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SORRICK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WOULD LIKE TO WELCOME BACK RETURNING STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS AND ALSO WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF AND STUDENTS FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR. Pictured above are our new staff (from left to right) Hannah Wagner-Resource, Maria Frycz-Zoltek-EL 1st Grade, Iman Abdallah-Kindergarten, Jennifer Putz-School Psychologist, & Katya Razukas-Paraprofessional

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick Families,

I would like to offer a warm welcome to everyone at the start of the 2019-2020 school year! We are off to an exciting school year filled with new learning opportunities. I truly recognize and value a strong home-school partnership, and would like to thank everyone who attended Parent Orientation Night on August 28th. We are thrilled to have had an opportunity to share more about our school community and introduce you to the caring and supportive staff at Sorrick School.

At Sorrick, we are committed to creating a safe learning environment for all staff and students. We have spent several weeks discussing our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program with each child, helping them understand the routines and expectations for school success. At Sorrick School, all students are expected

to be safe, be respectful and be here and ready to learn each day. In order for our students to be successful, we need your support and collaboration. Please take some time to review the PBIS expectations and matrix included in this newsletter with your child. We truly appreciate your support!

The 2019-2020 school year promises to be an exciting one for all! As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. I am looking forward to meeting and getting to know each of you this school year!

Your partner in education,

Natalie Profita
Principal of Sorrick School

SEPTEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER:



MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND
NO SCHOOL-Labor Day
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4TH
Team Day Early Dismissal
PTA Welcome Meeting-11:30 AM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
Birthday Books
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
Pre-K Parent Participation
Orientation: 9:15 AM-2:15 PM
(see Pre-K Corner-page 5 sidebar for translation times)
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH
Popcorn Day
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH
Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
PTA Membership dues & Room Party money deadline
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH
Spiritwear orders due



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.



NO SCHOOL- MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, September 2nd in recognition of Labor Day. Labor Day is on the first Monday in September and was created in dedication to the social and economic achievements of American workers by the labor movement. It is a national, annual tribute for the contributions workers have made towards the strength, prosperity and well-being of our great country.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SCHOOL MESSENGER TEXT ALERTS-Text messaging will frequently be used to communicate school events and safety information. To ensure you receive the text message alerts, you must text **Y** to **67587**. You will immediately receive a confirmation text message that registers you for future communication from Sorrick School and NPD117. If you **DO NOT** receive a text confirmation, it means we do not have your cell phone number in our system. Please contact the Sorrick office (708) 233-8200 to have your phone number added.

POWERSCHOOL PARENT ACCESS ACCOUNT-Parents need to create an account in order to check your child's grade, transportation, pay fees and communicate with teachers. You can do this by going to our website www.npd117.net. Click on the Parents & Students tab, then Parent Access link. Attached in the newsletter, you will find the instruction sheet, step by step.

ELECTRONIC MEAL PAYMENT SIGN UP-Also, on our website under the Parents & Students tab, if you go to Food Services, you will find the directions for our Electronic Meal Payment Sign Up.

PBIS BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS- As we begin a new school year, Sorrick staff has been teaching our school-wide expectations for "Be Safe, Be Respectable, and Be Ready to Learn." Please review the matrix of school behavioral expectations attached in the newsletter with your child. When they are demonstrating these behaviors at school, a staff member may "catch" them and reward them with Cougar Tickets that they can use to "shop" at the school store every month.



Follow the rules

Name: _____

Date: _____

Room: _____

Wed. September 4th

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next **TEAM DAY** is scheduled for **Wednesday, Sept. 4th**. **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.

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.

How to Create a PowerSchool Parent Access Account



In order to create a Parent Access account, you must have an **Access Account ID** and **Access Password** for each student that you wish to add to your account. This information will be sent to you via email once you register your student(s). You can also retrieve this information by calling your student's school office.

Go to the following link: <https://powerschool.npd117.net/public>

(This link is always available by going to www.npd117.net and going to the "Parents & Students" header and clicking on the "Parent Access" link)

PowerSchool

Student and Parent Sign In

Sign In Create Account

Select Language English

Username

Password

Forgot Username or Password?

Sign In

Click on the "Create Account" header and fill in the following prompted information: First Name, Last Name, Email, Username (you create), Password (you create)

After filling this out, scroll down and link students to your account by using the Access ID and Access Password for each student. Once you have filled out the appropriate information for each student, scroll to the bottom and select "enter" to complete the process

Link Students to Account

Enter the Access ID, Access Password, and Relationship for each student you wish to add to your Parent Account

