District website www.swregional.org

A **delayed opening** means that school will start **90 minutes later** than usual. For example, if your child is normally picked up at 8:15 a.m. he or she will be picked up at approximately 9:45 a.m.

An **early dismissal** means that school will dismiss at 1:20 p.m. or 1:26 p.m.

School Hours

Regular Day:

CE Lawrence School	8:50-3:20
Wantage School	8:45-3:24
Sussex Middle School	8:40-3:29

Delayed Opening:

CE Lawrence School	10:20-3:20
Wantage School	10:15-3:24
Sussex Middle School	10:10-3:29

Early Dismissal:

CE Lawrence School	8:50-1:20
Wantage School	8:45-1:20
Sussex Middle School	8:40-1:26



Braydon Meza 5th grade

Realtime Notification System

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Realtime Notification is the district's primary means of communication for school closings, emergencies and general notifications. You can receive calls, text messages and emails, to multiple contacts.

Maintain your contacts and means of communication in the Parent Portal "Contact" tab.

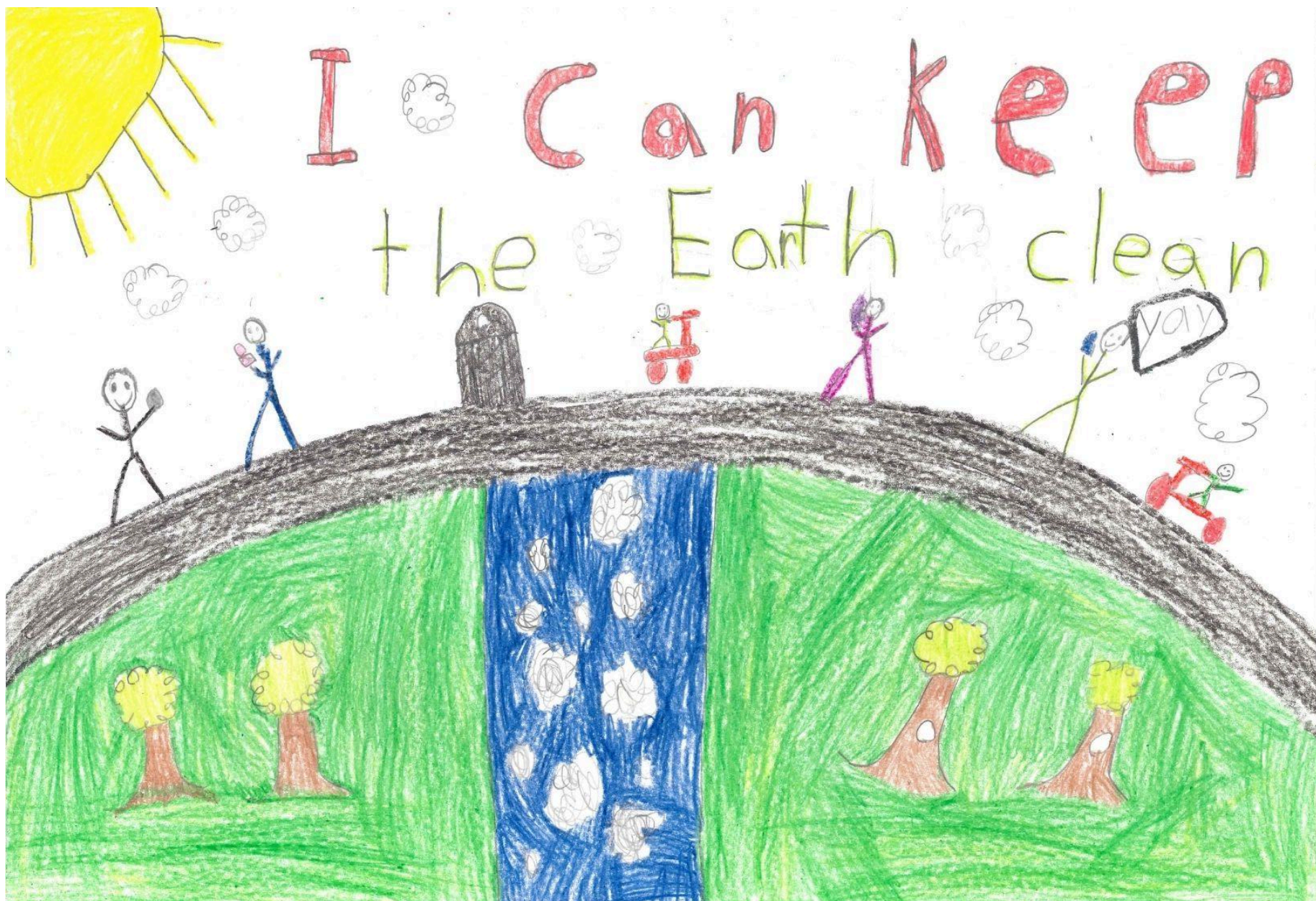
<https://www.fridayparentportal.com/portal/security/login.cfm>



