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SORRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL will host our 5th Annual Pumpkin Decorating Contest on Tuesday, October 29th. Flyers will be sent home with contest specifications. Be creative and make this a fun family activity!



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick families,

It is hard to believe that we are already nearing the end of the first quarter of school! In such a short time, your child has made a tremendous amount of progress. To measure their progress, all kindergarten and first-grade students will take the iReady assessment, which has replaced the MAP assessment that was administered in the past. At the end of this week, students will come home with a copy of their iReady reading and math reports. Like MAP, students complete the iReady assessment on the computer. The test is adaptive and automatically adjusts the difficulty of the questions depending on the student's correct or incorrect responses. The reports that you receive will give you an idea of your child's specific areas of strength and weakness, as well as their current performance in comparison to their grade-level peers at the same period of the school year. Please reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions about these reports or your child's progress.

Next week, your child will have an opportunity to visit the Book Fair between October 7th - 11th. You should have received a copy of the

schedule which indicates the day and time that your child's class will visit the book fair. Please send your child to the book fair with money if you wish to have him or her purchase items. You also have the option of using the online eWallet feature to preload money that your child can spend when they visit. Additionally, if you wish to purchase books online, you can also do so following the link that was provided in the handout. You are welcome to shop with your child at our family night on October 10th between 6:00-8:00 PM. If you wish to attend that evening, please enter through Door #11. We hope to see you there!

Just a friendly reminder, there will be no school on Monday, October 14th due to the Columbus Day holiday. School will resume on Tuesday, October 15th.

Your partner in education,
Natalie Profita
Principal of Sorrick School

OCTOBER DATES TO REMEMBER:



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2ND
Team Day Early Dismissal
PTA Meeting- 11:30 AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
Pre-K Children's Farm Trip 9-11:45 AM
Birthday Books

MON., OCT. 7TH-FRI., OCT. 11TH
PTA Scholastic Book Fair

MONDAY, OCTOBER 7TH
Picture Retake Day

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10TH
Book Fair Family Night/Taffy
Apple pick up 6:00-8:00 PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 14TH
NO SCHOOL-Columbus Day

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15TH
Assets begins afterschool 3:30-4:30

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16TH
Pre-K Parent Workshop-9:30 AM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18TH
Popcorn Day

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST
Ease the Tease Assembly 10:00/1:00

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
Lil Caesar's Pizza Fundraiser begins

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26TH
Howl through the Hills 5K Run/Walk 9:00AM
Pre-K Fun Day-Little Red Schoolhouse 9:30

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH
Pumpkin Decorating Contest

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30TH
Costume Parades 10:00/1:45

Howl Through the Hills

The City of Hickory of Hickory Hills will be hosting their 6th Annual "Howl Through the Hills" 5K Run/Walk on Sat. Oct. 26th 9:00 AM. To register online go to: <http://hickoryhillsil.org/howl> or contact Sharon at (708) 430-7113 email: smarciano@hickoryhillsil.org



Scarecrow Contest voting
City of Hickory Hills -Oct. 18th-26th

Winners will be announced at Trunk or Treat October 26th 1:00-3:00 PM



Monday, October 7th Sorrick School will have picture retakes for new students or for those who requested a retake.



Snow much books to read that will be available at our Sorrick DTA's Scholastic Book Fair held October 7th thru October 11th. Students will receive a Book Fair flyer and classroom schedule of the Book Fair times. We will have a Family Book Fair Night on Thursday, October 10th 6:00-8:00 PM. Also, that night will be taffy apple pick up.



There will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 14th in observance of Christopher Columbus's arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.



Sorrick Costume Parades & Room Parties

Sorrick School will have their Halloween/Fall costume parades and parties on Wednesday, October 30th. Parents please DO NOT select costumes that are gruesome, have weapons or include full face masks which hinder visibility. Please DO NOT send candy, snacks or any other food for your child to share with their class. Only non-edible items will be permitted; pencils, erasers, stickers, bubbles, etc. If you are a room parent or want to be a classroom volunteer helping out with the parties make sure to ask the teacher to put you on the party helper list. Also, you must have your ID & volunteer forms turned in to the Sorrick office at least one week before. Students will parade along the back (southside) of the building (weather permitting). If raining, parents can enter Door 12 and view the parade from the gym.