Student Name	Access ID	Access Password	Relationship
			-- Choose

PBIS BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

	BUS	HALLWAY	CLASSROOM	LUNCHROOM	BATHROOM	PLAYGROUND
BE SAFE	<p>Sit in your seat while bus is moving</p> <p>Keep your hands to yourself</p>	<p>Use walking feet</p> <p>Face forward</p> <p>Keep outside doors closed</p>	<p>Walk</p> <p>Keep hands and feet to self</p>	<p>Keep hands and feet to yourself</p> <p>Stay in your seat</p> <p>Sit on your bottom</p> <p>Eat your own food</p>	<p>Wash your hands when finished</p> <p>Keep water in the sink</p>	<p>Report problems to adults</p> <p>Wear the right clothing for the weather</p> <p>Be aware of your surroundings</p>
BE RESPECTFUL	<p>Help your friends</p> <p>Use kind words</p>	<p>Quiet mouths</p> <p>Be a good listener</p>	<p>Raise your hand to talk</p> <p>Show kindness to classmates</p> <p>Be a good helper</p> <p>Be honest</p>	<p>Wait in line quietly</p> <p>Use inside voices</p> <p>Invite others to sit by you</p> <p>Clean up after yourself</p>	<p>Respect your own and others' privacy</p> <p>Flush toilets when finished</p> <p>Keep area clean</p>	<p>Use the equipment properly</p> <p>Listen to adults</p> <p>Be a good friend</p>
BE READY TO LEARN	<p>Listen to Grown Ups</p>	<p>Stay with the group</p> <p>Follow teacher directions</p>	<p>Be on time</p> <p>Have needed supplies</p> <p>Follow directions</p> <p>Work neatly</p>	<p>Stay seated in one spot</p> <p>Listen to the teachers and staff</p>	<p>Be quick</p> <p>Stay in your own space</p>	<p>Have a plan for play</p> <p>Walk to your line when the whistle blows</p>

COUGAR COURIER

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

Hello Pre-K parents!

My name is Cathleen Rehr and I am the Pre-K Parent Coordinator for Dorn and Sorrick Schools. As you know, part of the criterion for your child to remain enrolled in our program is family involvement, and a part of my job is to provide opportunities for you to become an active participant in your child's learning experience in our program.

Thursday, September 12th I will be holding a required parent participation meeting/orientation during the school day. This orientation won't take more than 30 minutes of your time. It is extremely beneficial for you to attend as we will be discussing what parent involvement will look like this year, how to fulfill your monthly requirement of participation in the program and other important matters. I will be offering 3 sessions in the morning and 3 sessions in the afternoon. Each session will be presented in English and will include one Polish, Hispanic or Arabic time for you to come in and meet translator, depending on the time. You may choose any session, but if you need translation, please attend the time in which you need that particular translation. If you absolutely cannot attend, you will need to contact me as soon as possible, via email crehr@npd117.net. We will then need to set up another day and with me personally.

Your involvement can make a difference in your child's education. The Center for Public Education examined research and found that creating a partnership between parents and schools truly does have significant impact on student achievement. I look forward to meeting with you on Thursday, September 12th to discuss so many ways we can do this together!

Parent Participation Orientation schedule September 12th:

9:15 am – Polish translator available
 9:45 am – Hispanic translator available
 10:15 am – Arabic translator available
 1:15 pm – Polish translator available
 1:45 pm – Hispanic translator available
 2:15 pm – Arabic translator available

Looking forward to a fabulous year with you!

Mrs. Cathleen Rehr,
 Pre-K Parent Coordinator



September

There is not a September parent participation calendar.

Parent participation will begin in October and will end in April-a total of 7 months.

There will be some PTA scheduled events in September, please feel free to help out and volunteer for our PTA events. All parent volunteering is welcome and benefits our school. Thank you!



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

Also, it is just as important for students to arrive on time and stay until the end of the day. Please try to keep late arrivals and early dismissal to a minimum.

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

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE COMPLETE HEALTH RECORDS AT THIS TIME.

Pre-K students must have a complete physical exam and lead screening assessment questionnaire, dental and vision reports.

Kindergarten students must have a NEW physical exam and lead screening assessment questionnaire, dental and vision reports.

First grade students should have all health records complete. No new forms are due unless notified by the health clerk.

Health History is located on the back of the physical and must be completed by the parent or guardian.

If you have not completed these requirements, please make your appointment and contact my office with the date. The deadline for the physicals is October 8, 2019. Your child may be excluded if these requirements are not met.

Students who wear glasses must bring them to school everyday. Your child's academic progress could be affected if they can't see clearly.

Health forms can be found on our district website at www.npd117.net under the Parents & Students tab. Click on Health Services-go to the left side and click on Health Forms. The forms are also available in the Health Office

located in the Main Office. I am available Monday-Friday 8:45-3:45.

If your child requires medication to be taken at school, please download from our website the Parent and Physician Request to Administer Medication by school personnel permission forms. You can also come to the Sorrick office to get the forms. Both the parent & physician must fill out the forms. Bring them with the medication in their original boxes with the label attached to the office. Please do not send any medication in your child's backpack. This applies to both prescription and over the counter medications.

