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Happy Summer Break!

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

Kindergarten & 1st grade open house/school supplies drop off-Thursday, August 15th
Kindergarten & 1st grade students first day back to school -Friday, August 16th
Pre-K open house Monday, August 19th
Pre-K students first day back to school-Tuesday, August 20th
Sorrick School Parent Orientation Night-Wednesday, August 28th

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that this is our final newsletter of the school year! What an amazing year it has been. We have watched our students grow and make tremendous strides. I want to thank each of you for your dedication to a home-school partnership and for making my first year as principal so memorable.

As summer approaches, we are all looking forward to some fun and relaxation. While you enjoy the extra time to travel, spend time outdoors and visit friends and family, don't forget to dedicate time to continue reading with your child at home each day. The term "summer slide," is a very real term to describe the academic regression that takes place during the summer months. On average, students lose approximately a month of academic learning each summer (Goldberg, 2018). According to Anderson, Wilson and Fielding, children performing at the 10th percentile read for 1 minute a day. Children performing at the 90th percentile read for 35 minutes a day (1988). By making reading a daily priority, you can reduce the impact of summer regression and ensure your child is better prepared to start the next school year.

On Monday, June 10th, the Green Hills Public Library will launch their Summer Reading

Program for students in grades Pre-K - 12. This exciting program motivates students to log their reading and earn tickets for a chance to win one of their grand prizes. To register, visit www.greenhillslibrary.org or sign up at the library!

As the school year comes to a close, I would like to say a special thank you to our PTA members for the gift of their time and support. We will sincerely miss Samantha Ward and Gladys Morales, who will be resigning their PTA board positions and will not be returning next school year. Their presence will be greatly missed.

Let's end the school year with some excitement! Don't forget to follow our ABC Countdown Calendar to see the events scheduled for the final weeks of the school year. Enjoy!

Your partner in education,

Natalie Profita
Principal of Sorrick School

MAY
DATES TO REMEMBER:



WEDNESDAY, MAY 1ST
Team Day Early Dismissal
THURSDAY, MAY 2ND
NPD 117 Stem Night 6-8 PM @ Conrady
FRIDAY, MAY 5TH
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
MAY 6TH - MAY 10TH
TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK
TUESDAY, MAY 7TH
PTA Meeting 9-15 AM (Elections)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH
National School Nurse's Day
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15TH
1ST Grade Field Day 9:40-2:40
FRIDAY, MAY 17TH
Pre-K Zoo Field Trip
MONDAY, MAY 20TH
1ST Grade Farewell-1:30 PM
TUESDAY, MAY 21ST
1st Grade Step-up to Oak Ridge 9:30 AM
WEDNESDAY, MAY 22ND
First Grade Zoo Field Trip
THURSDAY, MAY 23RD
Pre-K Picnic-AM: 9:00/PM: 12:45
MONDAY, MAY 27TH
NO SCHOOL-MEMORIAL DAY
WEDNESDAY, MAY 29TH
Kindergarten Graduation
MONDAY, JUNE 3RD
Pre-K outing to Michael's Park
TUESDAY, JUNE 4TH
Last Day of School



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.

COUGAR COURIER



FIRST GRADE FIELD DAY



Sorrick 1st grade students will be participating in our annual "Field Day" on Wednesday, May 15th. 1st grade students will perform different physical activities/games (related to sports) at numerous stations throughout the school day. It is a regular scheduled day. Please dress your child comfortably and wearing gym shoes so they will be able to execute the sports activities on this day.

We will need parent volunteers to help run the stations. You must have your ID/background check on file in the Sorrick at least 1 week before this day if you want to volunteer. Please contact Mr. Carson at (708) 233-5774 or ccarson@npd117.net ASAP if you would like to help.

1ST GRADE FAREWELL SHOW



Our 1st graders will be performing a "Farewell Show" on Monday, May 20th at 1:30 PM. This is a regular scheduled day. Students are asked to wear a nice outfit for their performance on stage. Parents are asked to enter at Door #11 (by the flagpole) and arrive early enough to park their car and find a seat in the APB Room so all will be seated at the 1:30 start of the show.

