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We would like to introduce our new staff members for this 2018-2019 school year. Featured above from left to right are: Stephanie Johnson, Aneese Zayid, Laurie Hedlund, Tonia Swoope-Drew, Megan Jawor, Emily Masek, Angela Danaher, and Julie Martini. Welcome! We are so happy to have you here at Sorrick School.

## A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick Families,

What a great start we've had to the new school year! Students have settled into their routines and teaching and learning are in full swing!

Now that we have the first month under our belts, I'd like to take a minute and introduce the staff members who are new to Sorrick this year.

Mrs. Natalie Profita will assume the position of principal at the end of this month after returning from FMLA; Emily Masek, first grade; Aneese Zayid, ELL first grade; Angela Danaher, pre-kindergarten; Julie Martini, pre-k paraprofessional; Laurie Hedlund, media specialist; Tonia Swoope-Drew, psychologist; Megan Jawor, speech; and Stephanie Johnson, team leader. We'd like to extend a warm Cougar welcome to all our new staff members!

In your child's take-home folder that went home on Friday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup>, you will find your child's Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) test results. These tests determine your child's instructional level and measure academic growth throughout the school year in the areas of reading and math. Your child's MAP results are reported in RIT scores. This is a different type of score than a typical test

that provides a percentage correct. MAP testing is a powerful tool for monitoring student growth over time.

We administer the test to our first grade and kindergarten students in September, December and May to continue monitoring their progress in these academic areas. I hope you find the enclosed report of value. If you have additional questions, I encourage you to contact your child's teacher.

I'd like to call to your attention that there will be NO SCHOOL on Monday, October 8 as we celebrate Columbus Day. With the fall season comes our Halloween festivities. Our students will have their costume parade and parties on October 31<sup>st</sup>. More information regarding the parties and parade will be sent home by classroom teachers later in the month.

However, I would like to remind families that costumes with masks or weapons are not to be worn at school. Please keep the "scary" items at home. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Paula Coughlin  
Interim Principal

## DATES TO REMEMBER:

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**

**PTA Meeting 9:15 AM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 3<sup>RD</sup>**

**Team Day Early Dismissal**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**

**Popcorn Day/Birthday Books**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

**No School-Columbus Day**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**

**Picture Retakes/Book Fair begins**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16<sup>TH</sup>**

**Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**Family Book Fair Night/Taffy**

**Apple Pick-up 6:00-8:00 PM**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**

**Costume Parades 10:00 AM/1:45 PM**



### **Important Volunteer Guidelines for North Palos District 117**

All parents that volunteer at school (whether it be in the classroom or on a field trip) must fill out our new NP 117 Volunteer Guidelines form and submit a new copy of their photo ID. New volunteer guidelines were distributed. Please read carefully, sign and return both pages fully completed and send back with a current photo ID to the Sorrick office.

### **Picture Retakes**

Picture retakes are scheduled for Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup>.

If your child was absent on our original Picture Day, they can get their picture taken on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>.

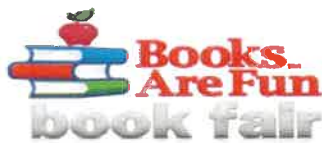




**NO SCHOOL-COLUMBUS DAY**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 8<sup>TH</sup>**

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup> in recognition of Columbus Day. Columbus Day is a federal holiday in the United States celebrating the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival to the Americas on October 12, 1492.



**PTA'S SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR**

**OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> -OCTOBER 19<sup>TH</sup>**

**Sorrick PTA will be hosting their Annual Fall Scholastic Book Fair from Monday, October 15<sup>th</sup> through Friday, October 19<sup>th</sup>. Our Family Book Fair Night will be Thursday, October 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM. Please come out with your family to view our selection of books to purchase. Books are a great gift to give others for any special occasion.**

**Also, we will also have our Taffy Apple fundraiser pick-up at that time as well.**



**COSTUME PARADES & PARTIES**

**Sorrick Elementary will be having their costume parades and parties on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Our AM parade will be at 10:00 and our PM parade will be at 1:45.**

**Please check your child's teacher's newsletter on whether they can wear costumes all day or if they will dress up at a specific time just before the parade. Students are not allowed to bring weapons, swords or masks as a part of their costumes.**

**Parents that would like to volunteer to help in the classroom for the party should contact the teacher and/or room parent. Also, volunteers must have a current photo ID and volunteer guidelines form filled out at least 7 days before an event.**

**Wed. October 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL**

The next **TEAM DAY** is scheduled for **Wednesday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>**. **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 PM.

# PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

Hello Pre-K parents!

Thank you to all the parents who came to Parent 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 account on attendance.

Don't forget to check out the many resources available to borrow at our Lending Library located in the Pre-K hallway available 5 days a week to visit. 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. There are countless studies that 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.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at [crehr@npd117.net](mailto:crehr@npd117.net)

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathleen Rehr



## OCTOBER

### Pre-K Parent Participation

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:

- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2<sup>ND</sup>**  
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
Pre-K Parent Workshop- "1-2-3 Magic" 9:30-10:30 AM @ District Office Boardroom
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup> - 19<sup>TH</sup>**  
Scholastic Book Fair (Book Fair Set-up Friday, Oct. 12<sup>TH</sup>)
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>TH</sup>**  
Little Red Schoolhouse Scavenger Hunt 9:30-10:30 AM
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 31<sup>ST</sup>**  
Costume Parties 10:00 AM/1:45 PM

## 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 also 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, towels 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 and eyelashes stick together or have a 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 hour 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 10<sup>TH</sup>. YOUR CHILD MAY BE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL IF THIS REQUIREMENT IS NOT MET.**

Margie Janda  
Health Clerk  
(708)233-8202  
[Email-mjanda@npd117.net](mailto:mjanda@npd117.net)

Fax: (709) 599-7763

### 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.



**CELEBRATE RED RIBBON WEEK**

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>**



Sorrick School will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week which takes place nationally from **October 23<sup>rd</sup> – October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018**. Our students will be participating in activities that promote healthy choices during the fourth week of October. This year’s theme is **“Life is Your Journey, Travel Drug Free.”**

Below is a list of Red Ribbon Week activities:

**Monday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> – “Turn your Back on Unhealthy Choices Day”** - Students can wear their clothes on backwards to point out that it important to **PICK HEALTHY CHOICES, NOT UNHEALTHY CHOICES.**

**Tuesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> – “Bring a Healthy Snack to School Day”**- Students are asked to bring a healthy snack 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://imaginationtheater.org/easethetease.html) Special Red Ribbon stickers will be distributed to all students.

**Wednesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> – “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 25<sup>th</sup> – “Pledge Day”** – Students will be signing a pledge to make healthy choices and will be given a “Red Ribbon Week” pencil.

**Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup> –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](http://www.redribbon.org) to find out more information about the history and impact of the Red Ribbon Campaign and take the Drug-Free Pledge.



**October is Bullying Awareness Month**

**What is Bullying?**

Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior that involves a real or perceived power imbalance. Kids who bully use their 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** -leaving someone out 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](http://www.stopbullying.gov)



# Sorrick School

## October 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> PTA Meeting 9:15 AM	<b>3</b> TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  Popcorn Day Birthday Books	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> NO SCHOOL Columbus Day 	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Pre-K Parent Workshop "1-2-3 Magic" 8:30 -10:30 AM D/O Boardroom Taffy Apple orders due	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip MVCC Theater	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Picture Retakes  ← P T A	<b>16</b> Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM SCHOLASTIC	<b>17</b> BOOK	<b>18</b> Book Fair Family Night 6:00-8:00 PM Taffy Apple pick-up FAIR	<b>19</b> ----->	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Red Ribbon Week Oct. 22-26 	<b>22</b> Backward Clothes Day Assets begins	<b>23</b> Bring a Healthy Snack to School Day Assets	<b>24</b> Unity Day-Wear Orange Kindergarten Field Trip Lake Catherine	<b>25</b> Pledge Day Kindergarten Field Trip Lake Catherine Assets	<b>26</b> Pajama Day	<b>27</b>  Little Red Schoolhouse Pre-K Fun Day 9:30-10:30 AM
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Assets	<b>30</b> Assets	<b>31</b> Costume Parades 10:00 AM/1:45 PM 	Assets		