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HAPPY SPRING! Spring is finally here and our students are thrilled to be out on the playground with some nice weather. Pictured above from left to right are students from Mrs. Leyden's classroom: Grace Greenway, Jason Zimmerman, Abdullah Zyoudi, and Nathan Powell.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe that Spring is finally here and that there are only 44 days of school remaining! As the school year winds down, mark your calendars for some upcoming school events for which you may want to attend or volunteer:

PTA Spring Dance: On Friday, April 12th, families are invited to our jungle safari-themed dance from 6:00-8:30 PM! Come dance to music provided by DJ Steve, play games, visit photo stations, and enjoy pizza, salad and a beverage. Tickets are \$7.50 per person if purchase in advance or \$9.00 per person at the door.

1st Grade Field Day: On Wednesday, May 15th, our first grade students will engage in stations focused on different areas of physical fitness. Come support our first graders as they take on these fitness challenges. Volunteers are needed to help run the stations.

First Grade End-of-Year Show: Join us on Monday, May 20th at 1:30 PM as our spectacular first graders sing and dance their hearts out! This annual event is a family favorite organized by our Fine Arts teacher, Mrs. Nawrocki.

Pre-K Picnics: Taking place on Wednesday, May 23rd, the End-of-Year Picnic is a great way to celebrate a year of learning, skill building and new friendships! Parents can come and have a good time with us as the kids participate in cooperative activities such as bubbles, sand tables, parachutes, hoops and balls. AM session begins at 9:00, PM begins at 12:45.

Kindergarten Graduation: Join us on Wednesday, May 29th to celebrate and honor our kindergarten students with a graduation ceremony! Look for more information to be sent home in the coming weeks regarding specifics and times for both AM and PM sections.

The Sorrick staff and students are really looking forward to these wonderful events. We hope to see you there!

Your partner in education,

Natalie Profta
Principal of Sorrick School

APRIL DATES TO REMEMBER:



TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND
PTA Meeting 9:15 AM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3RD
Team Day Early Dismissal
THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH
Pre-K Family Fun Night 6-7:00 PM
FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH
Popcorn Day/Birthday Books
Report Cards (available online)
Cook-A-Book
TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH
Spring Dance ticket order forms due
FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH
Cook-A-Book (last session)
PTA's Annual Spring Dance
(Jungle Safari) 6:00-8:30 PM
TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH
1st grade Book Talk 4:00-5:00 PM
Board of Education Meeting 7:00 PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH
PreK Parent Workshop 9:30-10:30 AM
**FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH & MONDAY,
APRIL 22ND -NO SCHOOL**
FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH
Pre-K Screenings/No School for
Pre-K students

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.

COUGAR COURIER



North Palos School District 117 Kindergarten Registration 2019-2020

NEW student Kindergarten Registration for the 2019-2020 school year begins Monday, April 15th.

Children must be 5 years old on or before 9/01/2019.

Registration is held at the District Office and is by appointment only, call (708) 233-5763.

7825 W 103rd Street, Palos Hills - Door #2

Hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

Online registration information for Current Pre-K students will be mailed to your home mid April.



PreKindergarten 3 & 4 Year Old Screening Registration Information

PreKindergarten registration for the 2019-2020 school year began March 11th and continues through April 18th for residents of North Palos School District 117. Children must be born between 9/2/14 and 9/1/16 to participate in this registration. Currently enrolled PreK students DO NOT need to register for screening.

PreKindergarten registration will be held at Dorn and Sorrick Schools. Registration hours are Monday – Friday, 9:00AM-3:00PM. Registration forms are available on the District 117 website; www.npd117.net or you may pickup registration forms in person at Dorn or Sorrick School. When returning the registration packet, you are required to bring your child's birth certificate, proof of residency and additional documentation as indicated on page two. Thursday, April 18th is the deadline to register for screening. You must register in person at the school that represents the area where your child resides:

8800 South Harlem residents register at Sorrick School.
Registration will be held at Dorn School for children residing NORTH of 95th Street.
Registration will be held at Sorrick School for children residing SOUTH of 95th Street.

For more information and forms go to our website at: www.npd117.net

SORRICK SCHOOL SCREENING DATE IS FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH
THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K STUDENTS ON THAT DAY

Wed. April 3rd

TEAM DAY- EARLY DISMISSAL

The next TEAM DAY is scheduled for Wednesday, April 3rd. 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.

COUGAR COURIER

PRE-K COORDINATOR CORNER

April is the last month of required parent participation, but don't let that slow you down in being an active part in your child's school! According to The National Education Association, ongoing research shows that family engagement 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.