1ST GRADE BROOKFIELD ZOO TRIP



Our 1st grade students will be going to Brookfield Zoo on Wednesday, May 22. Zoo field trip permission slips were sent home with your child. Details of the trip are in that form. Please sign & return back to school.

Kindergarten Graduates

Look at us all standing here
We're the Kinder Grads this year!
We are smart and soon will be
Off to First Grade happily.
We're the Kinder Grads this year
Look at us all standing here.



KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION

Wednesday, May 29th is our Kindergarten Graduation Ceremony. There will be 2 graduation ceremonies, an AM & a PM session.

Stay tuned for more information going home to see what session and time your child's classroom will attend.

PRE-K ZOO FIELD TRIP



Our Pre-K students will be visiting Brookfield Zoo on Friday, May 17th. All Pre-K students are to arrive Pick up is at

PRE-K PICNIC



Pre-K students will be having a picnic on Thursday, May 23rd. It is a regularly scheduled school day just filled with extra fun & games. Parents are welcome to come and enjoy as well if they have their ID/background check already completed through the Sorrick office at least a week before. **NO SIBLINGS ALLOWED, only Sorrick Pre-K students.**

MICHAEL'S PARK TRIP



Pre-K students will be having their annual outing at Michael's Park on Monday, June 3rd. It is a regularly scheduled day.

Wed. May 1st

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next TEAM DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1st. 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.

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.

COUGAR COURIER

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

Parents,

Thank you all for attending the fun nights, workshops, popcorn days, dances, book fair, holiday shop, PTA meetings, school parties, field trips and other school related activities to not only get your parent participation complete, but to be a genuine part of your child's school. Not only do we appreciate your time, but your child really does love to see you at school. Studies conclude that there is a positive and convincing relationship between family involvement and student success, regardless of race/ethnicity, class, or parents' level of education. To put it another way, when families are involved in their children's learning both at home and at school, their children do better in school. Keep up the great work parents!

We had a wonderful time at Fitness Night with our P.E. teachers and our latest yoga add-on and had many happy parents and students comment on how much fun they had. Thank you for your feedback, it is much appreciated. Head over to my web page to check out pictures from that night and the other fun nights too.

Our workshop, "Raising Readers" was well attended. Raising children to be readers is a gift to them that will last their whole lifetime. I hope you enjoyed the book sent home recently to all Pre-k students and the handout attached that lists creative ways in helping your child learn to read. Be sure to check out your library for their free programs.

There will be no fun nights or workshops for May, and the parent library will be closed. All material from the parent library should be returned as soon as possible if it hasn't already.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

Have a wonderful summer!

Cathleen Rehr,
Pre-K Parent Coordinator



May

There is not a May calendar. April was our last month for parent participation. Thank you for participating either in the classroom or at our various events throughout the school year.



At Sorrick Elementary School we stress the importance of good attendance. Regular attendance is students' opportunity for academic achievement.

Illinois School Law requires students to attend school and the school relies upon the parents or guardians to have the child at school regularly and punctually, except in cases of illness, disability, or death in the family.

Attendance information can be found on our district website at www.npd17.net

Also, it is just as important for students to arrive on time and stay until the end of the day. Please try to keep late arrivals and early dismissal to a minimum.

Students have been enjoying the rewards of good attendance. Our attendance games have been a fun reward for classrooms.



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 Sorrick office at (708) 233-8200. If you need to order their lunch from school, please let us know as well.

Wednesday, May 8th
National School Nurses' Day



Happy Nurses' Day,
Nurse Margid

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CLERK

REMINDER: STUDENTS WITH MEDICATION AT SCHOOL

Parents, please make arrangements to pick up the remainder of your child's medication by the last day of school. All the remaining medication will be discarded if it is not picked up by the end of the day on June 4th. If your child will continue to require medication during the next school year, please obtain a Request to Administer Medicine Form for your doctor to fill out and the Release/Waiver Form to be filled out by the parent. These forms are available from the health office or on the North Palos School District website at www.npd117.net. Go to the Parents and Students tab, click on Health Services, then Health Forms. Click on both Parent & Physician Request to Administer Medication, then print both forms.

MEDICAL EXAMS

To avoid any delays of school entrance for the 2019-2020 school year, the NEW completed physical and exams are to be returned by the last day of this school year (June 4, 2019) or no later than your child's first day of school next fall.