Paige VanderGroef 6th grade

~ September 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Professional Development for Faculty and Staff BTSN Clifton E. Lawrence PreK/Kindergarten 5:30-7:20pm	2 Professional Development for Faculty and Staff BTSN Wantage School PreK 5:30-6:00pm	3 First Day for Students 	4	5
6	7 Labor Day SCHOOL CLOSED 	8	9 BTSN Sussex Middle School 6:30- 8:30pm Title 1 6:00pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 BTSN Wantage School 6:30-8:30pm Title 1 6:00pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 BTSN Clifton E. Lawrence - Grades 1 & 2 6:30-8:30pm Title 1 6:00pm	24 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	25	26
27	28	29	30			



Caleb Bechtold 1st grade

~ October 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	7	8 SMS Picture Day 	9	10
11	12 Columbus Day SCHOOL CLOSED Professional Development for Faculty and Staff	13	14 WES Picture Day 	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 CEL Picture Day 	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	30	31 Happy Halloween 



~ November 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	4	5 SCHOOL CLOSED NJEA Teachers Convention	6 SCHOOL CLOSED NJEA Teachers Convention	7
8	9	10	11 	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	20 EARLY DISMISSAL Parent-Teacher Conferences Afternoon	21
22	23 EARLY DISMISSAL Parent-Teacher Conferences afternoon	24 EARLY DISMISSAL Parent-Teacher Conferences afternoon	25 EARLY DISMISSAL	26 Thanksgiving SCHOOL CLOSED 	27 SCHOOL CLOSED	28
29	30					



Kaitlyn Callen 4th grade

~ December 2026 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	18	19
20	21	22	23 EARLY DISMISSAL	24 Christmas Eve SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break	25 Merry Christmas SCHOOL CLOSED 	26
27	28 SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break	29 SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break	30 SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break	31 New Year's Eve SCHOOL CLOSED Winter Break		



Harlie Erickson 5th grade

~ January 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy New Year SCHOOL CLOSED 	2
3	4	5 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	6	7 BOE Reorganization Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr Day SCHOOL CLOSED 	19	20	21	22	23
24/31	25	26	27	28 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	29	30



Natalie Conover 4th grade

~ February 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 Valentine's Day 	15 Presidents' Day SCHOOL CLOSED 	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	26	27
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Keep It Nice



Keep It Clean



~ March 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day 	18 BOE Meeting Approval of Tentative Budget SMS 6:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 EARLY DISMISSAL Professional Development for Faculty and Staff	26 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	27
28 	29 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	30 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	31 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break			



~ April 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	2 SCHOOL CLOSED Spring Break	3
4	5	6 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 BOE Public Budget Hearing SMS 6:00 pm	30	



~ May 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4	5	6 BOE Annual Personnel Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	7	1/8
9 Mother's Day 	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 EARLY DISMISSAL Professional Development for Faculty and Staff	29
30	31 Memorial Day SCHOOL CLOSED 					



Sky Ryan 4th grade

~ June 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 PTO Mtg. 7 pm Virtual & In Person - Location TBD	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 EARLY DISMISSAL Tentative last day of school	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 	21	22	23	24 BOE Meeting SMS 6:00 pm	25	26
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Nature gives us clean air, let us
Show Respect. keep our world clean!