Wed. October 2nd

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next **TEAM DAY** is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 2nd**. **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.

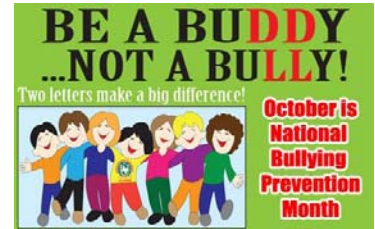
PARENT VOLUNTEERS/VISITORS

All parents that volunteer at school (whether it be in the classroom or on a field trip) must fill out our **NPD 117 Volunteer Guidelines forms** and submit a copy of their photo ID (must submit ID & forms together at the same time). If you have a returning student and you have already filled out a **NPD Volunteer Guidelines form** and submitted your ID, you **DO NOT** have to fill out again this year. Only if your ID has expired, do you have to resubmit ID and forms.

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.



Celebrate Red Ribbon Week
October 21st–October 25th



WHAT IS BULLYING?

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Kids who bully use the power to control or harm others either by using their physical strength, their access to embarrassing information or popularity.

Types of bullying include:

Verbal bullying-teasing, name calling, taunting, threatening harm or inappropriate sexual comments

Social bullying-excluding someone on purpose, telling others to not be friends with someone or saying "You're not my friend", spreading rumors, or embarrassing someone in public

Physical bullying-hitting, kicking, pinching, spitting, pushing, tripping, taking or breaking someone else's things or making rude & mean hand gestures.

**PLEASE PUT AN END TO BULLYING
BY BEING A BUDDY, NOT A BULLY
AND STANDING UP TO THOSE WHO ARE UNKIND**



**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON
BULLYING PREVENTION
GO TO:**

www.stopbullying.gov



Sorricks School will be celebrating "Red Ribbon Week" which takes place nationally from October 23-31. Our students will be participating in activities that promote healthy choices during the fourth week of October. This year's theme is "Send a Message. Stay Drug Free."

Below is a list of Red Ribbon activities:



MONDAY, OCTOBER 21ST – "Bring a Healthy Snack to School Day"

Students are asked to bring a healthy snack to school to show the importance of good eating habits. Also, students will attend the Imagination Theater's "Ease the Tease." "Ease the Tease" teaches children ways to identify and respond to bullying or teasing behavior. To learn more about the Imagination Theater go to:
[www.http://imaginationtheater.org/easethetease.html](http://www.imaginationtheater.org/easethetease.html)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22ND – "Turn Your Back on Unhealthy Choices Day"

Students can wear their clothes on backwards to point out that it is important to **PICK HEALTHY CHOICES, NOT UNHEALTHY CHOICES.**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23RD – "Unity Day"

All students are encouraged to **WEAR ORANGE** to show their support of healthy choices. Classrooms will read "Spookley the Square Pumpkin" to learn about tolerance & kindness.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH – "Pledge Day"

Students will be signing a pledge to make healthy choices and will be given a "Red Ribbon Week" pencil.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25TH – "Pajama Day"

Students can wear pajamas to school to show the importance of getting the proper amount of sleep and having a healthy sleep routine.

Families can go to the Red Ribbon website at www.redribbon.org to find out more information about the history and impact of the Red Ribbon Campaign and take the Drug-Free Pledge together.

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

October

Happy Autumn!

Thank you to all the parents who came to Orientation. For those of you who weren't able to attend, packets were sent home with very important information. Please be sure to read through.

Keep in mind that siblings are invited to attend the Little Red Schoolhouse event in October. You are welcome to stay and enjoy the area with your family after the scavenger hunt. Future fun nights at the school we ask that just you and your Pre-K student attend. October is the one exception, so take advantage of this great activity with your family!

Please fill out Workshop flyer or Fun "Day" flyer as soon as possible and return to your child's teacher so I can get an accurate count on attendance. Be sure to mark your calendars at home as you will not receive a reminder. If there's a conflict on a classroom volunteer day, you will be notified by the teacher or myself to reschedule that day. Lost your flyer? Check out my webpage where you will find the calendar material that was sent home.

The Lending Library is OPEN! Check out the many resources available to borrow at our Lending Library located in the Pre-K hallway available 5 days a week. Books, puzzles, educational games and more! Checking these out count toward parent participation. Stop by

during school hours to check out an activity. Participation is recorded when item is returned.

