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DATES TO REMEMBER:

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND
PTA Bingo 10:00-11:30

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH
LLS Kickoff Assembly-
"Dress like your Favorite Superhero"
100th Day of School

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH
Team Day Early Dismissal

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH
Popcorn Day/ Birthday Books
(all proceeds from popcorn sales will
be donated to LLS fundraiser)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH
"Shade Out, Cancer Day" wear sunglasses.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH
Ice Cream Social 10:30/2:15
Parent/Teacher Conferences 5-8:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH
Students attend ½ day schedule

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18TH
No school- Presidents Day

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH
Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND
"Clean our your Console" coins for LLS
PTA Family Magic Night 7:00-8:00 PM

February 1st is Sorrick School's 100th Day in attendance.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick Families,

With record-breaking cold temperatures like we have seen this past week, I am pretty certain that the groundhog will see his shadow on February 2nd and we will have at least six more weeks of winter weather! I have lived in Chicagoland long enough to know that the cold weather isn't going away anytime soon. Even so, there are still some fun indoor activities that you can enjoy as a family in the weeks ahead:

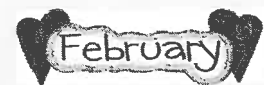
- Visit the library and check out some great books! Libraries often offer some great classes for children. If you don't already have a library card, this is a great time to sign up for one.
- Get warm and cozy in pajamas while reading books together!
- Make some delicious hot cocoa, lay down some blankets and play some board games as a family.
- Cook a meal with your child while showing him or her how to follow the steps in a recipe.
- Have your child practice his or her writing skills and write a letter to a friend or relative.

- Enjoy a movie day together! Find some great movies that are based on children's books so that you can talk about the similarities and differences between the film and story.
- Create a treasure hunt inside and leave clues for your child to solve the riddles and find the prize.
- As long as the temperature isn't too cold, go sledding or build a snowman.
- Visit a museum and explore some indoor exhibits.

When your child gets older and looks back on these days, these are the experiences that they will remember the most. Enjoy the quality time together, no matter the weather!

Stay warm,

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.

Kindergarten & First Grade Parent/Teacher Conferences-Feb.14th

All students will follow their regular attendance schedule on Thursday, February 14th. However, there will be parent/teacher conferences in the evening from 5:00-8:00 PM for parents of kindergarten and first grade students.

Parents of Pre-K students will not have conferences on this day. Their conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, March 13th.

Friday, February 15th is an in-service day so we will follow a 1/2 day schedule. See below:

- AM: 9:00-10:00 AM Full day: 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
- PM: 11:00-12:00 PM (If your child will not be in attendance, please call our attendance line (708) 598-5743.)

Wed. February 6th

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next **TEAM DAY** is scheduled for **Wednesday, Feb. 6th**. **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.

Friday, February 15th

HALF-DAY SCHEDULE

Full-day students: 9:00-12:00

Bus pickup and walker drop off will be at regular times. Walker pick-up is at 12:00. Bus dismissal will begin at 12:00 with students arriving home between 12:00-12:30.

Pre-K/Kindergarten AM students:

9:00-10:00 - Bus pickup and walker

drop off will be at regular times. Walker pick-up is at 10:00. Bus dismissal will begin at 10:00 with students arriving home between 10:00-10:30.

Pre-k/Kindergarten PM students

11:00-12:00-PM student's bus pick-up will begin around 10:00 for the 11:00 start. PM walker arrival begins at 10:45. Pick-up is at 12:00. Bus dismissal will begin at 12:00 with students arriving home between 12:00-12:30.

Lunch will not be served on this day.



Ice Cream Social



Sorricks students will be having an ice cream social on Thursday, February 14th.

AM students: 10:30

PM & full day students: 2:15

If your child would like to pass out Valentines, please make sure it includes the whole classroom. Do not single out students separately. Please do not send any candy or food items with Valentines for we have a lot of students with allergies.



There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, February 18th for Sorrick students in recognition of Presidents' Day. Presidents' Day is to be observed the third Monday in February each year and honors all past presidents of the United States of America. In the past, both February 12th and February 22nd were observed as federal holidays to honor the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln (Feb. 12th) and George Washington (Feb. 22nd).

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

Thank you parents for a great January participation turnout for the month! Ongoing research shows that family participation in schools improves student achievement, reduces absenteeism, and restores parents' confidence in their children's education. Students with involved parents or other caregivers earn higher grades and test scores, have better social skills, and show improved behavior.

We had a fabulous Fun Night with Smarty Pants and The Big Balloon Show. Pictures are posted on my web page. Be sure to check those out. While you're at it, be sure to peruse the sight for any flyers that you may have misplaced that I sent home. You will find participation calendars, workshop and fun night dates and flyers, my contact information and more.

For our Parent Workshop, we had a Pediatric Nutritionist and RN from Advocate Hospital discussing healthy eating for preschoolers. There's so much information regarding children's health at AdvocateChildrensHospital.com, select Support Services, and then select Children's Health Resource Centers.

