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DATES TO REMEMBER:



JANUARY 1st – JANUARY 7th
Winter Break

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8th
School Resumes

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9th

Team Day Early Dismissal

PTA Meeting 9:15 AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th

Popcorn Day/Birthday Books

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15th

**Victor Pacini Presentation,
"Be Seen and Heard."**

Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th

PTA Bingo 10:00-11:30 AM

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31st

100th Day of School

Thank you to all our students and their families that contributed to our pajama and toy drives. In the spirit of giving, joy is shared from the giver to the recipient. Pictured above with their donations are: Victoria Przytylo & Maciej Staszal.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick Families,

As I reflect on the events of 2018 and welcome a new year, I feel so fortunate to be a part of such an astounding school community. Thank you so much for your generosity during our pajama and toy drives in December. I am excited to share that we were able to collect 90 pairs of pajamas for families in need and several toys to benefit children in hospitals! Thank you very much for your willingness to donate to those less fortunate.

Our school was filled with excitement as December came to a close. Sorrick students had a wonderful time at our annual Holiday Shop event! Many students were thrilled to purchase special gifts for friends and family. We truly appreciate those who volunteered their time to make this event a success. Our classrooms were bustling with excitement during our holiday parties and the children enjoyed sipping on some delicious hot cocoa at our Polar Express party as well!

Can you believe that January 31st marks our 100th day of school? It's amazing to think that the days have flown by so quickly! As the year progresses, it is our goal to provide timely and informative communications with families. We encourage you to not only explore our classroom websites and Twitter feed, but also create an online account to access your child's report card if you haven't already done so. Quarter 2 report cards will be available to view on January 18th. To create or access your PowerSchool account, please visit the "Parent Access" link on the Sorrick or District website under the "For Parents and Students" tab. The "Parent Access Help" page will provide you with step-by-step directions to set up your account. Thank you for your efforts to stay connected. We truly value our home-school partnerships!

Stay warm,

Natalie Profita
Principal of Sorrick Elementary School



NPD 117's WEATHER RECESS AND OUTDOOR PHYSICAL EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Cold Weather:

20 degrees and above (including wind chill) will have outdoor recess

Below 20 degrees (including wind chill) will have indoor recess

Warm Weather:

100 degrees and above (including heat index) will have indoor recess/physical education

Please dress your child appropriately for the change in weather temperatures.



NO SCHOOL –MONDAY, JANUARY 21st

There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, January 21st in recognition of Martin Luther King Jr. 's birthday. MLK Day is a Federal United States holiday honoring Dr. King's influential role in the civil rights movement and racial equality.

Emergency Closing Information

With winter upon us, it is hard to predict the kind of weather we will be faced with and the effect it might have on getting to school safely or other unexpected issues that can arise from excessive snow and ice.

North Palos School District 117 has a telephone broadcast system **School Messenger** that enables the school to notify district families by phone, email or text within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that would result in an early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. It is important that your child's school has your most recent phone number and e-mail in order for us to properly contact you.

Also, school closings are announced on WGN 720 AM radio. Cook County public schools are announced by their **DISTRICT NUMBER**, not school name, so you must listen for "NORTH PALOS SCHOOL DISTRICT 117." This information and more are on our district website at www.npd117.net it can link you to www.emergencyclosings.com or by our District Office phone number: (708) 598-5500.

Victor Pacini - "Be Seen and Heard" Presentation

Sorrick Elementary School is excited to welcome back Victor Pacini for his program entitled "Be Seen and Heard" during school on Tuesday, January 15, 2019. All Sorrick students are invited to attend this presentation which focuses on teaching children basic skills to keep them safe from dangerous or abusive situations. This opportunity is in accordance with Erin's Law (HB 6193) which mandates that Illinois public schools provide educational curriculum regarding personal safety, abuse education and prevention to students.

Should you have any questions regarding the law or its implementation, please contact Mrs. Natalie Profita at (708)233-8200 or Mrs. Tara Hanson at (708)233-8095 or you can go to Victor's website at victorpacini.com.

If you prefer that your child opt-out of this prevention education session, please submit in writing to your child's teacher.

Wed. January 9th

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next TEAM DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 9th. TEAM DAYS are used for our staff for in-service and professional growth activities.

Below is our TEAM DAY schedule:

Full-day Students:

9:00 AM-2:00 PM

Bus pick-up and walker drop off will be at regular times. Dismissal will occur at 2:00 PM with buses departing and children arriving home between 2:00-3:00 PM. Students will be served lunch as usual. Walkers will be dismissed at 2:00 PM.

Half-day Students

AM session: 9:00 -11:00 AM Bus pick-up and walker drop off will begin at the regular times. Dismissal will occur at 11:00 AM with buses departing and children arriving home approximately 30 minutes earlier than usual. Walkers will be dismissed at 11:00 AM.

PM session: 12:00-2:00 PM

Pupils riding the bus will board approximately 30 minutes earlier than usual. Drop off for walkers is 11:45-12:00 PM. Dismissal will occur at 2:00 PM with buses departing and children arriving home between 2:00-3:00 PM. Walkers will be dismissed at 2:00.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS

All parents that volunteer at school (whether it be in the classroom or on a field trip) must fill out our new **NPD 117 Volunteer Guidelines** forms and submit a new copy of their photo ID. New volunteer guidelines were distributed, are available online or in the Sorrick office.

Please read carefully, sign and return both pages (front & back sides) fully completed and send back with a current photo ID to the Sorrick office at least 1 week before participating.