Although your requirement is to participate in at least one activity, you are more than welcome to participate in as many as you'd like. Studies show when parents and families get personally involved in their child's education, their children do better in school and grow up to be more successful in life.

Looking forward to a fabulous year with you!

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

Mrs. Cathleen Rehr,
Pre-K Parent Coordinator

October begins parent participation month and each of you should have a calendar from your child's class. Following are dates and times to fulfill your monthly participation obligation:

October 2nd-PTA meeting

October 4th -Field Trip (sign up through teacher)

October 7th-10th -Book Fair

October 11th -Book Fair Clean Up

October 16th - Parent Workshop

October 18th - Popcorn Day

October 26th - Little Red Schoolhouse Family Scavenger Hunt

October 30th - Halloween Parties (Sign up with the teacher)



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.npd117.net

It is important for students to arrive on time and stay until the end of the day. Losing time from the regular school day can be disruptive and cause your child to miss important class work. Please try to keep late arrivals and early dismissal to a minimum. There have already been a lot of tardies & children leaving early for appointments and family activities. If at all possible, schedule appointments and activities after dismissal time.

ATTENDANCE LINE INFO:

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.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CLERK

Here is some important information you should know about **conjunctivitis** commonly known as **pink eye**:

It is an inflammation of the thin, clear membrane that covers the eye and inside surface of the eyelids, and most often caused by a virus, but can be caused by bacteria, allergies (e.g. cosmetics, pollen) and chemical irritation. Anyone can get conjunctivitis by coming in contact with the tears of an infected person or other eye discharges. Hands, towel and washcloths can spread the infection. Persons are contagious as long as they have symptoms or the eye appears abnormal.

Symptoms of conjunctivitis may include the following: eye redness and irritation, sensitivity to bright light, itchiness or a gritty sensation in the eye, swollen eyelids, tearing and discharge (discharge may make the eyelids stick together or have crusty debris, especially in the morning).

Conjunctivitis can be prevented by practicing good hygiene. Remember to wash hands frequently, avoid touching hands of others, rubbing eyes, and sharing towels and washcloths. If medication has been prescribed, use exactly as directed for the full course of treatment and dispose of when no longer needed.

Streptococcal Infection (Strep)

The symptoms of strep are sore throat, fever, and sometimes a rash known as **scarlet fever**. When the infection is treated with an antibiotic, the child is no longer contagious after 24 hours of therapy. If your child has had symptoms of this infection within the last 2 weeks or develops these symptoms, please have your child see a physician.

