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A reason to be thankful—Pictured above are Ms. Plachczynska's kindergarten students with their Thanksgiving placemats sharing their thoughts on what they are thankful for. Our staff at Sorrick Elementary School are thankful for the opportunity to assist in your child's education.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

PTA Meeting 9:15 AM

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5TH

Team Day Early Dismissal

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH

Popcorn Day/Birthday Books

MON, DEC. 10TH – FRI, DEC. 14TH

Holiday Shop

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18TH

Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

MONDAY, DECEMBER 24TH -

MONDAY, JANUARY 7TH

NO SCHOOL WINTER BREAK

TUESDAY, JANUARY 8TH

School Resumes

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents/guardians,

I would like to personally thank all the parents and guardians who attended Parent-Teacher Conferences on November 19th and 20th. We truly value our partnerships with families and appreciate your efforts to support your child at home!

As the calendar year comes to a close, the month of December is filled with exciting events at Sorrick School! Our annual Holiday Shop sponsored by the PTA will be held in the APR Monday, December 10th - Friday, December 14th. This wonderful event provides our students with an opportunity to buy gifts for family members! Our Holiday Shop will be held during school hours and you are welcome to join your child as they shop with their class. If you would like to shop with your child, please make sure your drivers license is on file at the front office at least 7 days in advance. Our winter parties will take place on Friday, December 21st. Please contact your child's teacher if you would like to volunteer. Once again, your driver's license

will need to be on file in order to attend this event.

With the winter chill upon us, it is important to keep your child home from school in the event that they are sick. However, if your child is in good health, please be sure to send him or her to school on time each day. School attendance is essential to academic success! Did you know that research shows that missing 10% of the school year, or about 18 days of school, negatively affects a child's academic performance?(attendanceworks.org). Remember any lost class time, whether excused or unexcused, results in missed learning opportunities. Help your children develop positive habits for attendance from an early age!

Thank you for your continued support.

Your partner in Education,

Natalie Profita
Principal of Sorrick 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.

REMINDER: FUN PACS ARE DUE

Fun pacs were sent home November 13th and are due December 7th for either payment or return. The "fun picture pac" is just \$10.00 and our school gets to keep 100% of the sales. You can send cash or checks (make check payable to Sorrick School). If you do not want the Fun Pac please send them back to school.

SORRICK SCHOOL PAJAMA DRIVE



Sorricks School will be pairing up with Scholastic Book Clubs, "The Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive." For every pair of pajamas donated to Sorrick School, Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to a child in need. Our collection time is December 3rd -17th. Flyers were sent home on November 29th. Please help us to bring the gift of reading and send warm, cozy pajamas to families in need.



HOLIDAY SHOP

Sorricks PTA will be having our annual Holiday Shop from Monday, December 10th thru Friday, December 14th. They will have gifts for all ages. Parents, as well as, students can purchase gift items for family and friends. Please stop by to see the variety of gifts that are available to purchase.



Winter Parties

Sorricks Students will have their Winter Parties on Friday, December 21st. Our AM students will have their parties at 10:15 AM and our PM/full day students parties at 2:00 PM. Parents interested in helping out in the classroom must have their ID and Volunteer Information/Waiver of Liability/NPD117 Guidelines forms completed and submitted to the Sorrick office 1 week before the party. Please contact your child's teacher to be put on the party helper list.



Winter Break-December 24th -January 7th



North Palos School District 117 will be on Winter Break from December 22nd - January 7th. Monday, January 7th is a Teacher's Institute Day so there is **NO SCHOOL** for students.

School will resume for students on Tuesday, January 8th.

Our Sorrick School staff would like to wish all of our families a happy, healthy holiday season and a joyous Happy New Year!

Wed. December 5th

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next TEAM DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 5th. 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

Parents,

Thank you again for your involvement in our Pre-K program. Once again, we have many opportunities for the month of December to participate, but keep in mind that we are limited to 3 weeks, so get your participation in early. December calendars have gone home with a couple of reminders regarding volunteer forms, parent library materials, sign in sheets and visits to the classroom. Please return your calendars as soon as possible so we can record class visits, get a count on PTA volunteers,

Don't miss our annual Game Night/Fun Night on Thursday, Dec. 6th. A night just for you and your Pre-K student to play lots of games that we have in our parent library available to check out, plus a fun game of Bingo. Some of the advantages of playing games with your children are increased self-esteem, sharper focus and memory, social development, creativity, and following rules.

Please be sure to return any parent library material before December 21st to be counted for December. Any material returned after the 1st of the year will be recorded at the time it is received.

Be sure to check out the Pre-K website at <https://www.npd117.net>. Look for my page where I include monthly calendars, workshop and

fun night flyers, contact information, pictures from the Little Red Schoolhouse and more.

As always, if you have ever have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to contact me. It's best to email at crehr@npd117.net

Below are pictures from Pre-K's Family Fun Day, Family Fun Night and Parent Workshop



See you soon!

Cathleen Rehr,
Pre-K Parent Coordinator



DECEMBER

Pre-K Parent Participation

Looking ahead, December's parent participation dates and times are as follows. Keep in mind that December is a short month for participation with Winter Break at the end of the month, so get that participation in early.

- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4TH**
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
- THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6TH**
Pre-K Family Fun Night 6-7:00 PM Door #11
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7TH**
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
- MONDAY, DECEMBER 10TH -**
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
Holiday Shop
- WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12TH**
Pre-K Parent Workshop
@ D/O 9:30 AM
- FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21ST**
Winter Parties 10:15 AM/2:00 PM

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

With the winter weather upon us, we need to make sure our students are dressed for the cold. We will have outdoor recess as long as the weather is 20 degrees or above.

Please remember to not have your children share hats with friends or try on winter headwear without protecting your child's head from head lice. This can be done by having your child wear a hat or scarf of their own.

If you notice your child scratching their head, please check for lice or their eggs (nits). If your child has lice or nits, you must remove the nits by hand and then shampoo with a lice shampoo. Lice shampoo can be purchased at any pharmacy. Also, to help reduce the spread of lice, please notify our Sorrick Health Office at (708) 233-8202. Do not send your child to school with nits. District 117 has a no nit policy. And so, upon returning to school please have your child checked through the health office.

Sometimes at this time of year, we see cases of strep throat (streptococcal) arise. Please watch for the symptoms to avoid the spread of this infection. The signs & symptoms of strep are fever, sore throat, and often enlarged tender lymph nodes in the neck. Scarlet fever can occur from one to three days after the onset of sore throat and appear as a fine, red rash. Untreated cases run the risk of developing rheumatic fever or inflammation of the kidneys.

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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Sorrick School

December 2018



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