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PLEASE WELCOME OUR NEW PRINCIPAL-MRS. NATALIE PROFITA TO SORRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL! We are so happy to finally have her here at Sorrick School after being out on a maternity leave. Congratulations and welcome! And we want to thank Dr. Paula Coughlin for filling in as our interim principal thus far. Thanks for getting us off to a great start!

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick Families,

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

The leaves outside have turned colors and they will begin the gradual process of falling from their branches as fall quietly gives way to winter next month.

Report cards will be available online Friday, Nov. 2nd. Instructions on how to access student report cards online was sent home.

Please be aware that students will be dismissed early both on November 7th and November 19th following the TEAM Day schedule. Also, there will be **NO SCHOOL** on November 12th in observance of Veterans Day and **NO SCHOOL** on Tuesday, November 20th for Parent/Teacher Conferences from 8:45 a.m. until noon.

Schools will be closed from Wednesday, November 21st through Friday, November 23rd as we celebrate Thanksgiving. On a personal note, I'd like to take a minute to thank the students, teachers, parents and staff for

making the first few months of this school year an incredibly enjoyable one for me. Prior to serving as interim principal here at Sorrick, it had been several years since I worked as a building principal. I've truly appreciated the opportunity and cherished the experience of serving as your principal. It is something that I will forever remember and look back on favorably.

As I transition back to my position at the district office, I can assure you that Mrs. Natalie Profita will step right in and make a seamless transition as your new principal.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Paula Coughlin
Interim Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
Report Cards available online
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH
Team Day Early Dismissal
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH
No School-Veteran's Day
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH
Lil'Ceasers Pizza pickup 1-4:30 PM
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH
First Grade Feast
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH
Students follow TEAM DAY Schedule
Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH
NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS-
PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES
8:45 AM-12:00 PM
Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21-
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23RD**
NO SCHOOL THANKSGIVING BREAK
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH
Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00-9:00 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 NPD 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.



**NO SCHOOL-VETERANS DAY
MONDAY, OCTOBER 12TH**

Sorrick School students will be off on MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH in observance of Veterans Day. Veterans Day is an official United States public holiday, observed annually on November 11 that honors military veterans who have served in the United States Armed Forces.



Monday, November 19th students will follow our TEAM DAY schedule (see side column) due to Parent/Teacher conferences. Conferences are scheduled between 2:30-3:30 and 5:00-8:00 PM

Also, there is NO SCHOOL on Tuesday, November 20th for students however, Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled between 8:45 AM-12:00 PM.

Thanksgiving Break November 21st –November 23rd



Sorrick Elementary School will be on a Thanksgiving Break from Wednesday, Nov. 21st thru Friday, Nov. 23rd. Enjoy the extra time off with a little rest and relaxation. Sorrick staff is thankful for the opportunity to work with parents and students.

Wed. November 7th & Mon. November 19th

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next TEAM DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 7th. TEAM DAYS are used for our staff for in-service and professional growth activities. Students will also follow the TEAM DAY schedule on Monday, Nov. 19th due to Parent/Teacher conferences.

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

Parents,

Thank you for your participation for the month of October, which included volunteering in the classroom, PTA meeting, Popcorn Day, Parent Workshop, Book Fair, Lending Library, and our visit to The Little Red Schoolhouse. Each month there are many opportunities for you to participate and your child really does enjoy seeing you at school. Keep it up!

If you have not already sent back your November calendar, please do as soon as possible so I can better gauge how many to expect at Workshops, Fun Nights, etc. November Fun Night is on Wednesday, November 7th at Sorrick's APR., with Dorn School Pre-K parents and students joining us. Come on out with your Pre-K students and be ready to move and groove with Jody at her Jiggle Jams Kids Concert.

The November Parent Workshop will be hosted by a representative from Pillars Health and Social Services agency that will present information on Children and Technology. Free babysitting is available for workshops. Pre-K students attending in the afternoon classes are welcome to stay with the babysitters. Games, coloring, and a

variety of fun activities are available for them, so please, use this free babysitting for your Pre-K students too!

If you use the Lending Library, please be sure to write your child's name as the borrower on the library card, otherwise it can be time consuming to determine whose parent signed their name on the card. You can drop off the item you checked out at the office, or send it back with your child if it fits in their backpack. Keep in mind that all handouts sent home can be found on the Pre-K web page, including Monthly Participation Calendar, Fun Night and Workshop flyers.

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

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathleen Rehr



NOVEMBER

Pre-K Parent Participation

Looking ahead, November's parent participation dates and times are as follows. Keep in mind that November is a short month for participation with Veterans Day, Parent/Teacher conferences and Thanksgiving Break, so get that participation in early.

- FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND**
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH**
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH**
Pre-K Family Fun Night-Jiggle Jam Concert at 6-7:00 PM-Door #11
- WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH**
Pre-K Parent Workshop @ D/O "Technology and Children" 9:30 AM
- THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29TH**
Chuck E Cheese Night 3:00-9:00 PM

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

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CLERK

Vision & Hearing Screenings

Vision & hearing screenings have already begun at Sorrick School.

The purpose of vision and hearing screenings is to separate children that do not have vision or hearing problems from those who may need further examination by a doctor. Diagnoses are made only by an eye doctor and/or an audiologist.

Pre-K students are screened for vision and hearing annually here at Sorrick School and have already been screened at this time.

Kindergarten students will start being screened for hearing on November 5th. Hearing screenings are done annually here at Sorrick School. All kindergarten students must have an eye exam completed by an optometrist or an ophthalmologist.

First grade students are screened annually for hearing here at Sorrick School.

Students that are new to the district will be screened for vision & hearing if not previously done.

Parents or teachers who suspect their student may be having difficulties may refer their student to the Health Clerk.

Children wearing glasses are included in the screening program, but are not given the battery of tests. Their glasses are examined for visual breaks or scratches and referred for follow-ups with their doctor.

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

Thank you for the privilege of caring for your child!



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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.



Sorrick School

November 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Assets	2  Popcorn Day Birthday Books	3
4	5 Assets	6 PTA Meeting 9:15 AM Assets	7 TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00 Pre-K Family Fun Night 6:00-7:00 PM	8 Lil Caesars orders due Assets	9	10
11  American Education Week Nov. 12- Nov. 16 th	12 NO SCHOOL VETERANS DAY 	13 Assets	14 Pre-K Parent Workshop, "Technology and Children" at 9:30 AM @ District Office	15 Lil' Ceasers Pizza pick up 1:00-4:30 PM Assets Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM	16 1 st Grade Feast 	17
18	19 TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00 Parent/Teacher Conferences 2:30-3:30 PM 5:00-8:00 PM	20 NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences 8:45 AM-12:00 PM	21 ← <i>NO SCHOOL</i>	22  ----- <i>THANKSGIVING</i>	23 ----- <i>BREAK</i> →	24
25	26 Assets	27 Assets	28	29  Family Night 3:00-9:00 PM Assets	30	