Yaretzi Aguilar 2nd grade

~ July 2027 ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 Independence Day 	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

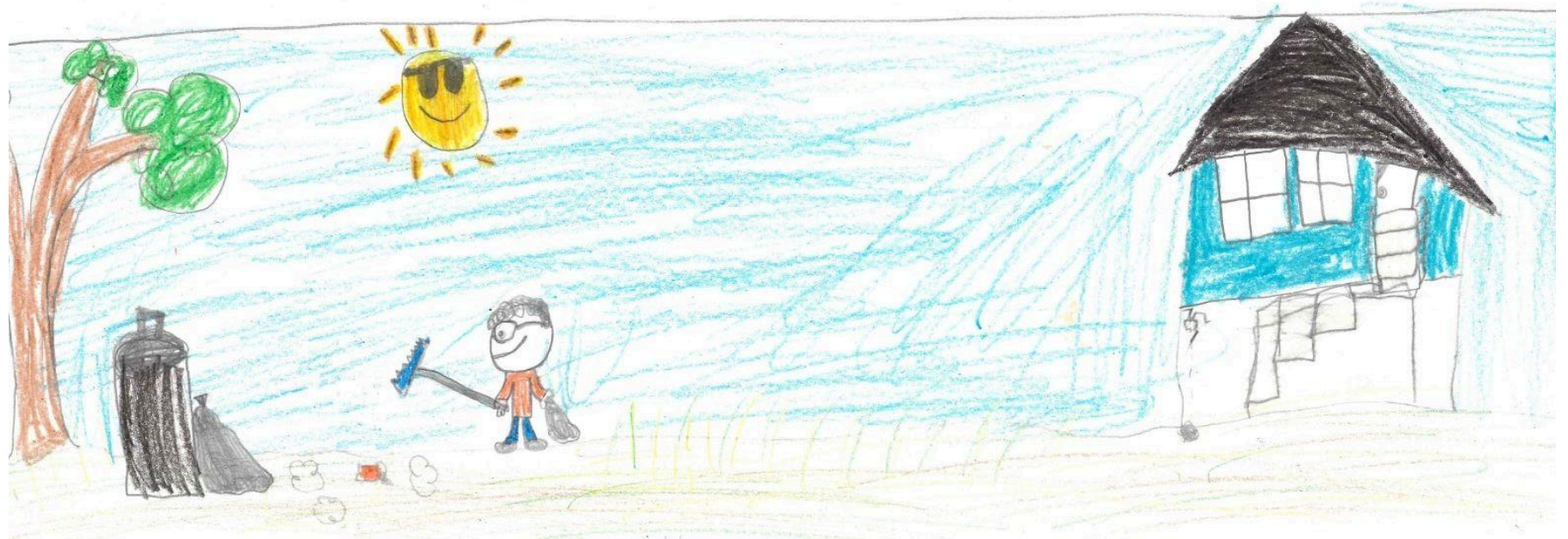


Harper Flett 4th grade

~ August 2027~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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Keep It Clean
Keep It Green



Dominic Lombardo 1st grade

Our Philosophy

We Believe Our Children Learn Best When:

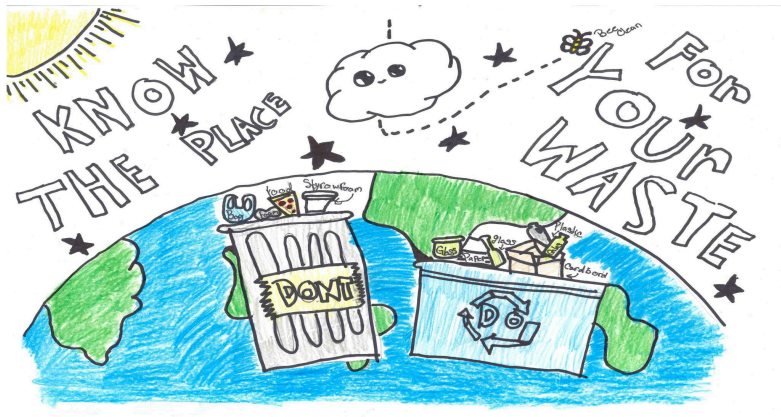
- their physical and emotional needs are met in a safe, caring and supportive environment
- each child is challenged intellectually and physically
- they are active participants in their own learning
- their creativity is encouraged
- in an environment that promotes good social skills and citizenship

We Believe That:

- parents are the primary and lifelong educators
- two-way communication between school and community is vital
- a partnership among parents, children, teachers and community is essential
- the responsibility of the community is to provide a good education
- a healthy community benefits from developing well-educated citizens

Mission Statement

The Sussex-Wantage Regional School District is a responsive, caring, child-centered community. Our mission is to educate each individual to become a confident, competent, lifelong learner and productive, responsible citizen, by providing challenging opportunities in a safe environment through a partnership of families, schools and communities.



Rachel Gigantino 5th grade



Rowan McCann 2nd grade



Travis Fryer 3rd grade



Isabella Freeland 3rd grade



Sydney Denman 6th grade



Faith Sarkisian 3rd grade