A NEW health physical, dental and eye exam are required for students entering KINDERGARTEN. All NEW PRE-K students must have a physical and lead screening. Parents, please make sure to complete the health history on the back of the physical, sign & date it. This is necessary to notify the school of any health concerns. To avoid the rush, please make an appointment with your physician now.

FIRST GRADE STUDENTS GOING INTO 2ND GRADE

Students entering second grade in the fall are required to have an oral health exam, given by a dentist, filled out and signed on the dental health examination form. The dental exam forms have already been sent home with your 1st grader. Please make an appointment and return the completed examination form to Sorrick School or to Oak Ridge by August 16th. Forms must be filled out with 2nd grade as the grade level and Oak Ridge marked for the name of the school.

MAY IS MELANOMA & SKIN CANCER PROTECTION & PREVENTION MONTH

With the weather getting warmer and many people spending more time outside, it is important to know that sunscreen must be reapplied regularly and overall sun protection must include hats, sunglasses, protective clothing and seek shade whenever possible.

LOST TEETH

Reminder: If you were called that your child lost a tooth at school, please come the health office to pick up your child's tooth before the last day of school (June 4th). We cannot keep them over the summer.

LOST & FOUND

Please remember to check our Lost & Found located outside the front office for any lost items. It is always helpful if you put your child's name on lunch boxes, jackets, hats, etc, then lost items can be returned quickly. We also have a few pair of glasses that no one has claimed here in the office.

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

Thank you for the privilege of caring for your child!

Margie Janda
Health Clerk
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Email-mjanda@npd117.net
Fax: (708) 599-7763



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Palos Hills, IL 60465



Green Hills Library will be a host site for The Greater Chicago Food Depository this summer (June 10th-August 9th) and will provide free summer lunches as a part of the Summer Food Service Program sponsored by the USDA and Administered by the Illinois State Board of Education. For more information contact the Youth Services Desk at (708) 598-8446 ext. 130, or email youthservices@greenhillslibrary.org.



Green Hills Summer Reading Kick-Off Event!

Monday, June 10, 2019
3:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Green Hills Public Library District
Lobby (Ground Floor)

You can also register for Summer Reading Program starting on Monday, June 10th at the Library or online at greenhillslibrary.org and receive a free Rainbow Cone or free cold brew from Strange Brew Cafe!

Event Type(s): Summer Reading Program

Age Group(s): Ages 2 and up



REMINDER:
NO SCHOOL
MONDAY, MAY 27TH
MEMORIAL DAY



**Sorricks School's
Little Free Library**

Sorricks families are welcome to check out our "Little Free Library" outside the entrance to our school. We have various books good for some nice family reading time together. Whenever you visit the school, take a peek inside our "Little Free Library" before you head home.



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Science



Technology



Engineering



Art



Math



NPD 117's K-8 Family STEAM Night



The first 80 people to arrive will receive a ticket to enter the Challenger Center's Indoor Planetarium

Date: May 2, 2019

Time: 6-8 PM

Location: Conrady Junior High

Sessions are 20 minutes long

Registration not required

Session 1 - 6:10-6:30

Session 2- 6:35-6:55

Session 3- 7:00-7:20

Session 4- 7:25-7:45



Sorrick School

May 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00	2 District 117 Stem Night 6:00-8:00 PM	3  Popcorn Day Birthday Books	4
5  May 6-10	6 ←-----	7 PTA Meeting 9:15 AM -----	8 National School Nurses' Day -----	9 -----	10 -----→	11
12	13	14	15 1st Grade Field Day 	16	17 Pre-K Zoo Trip 	18
19	20 1st Grade Farewell-1:30  	21 1st Grade "Step Up to Oak Ridge" 9:30 AM Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 PM	22 1st Grade Zoo Trip 	23 Pre-K Picnic AM Session: 9:00 PM Session: 12:45 Outdoor Play 	24	25
26	27 NO SCHOOL Memorial Day 	28	29 Kindergarten Graduation 	30	31	1 June
2	3 Pre-K outing to Michael's Park	4 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Eid-al-Fiter	5 	6	7	8