Getting your child on the path to healthy eating isn't difficult - **Cook together, Eat together, Talk together and Make meal time- family time.**

I've been working on adding more parent library materials. Stop by the parent library and be sure to check out some of the many new additions. I'm super excited about the Storytelling Kits. Each kit contains a book and Velcro attachments to bring the stories to life. The new Family Engagement Language Packs promotes family involvement with a hands-on language game that children can play at home. It's a fun way to reinforce essential early learning skills - and strengthen family engagement!

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

Thank you!
Mrs. Cathleen Rehr



FEBRUARY

Pre-K Parent Participation

Looking ahead, February parent participation dates and times are as follows.

- SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2ND**
PTA Bingo 10:00-11:30 AM (will count for the January participation)
- TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH**
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH**
Family Fun Night "Camp Reading Night" Sorrick 6-7:00 PM
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH**
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
- THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH**
Ice Cream Social 10:30/2:15
- WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH**
Parent Workshop-"Dental Health" @ D/O 9:30-10:30 AM
- FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND**
PTA Family Magic Night 7-8:00PM
- FEBRUARY 26TH -28TH**
Pre-k Library Visits

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

REMEMBER KIDS...Your permanent teeth can last a lifetime, if you take good care of them!

- Brush your teeth for at least 2 minutes twice daily especially after every meal and after sweet snacks.
- Cut down on foods and drinks that have a lot of sugar.
- Remember to floss those little beauties to keep your smile bright.
- Go to the dentist and hygienist.
- Brushing teeth before bedtime is a good idea.
- Good nutrition is good for your teeth.
- Fluoride helps prevent tooth decay.

Childhood is the most important time to build strong bones and teeth. If kids do not get the nutrients they need, they can put their current and future dental health at risk. Three servings everyday of dairy plus plenty of fruits and vegetables and whole grains set the stage for healthy smiles.

If your child loses a tooth at school, they are given a tooth necklace to wear at school. We are not able to send the tooth home with your child because of blood borne pathogens. You can stop by the health office between 8:45-3:45 PM to pick up your child's tooth. If your child has dry or chapped lips, you may send a lip balm marked with their name on it. They can keep it in their backpack and use it as needed.

Also, just a reminder that kindergarten dental examination forms and vision examination reports are due to the health office at this time.

FEBRUARY IS DENTAL HEALTH MONTH



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
(708)233-8202
Email-mjanda@npd117.net
Fax: (708) 599-7763

For the past few years Sorrick School has taken part in the Leukemia Lymphoma's "Pennies for Patients"/ "Pasta for Pennies" fundraiser. The "Pennies for Patients" flyer below was sent home at the end of January. This copy is to remind families of the "Fun Days" we have planned in the month of February. Please follow along with the special activities we have planned to help Sorrick School have a successful fundraiser. Thank you!



Pennies for Patients Fun Days

Monday, February 4th-LLS "Every Hero Need a Squad" Kick-Off Day/Assembly
 Bring a \$1.00 to school and dress up like your favorite super hero (suggestions: wear t-shirt, hat, cape or pajamas with super hero logo on it).

Friday, February 8th-"Popcorn Day"
 Purchase some extra popcorn. Our generous Sorrick PTA will donate the popcorn sales to our "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser.

Wednesday, February 13th-"Shade Out Cancer Day"
 Donate \$1.00 and wear a pair of sunglasses to school to show support in putting an end to cancer (shade out cancer).

Friday, February 22nd -"Clean Out Your Console Day"
 Parents and staff, grab some loose change from your car console, pockets or purses when you drop off your child or arrive at school. Our staff will have collections jugs in the parking lot and at the walker door for you to drop off your donation.

Let's all work together and be a part of the "Hero Squad" in the fight against cancer to reach our donation goal of \$5,000.
 Thanks for your generosity!!!

Emergency Closing Information

With winter upon us, it is hard to predict the kind of weather we will be faced with and the effect it might have on getting to school safely or other unexpected issues that can arise from excessive snow and ice.

North Palos School District 117 has a telephone broadcast system-School Messenger that enables the school to notify district families by phone, email or text within minutes of an emergency or unplanned event that would result in an early dismissal, school cancellation or late start. It is important that your child's school has your most recent phone number and e-mail in order for us to properly contact you.

Also, school closings are announced on WGN-720 AM radio. Cook County public schools are announced by their DISTRICT NUMBER, not school name, so you must listen for "NORTH PALOS SCHOOL DISTRICT 117." This information and more are on our district website at www.npd117.net it can link you to www.emergencyclosings.com or by our District Office phone number: (708) 598-5300

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.



Sorricks School

February 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4 LLS Kick Off Assembly 10:30/1:30 (Bring \$1.00 wear superhero attire) Assets	5 PTA Meeting 9:15 AM Positive Parenting Workshop 9-11:00 AM	6 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	7 Assets	8  Popcorn Day Birthday Books (popcorn sales go to LLS)	9
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17	18 NO SCHOOL 	19 Positive Parenting Workshop 9-11:00 AM Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 PM Assets/Learning Links	20 Pre-K Parent Workshop 9:30 -10:30 AM @ District Office	21 Assets	22 "Clean Our your Console Day"(coins for LLS) PTA Family Magic Night 7-8:00PM	23
24	25 Assets	26 Positive Parenting Workshop 9-11:00 AM Green Hills Library Anetsberger Assets/Learning Links	27 Green Hills Library Langford	28 Green Hills Library Danaher Assets		