Fever/Vomit Policy

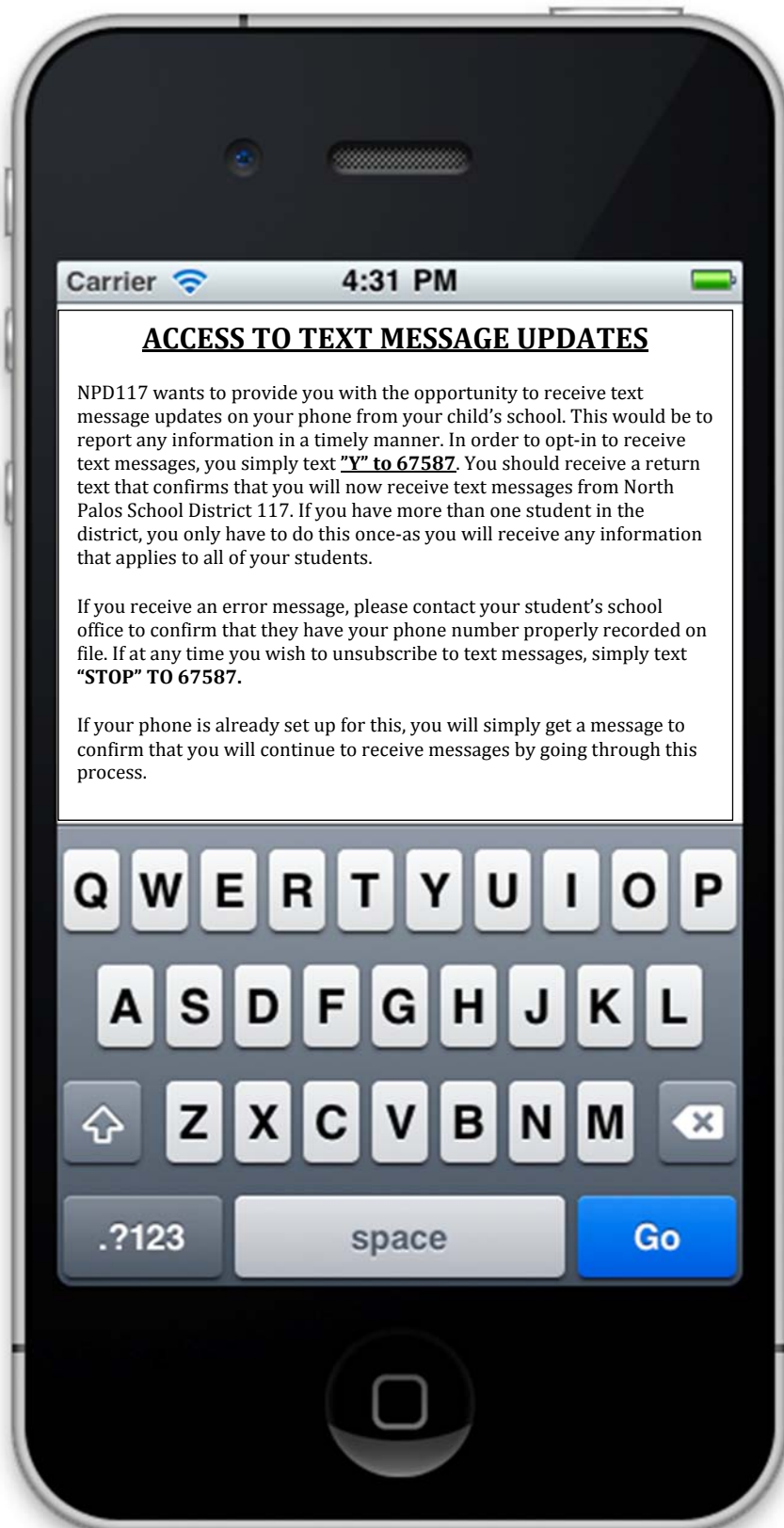
Children must be fever-free (100.0 or less) for 24 hours without medication before they can return to school. If your child vomits they must stay home from school 24 hours. Please report your child's absence/illness on our 24 hr. attendance line (708) 598-5743. Please have your doctor send a note on the prognosis and when your child can return back to school.

PARENTS, JUST A REMINDER THAT THE DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL HEALTH FORMS TO BE TURNED IN IS OCTOBER 8TH. YOUR CHILD MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL IF THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT MET.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's health, please feel free to contact my office.

Thanks for the privilege of caring for your children.

Margie Janda
Health Clerk
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Sorrick School's Little Free Library

Sorrick 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.



Parents please observe the yellow lines on the curb alongside the front of our school-

IT IS A NO PARKING ZONE.

It is for buses and emergency vehicles only.

You are not allowed to park there when bringing your child in late or picking up early. In those situations, you are to park in a regular parking space in our parking lot. The rules are in place for safety reasons.





Sorricks School

October 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 PTA Meeting- 11:30 AM TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00	3	4 Pre-k Trip Children's Farm  Birthday Books	5
6 PTA Scholastic Book Fair October 7th- October 11th 	7 Picture Retakes  ←-----	8 -----	9 -----	10 Book Fair Family Night/Taffy Apple pick up 6:00-8:00 PM -----	11 -----	12 -----
13	14 NO SCHOOL Columbus Day 	15 Assets Begins Board of Education Meeting-7:00 PM	16 Pre-K Parent Workshop-9:30 AM National Boss's Day 	17	18  Popcorn Day	19
20  Red Ribbon Week October 21st- October 25t	21 "Bring a Healthy Snack to School Day" & Ease the Tease Assembly	22 "Turn Your Back on Unhealthy Choices Day" (wear your clothes on backwards today)	23 "Unity Day" (wear orange today)	24 "Pledge Day" Lil Caesar's Fundraiser Begins 	25 "Pajama Day"	26 Howl Through the Hills 5K Run/Walk 9:00 AM Pre-K Fun Day Little Red Schoolhouse 9:30-10:30 AM
27	28	29 Pumpkin Decorating Contest 	30 Costume Parades 10:00 AM 1:45 PM 	31 Halloween 		