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

Thanks to all of the parents who came out to game night! It was a great sight to see so many parents at one time playing all sorts of games with their children. In fact, make a New Year's resolution to schedule a Family Game Night once a week! What is the value of Family Game Nights? Keep reading...

- spending time with your kids shows them you really like them and you care about their happiness
- spending time with your kids shows them respect and an understanding of prioritizing time
- spending time with your kids helps keep the lines of communication open
- children learn values such as caring about others
- children learn to take turns, be fair, and be patient
- children learn how to reason and think for themselves, using logic and problem solving skills
- young children learn counting, number recognition, colors, vocabulary and letter recognition skills
- children learn the social process of winning and losing (do not always let your child win!)

Some guidelines to follow when starting a Family Game Night:

- take into consideration all ages of family members, suggest games that anyone can play
- give each family member a chance to pick the game being played
- aim for a two hour session, which means homework must be done first, any work you bring home from the office must be put away

- TV must be turned off
- after a time, you can expand game night to include puzzles, video games, art/craft/hobby projects, or a music night
- choose one night every week or even every month and then be consistent about having your family game night
- have your children help with the set up and clean up of game night

Remember, the games that were at game night (and more!) are available at the Parent Library to check out that counts towards participation.

Thanks to our Parent Workshop guest speaker/author, Amy Logan, in opening our eyes to the value of how just one little compliment can make a change for others and yourself. Amy's books teaches the power of our everyday kindness. Do something kind for someone each day. Leave a trail of kindness everywhere you go! For more information go to www.gotyourcave.com

Each month, I update my web page with the calendar information that goes home, along with parent workshop and fun night flyers. Pictures taken at fun nights are also posted. Take a peek for anything you think you might have missed or misplaced.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at crehr@npd117.net

Thank you!
Mrs. Cathleen Rehr



JANUARY

Pre-K Parent Participation

Looking ahead, January parent participation dates and times are as follows.

- TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th**
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
Family Fun Night @ Dorn School 6-7:00 PM
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 11th**
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
- SATURDAY, JANUARY 19th**
PTA Bingo 10:00-11:30
- WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23rd**
Parent Workshop-"Child Nutrition"
@ D/O 9:30-10:30 AM
- FRIDAY, JANUARY 25th**
Chick-fil-A Night

As always, please remember to find the sign in sheet at whatever event you participate at so I know you were there!

Parent Access Login/ Parent and Students Tab

Please visit our website at www.npd117.net to create a parent account which gives you access to your child's grades transportation, meal fund, newsletters, emails, etc. Our district homepage is full of a lot of valuable info to help you communicate and see all that is happening in your child's school.

Once you have an account (Parents and Students tab) please make sure to check account balances on your meal plans, transportation fees or other outstanding balances. Please consider using the K12 Payment Center online payment system to purchase your child's meals.

STUDENT ABSENCES/LATE ARRIVAL

If your child is going to be absent from school, please call our 24 hour attendance line: (708) 598-5743. Please say your child's name (first and last name), your name and relation to the child, the date/dates of absence and the reason for absence.

If your child is coming to school late, please call our office at (708) 233-8200. If you need to order their lunch from school, please let us know as well.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CLERK

Upper Respiratory Infection (Common Cold) An upper respiratory infection usually refers to a viral infection of the URT (nose, throat, ears and eyes). Once you have been in contact with a cold virus, it takes 2 to 3 days for cold symptoms to begin. If you have the following symptoms, you probably have a cold.

Symptoms include:
fever/headache/sneezing/cough/earache/watery eyes/runny nose/sore or scratchy throat or tonsils

Influenza (Flu)

Influenza is a contagious disease caused by a group of respiratory viruses called the influenza viruses, it takes 1 to 4 days for symptoms to begin. The contagious period is from the day before signs or symptoms appear until at least 7 days after the onset. **Symptoms of influenza are:**
cough/sore throat/sudden onset of fever/headache/chills/muscle aches and pains/nausea and vomiting/decreased energy

Fever/vomit policy:

Your child must be fever free (100.0 or less) for 24 hours without medication before returning to school. If your child vomits they must also stay home from school for 2254 hours. There is a 24 hr. attendance line to call in your child's absence. Dial (708) 598-5743. Press #6 for Sorrick School and #9 to report an absence. If your child was seen by a doctor, please have the doctor write or note or fax when your child can return back to school.
(Sorrick office fax # (708) 599-7763)

Please call my office if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you for the privilege of caring for your child!

Margie Janda
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Sorricks School

January 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
WINTER BREAK DEC 21ST-JAN 1ST SCHOOL RESUMES JANUARY 6TH		1  WINTER ←-----	2 BREAK -----	3 NO -----	4 SCHOOL -----→	5
6	7 NO SCHOOL Teacher Institute	8 School Resumes	9 TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00 PTA Meeting 9:15 AM Pre-K Family Fun Night @ Dorn 6:00-7:00 PM	10  Popcorn Day Birthday Books Cook-A-Book	11	12
13	14 Assets	15 Victor Pacini Presentation, "Be Seen & Heard" Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM Assets	16	17 Assets	18	19 PTA Bingo 10:00-11:30 AM
20	21 NO SCHOOL 	22 Assets	23 Pre-K Parent Workshop, "Child Nutrition" at 9:30 AM @ District Office	24 Assets	25 Chick-fil-A Fundraiser Night	26
27	28 Assets	29 Assets	30	31 Assets		