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
 (708) 233-8202
 email: mjanda@npd117.net
 fax: (708) 599-7763



SORRICK SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

September 2019



To those of you returning to Sorrick Elementary School – **Welcome Back!** To all of our new students and families, **PTA welcomes you to Sorrick!** We hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.

The Sorrick PTA is part of the National Parent/Teacher Association, which strives to enhance children’s educational experiences. We have many fun and exciting activities planned for the students and families this year. **You will find the calendar of events within the PTA welcome packet that was sent home in late August.**

We hope you have had a chance to look over the packet and have completed any forms that need to be returned. If you need new forms, you can pick them up at the Sorrick office. The 2019-2020 PTA membership fee is \$5. **In order to volunteer at PTA events, you need to be a member, and have your ID and volunteer form on file with the Sorrick office at least one week prior to the event.**

Please remember to submit the room parties fee of \$10 per student. This will cover the cost of your child’s 3 classroom parties. We will begin contacting those interested in helping with class parties soon. If you would like to volunteer, check ROOM HELPER when returning the form. Please don’t forget to write “Room Party Money” and your child’s first and last name, along with your child’s teacher’s name, on the front of the envelope.

Vacant Treasurer and Secretary Positions

We are looking for parents to fill our vacant treasurer and secretary positions on the PTA board. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please email us at sorrickpta@gmail.com or contact Heather Spaulding at (630) 308-3003.

PTA Meetings

Our meetings are held at Sorrick School on the first Wednesday of each month at 11:30 am. Be sure to check the monthly newsletter, as dates sometimes get changed due to holidays or various school and PTA events. **Please join us at our welcome meeting on Wednesday, September 4th at 11:30.**

Birthday Books

Birthday Books are sponsored by the PTA. Once a month, we travel the halls with a cart of Scholastic books. Each student with a birthday that month gets to pick out a book to take home. **We are looking for someone to oversee Birthday Books, so please contact us if you are interested.**

Popcorn Days

Popcorn Day is held once a month. Our first Popcorn Day will be Friday, September 13th. Order forms go home the week of Popcorn Day. If you are interested in helping with Popcorn Day, please text or call Heather Spaulding at (630) 308-3003.

Spiritwear

Every Friday at Sorrick is Spiritwear Day. Get into the Cougar spirit and show your school pride. **Order forms were sent home with your child and are due back with payment by September 24th.** If you have questions or need a new form, please contact Samantha Ward at (708) 770-4901.

Pre-K Families: You can volunteer your time at PTA events to earn your required monthly hour.

We look forward to meeting you on September 4th!

UPCOMING EVENTS

September

PTA Welcome Meeting	4
11:30 am	
Birthday Books	6
Popcorn Day	13
PTA Dues & Room Parties	
Money Due	20
Spiritwear Orders Due	24

PTA Board Members 2019-2020

sorrickpta@gmail.com

President

Heather Spaulding

Vice President

Samantha Ward

Treasurer

Vacant

Secretary

Vacant





August 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the 2018-2019 school year, Reflex Math was selected as a pilot in grades 1 and 3. Reflex Math is an online program that works on math facts as identified by each student's individual needs. Because the company only allowed a site license purchase, all teachers had access for the 2018-2019 school year. Many teachers used the program, and the response from teachers and students was very positive.

With the implementation of the Ready Math materials as a resource for teachers, students in kindergarten to fifth grade will have access to different online math instructional tools for the 2019-2020 school year. One of the tools will help students master their math facts. The Ready Math online instructional tool also reviews specific content aligned to the standards. It is adaptive and individualized based on students' results on the diagnostic assessment. The 2019-2020 school year will be a continued pilot, and the team will seek feedback moving forward with a long-term recommendation.

If you would like to continue using Reflex at home with your child, there is an option to purchase a one-year home user license for \$35. Please visit <http://www.reflexmath.com/buy> for more information.

Sincerely,
Christine Droba
Director of Curriculum



The Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee
invites parents of English Learners to join us in learning about Moraine
Valley's Program of Learning Enrichment and College Readiness



Join us in learning about the following tuition FREE Classes:

High School Equivalency
English as a Second Language
ESL Computer Class
Citizenship Class
Critical Thinking Class
Bridge to Healthcare Class

Date:

September 4th, 2019

Time:

12:00 PM-1:00 PM

Location:

Dr. Ken Geraghty Administration Center
7825 W. 103rd Street
Palos Hills, 60465



Sorrick School

September 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 NO SCHOOL LABOR DAY 	3	4 PTA Welcome Meeting-11:30 AM TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00	5	6  Birthday Books	7
8	9	10 Pre-K Screening	11	12 Pre-K Parent Participation Orientation 9:15 AM-2:15 PM	13  Popcorn Day	14
15	16	17 Board of Education Meeting-7:00 PM	18	19	20 PTA Membership Dues & Room Party Money deadline	21
22	23 Fall begins 	24 Spirit Wear orders due	25	26	27	28
29	30					