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SORRICK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Be Safe, Be Respectful and

Be Ready to Learn!



WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL SORRICK COUGARS!



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Sorrick Families,

We trust you had an enjoyable summer with family and friends and are now as excited and passionate as we are for the new school year.

It's a passion formed from success and, we as an educational community, have enjoyed our share of success. But we've never been content with the status quo.

We are constantly seeking ways to increase communication in an effort to keep you, our stakeholders, engaged and informed. We are always seeking ways to improve everything we do by creating a culture where everyone plays a part. Everything we do here is a total team effort.

We continue to dedicate ourselves to the belief that every child we teach has the opportunities and tools to be successful despite life's hurdles, so he or she can pursue their dreams and continue on the path to being a lifelong learner.

We are looking forward to another successful year and welcome your feedback.

Very truly yours,

Dr. Paula Coughlin
Interim Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER:

SEPTEMBER 3RD -
NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
Team Day Early Dismissal
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 6TH
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
SEPTEMBER 13TH -
Pre-K Orientation 9:15-2:15

Important Volunteer Guidelines for North Palos District 117
New guidelines to be distributed. Please read carefully and sign and return with photo ID to the Sorrick office.



WELCOME BACK to all our returning students and
WELCOME to all our new students! We hope everyone is ready for the start of a great school year!

For important school news please visit NORTH PALOS SCHOOL DISTRICT'S website: www.npsd117.net

Our district website can guide you to districtwide info such as: Board of Education news, maps/directions, District awards, Parent/Student Handbook, calendars, menus, health information, directory of staff, parent access login, employment and much more.

By accessing the parent login tab you can communicate with your child's teacher, check grades, transportation info and pay fees.

For specific Sorrick School information just use the select the school tab at the top of the page-pull down the arrow to Sorrick School.

Check out our Twitter feed, links to Google classroom, upcoming events and much more.



NO SCHOOL

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD

There will be **NO SCHOOL** on Monday, September 3rd 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.

The winners to our Sorrick Parent Orientation PTA raffle are: the parent of Malak Abu-Shagra and the parent of Julia Pytel. They will be receiving Sorrick Spirit Wear. Congratulations!

**OPT-IN TEXT MESSAGES
THROUGH SCHOOL MESSENGER**

Parents please make sure to give your child's school your current phone number so we can provide you with the opportunity to receive text message updates on your phone from your child's school. This is to help notify you any important information in a timely manner. In order to opt-in to receive text messages, you simply text "Y" to 67587. A return text will confirm that you will start receiving text messages from North Palos School District 117. If you have more than one student in the district, you only have to do this once-as you will receive any information that applies to all of your children.

If you receive an error message, please contact your student's school office to confirm that they have your phone number properly recorded on file.

If at any time you wish to unsubscribe to text messages, simply text "STOP" to 67587. "Service Access Denied" error message, please contact your cell phone carrier you need to send/receive text messages from a short code text service.

Wed. September 5th
TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

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

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

Hello Pre-K parents!

My name is Cathleen Rehr and I am the Pre-K Coordinator for Sorrick and Dorn 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. This year's required Parent Participation begins in October and runs to the end of April 2019.

Thursday, September 13th 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. This year, I will be offering 3 sessions in the morning and 3 sessions in the afternoon. Each session will be conducted in English, but will include a translator. You may choose any session, but if you need translation, please attend the time in which you need that particular translation. Look for a "Save the date" in your child's folder with more information. If you absolutely cannot attend, you will need to contact me as soon as possible, via email crehr@npd117.net to make other arrangements. A message can also be left on my voicemail at 708-233-8093.

Schedule of Orientation is as follows:

9:15-9:45	Polish translator available
1:15-1:45	Polish translator available
9:45-10:15	Spanish translator available
1:45-2:15	Spanish translator available
10:15-10:45	Arabic translator available
2:15-2:45	Arabic translator available

It is encouraged that only parents attend, however, I understand many of you may have little ones at home. Strollers are welcome for this orientation if necessary. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

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 13th to discuss so many ways we can do this together!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Cathleen Rehr



September

Pre-K Parent Participation There will be NO September parent participation.

Pre-K parent participation will begin in October. When you receive your October calendar please check the October calendar and see when and for what event you would like to volunteer. Mark your calendar and send it back to the classroom teacher.

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, 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

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 physicals is October 9th, 2018. 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 and 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 the Parent and Physician Request to Administer Medication by school personnel permission forms from our district website. You can also come to the Sorrick office to get the forms. Both the parent and 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 concerning your child's health, please contact my office.

Thanks for the privilege of caring for your children.

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

Fax: (709) 599-7763



Sorrick Elementary School's 3 Basic School Rules:

1. Be Safe
2. Be Respectful
3. Be Ready to Learn

In order to continue to create a positive, safe and respectful learning environment for everyone, we need the support of parents to help your child understand the PBIS rules and expectations. On the next page, you will receive the PBIS Behavioral Expectations. Please go over the matrix with your child to ensure they understand the expectations here at Sorrick School.

PBIS BEHAVIORAL EXPECTATIONS

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



SORRICK ELEMENTARY PTA NEWSLETTER

September 2018



UPCOMING EVENTS

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PTA Board Members 2018-2019

President
vacant

Vice President
Samantha Ward

Treasurer
Vacant

Secretary
Gladys Morales



To those of you who are returning to Sorrick Elementary - Welcome back! To all of our new students and families PTA welcomes you to Sorrick Elementary! We hope that everyone had a fun and enjoyable summer.

Sorrick PTA is part of the National Parent/Teacher Association that strives to enhance children's educational experiences. The Sorrick PTA has many fun and exciting activities planned for the students and families this year. You will find the calendar of events within the PTA membership/calendar packet that was sent home earlier this week. We hope that you have had a chance to look over the packet and complete any forms that need to be returned. If you need new forms, you can find them on-line by accessing the Sorrick School website and clicking the PTA tab or obtain a copy from the office. The 2018-2019 PTA membership fee is \$5.00.

Please remember to submit the room party fee of \$9.00 per student. This will cover the cost of your child's 3 planned classroom parties. Also, we will begin contacting those that are interested in helping with class parties soon. If you would like to help, please check room helper or chairperson when returning the form. Please don't forget to write "Room Party Money", the name of your child and their teacher's name on the outside of any envelopes.

Vacant President and Treasurer Positions

We are looking for parents to fill our vacant president and treasurer positions on the PTA board. If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please email us or call Kim DelaRosa at (708)870-9812.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to email the PTA. Contact information can be found to the left of this page.

Popcorn Day and Birthday Books

Popcorn Day is held every month. Our first Popcorn Day will be Thursday, September 6th. Order forms go home the week of Popcorn Day. *If you are interested in helping with Popcorn Day, please text or call Gladys Morales!*

Birthday Books are also sponsored by the PTA and are done every month in conjunction with Popcorn Day. Throughout the year, every student will receive one age appropriate book during their birthday month. We are also looking for a person to handle Birthday Books.

PTA Meetings

Our meetings are held at the school on the first Tuesday of each month at 9:15 AM. Please check the monthly newsletter as dates sometimes get juggled around due to holidays or various school and PTA events. **Please join us at our welcome meeting Tuesday, September 4th at 9:15.**

Spirit Wear

Every Friday is Spirit Wear Day. Get into the Cougar spirit and show your school pride. Order forms were sent home with your child. If you have questions or need a new form, please contact Samantha Ward (708)770-4901.

Pre-K families: You can also volunteer your time at PTA events to earn your required parent participation.


We look forward to meeting you at our first meeting Tuesday, September 4th.



Sorrick School

September 2018



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9 GRANDPARENTS DAY 	10	11	12	13 PRE-K ORIENTATION 9:15-2:15	14	15
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23	24 PTA MEMBERSHIP ROOM PARTY FEE DUE	25	26	27	28	29
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