Becoming active in a school's parent group is an important way to increase involvement. Involvement also encompasses:

- Setting goals with children and fostering achievement of those goals;
- Accessing and using children's academic scores to ensure they're on track;
- Developing a relationship with children's teachers and keeping in touch with them often; and
- Advocating for improvements in the school building and with local school boards and state and federal government to ensure schools have the resources they need to provide a world class education to every student.

The most significant type of involvement is what parents do at home. By monitoring, supporting and advocating, parents can be engaged in ways that ensure that their children have every opportunity for success.

Great schools are a basic right and our shared responsibility. To all parents and families, "thank you" for being part of the education team. Find out more on how parents and families can contribute to student success by visiting the [National Education Association](#) and the [National Parent Teacher Association](#).

Don't forget about visiting the Parent Library and check out new material that has been coming in, including the Storytelling kits. All material from the Parent Library is due back by the end of April.

For Fun Night this month, our very own P.E. teachers from Sorrick and Dorn will be facilitating Sports Night. Stations will be set up in the gym and the APR where the children will be encouraged to run, throw, jump, army crawl, hula hoop and perform various exercises. New this year is a Yoga station where parents can join in the fun. This will be our last Fun Night for the year, don't miss it!

Thanks for being an active participant in your child's education.

Cathleen Rehr,

Pre-K Parent Coordinator



APRIL

Pre-K Parent Participation

Looking ahead, April parent participation dates and times are as follows:

TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

PTA Meeting 9:15 AM

THURSDAY, APRIL 4TH

Pre-K Family Fun Night, "Let's Move" 6:00-7:00 PM

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH

Popcorn Day/Birthday Books

FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH

Safari Spring Dance 6:00-8:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH

Pre-K Parent Workshop, "Reading is the Key to Learning"

@ D/O 9:30-10:30 AM

FRIDAY, APRIL 26TH

McDonald's Family Night

Please remember that any material borrowed from the parent library is recorded as participation when returned.

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



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.npdur7.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.

Students have been enjoying the rewards of good attendance. Our attendance games have been a fun reward for classrooms.

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH CLERK

It's time to make an appointment for the health requirements for next year.

State of Illinois requirements:

All children entering Pre-K are required to have:

A State of Illinois Certificate of Health Examination (blue form) with all the personal information on the top of the form and the child's health history located on the back of the form to be completed by the parent. The immunization record and physical exam must be completed with the doctor's signature, address and phone number.

A State of Illinois Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire (white form) must be completed by the parent with the date and signature of the doctor or nurse as well.

All children entering Kindergarten are required to have:

A State of Illinois Certificate of Health Examination (blue form) with all the personal information on the top of the form and the child's health history located on the back of the form to be completed by the parent. The immunization record and physical exam must be completed with the doctor's signature, address and phone number.

A State of Illinois Dental Examination (green form) with all personal information filled out by the parent and exam information completed by the dentist, including the printed name of the dentist and date of exam.

A State of Illinois Eye Examination Report (white form) with all personal information completed by the parent. The exam information completed by an optometrist or ophthalmologist,

including the doctor's printed name, signature, date and professional information.

A State of Illinois Department of Public Health Childhood Lead Risk Assessment Questionnaire (white form) must be completed by the parent with the date and signature of the doctor or nurse as well.

First grade students going to second grade:

A State of Illinois Dental Examination (green form) with all personal information filled out by the parent and exam information completed by the dentist, including the printed name of the dentist and date of exam.

The 2019-2020 health records are to be turned in to the Health Office preferably by May 24th, but no later than the first day of school. It is the parent's responsibility to check over the forms and be sure that all of the above information is complete. Incomplete records will not be accepted.

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-m.janda@npd117.net](mailto:m.janda@npd117.net)
Fax: (708) 599-7763

COUGAR COURIER



Sorricks PTA will be hosting their Annual Spring Dance on Friday, April 12th 6:00-8:30 PM. Please join us in our APR room. Enter at Door #11 (by the flag pole). There will be music, dancing, games, photo stations, pizza, salad, and a beverage.

Tickets are \$7.50 per person in advance (order forms due Tuesday, April 9th) (\$9.00 at the door).

This event is for Sorrick students and their immediate family only. A parent must accompany all children.

Any questions, please call Heather Spaulding at (630) 308-3003. _____

Parent Access Login/ Parent and Students Tab

Please visit our website at www.npd17.net to create a parent account which gives you access to your child's grades (report cards), 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. _____



North Palos School District 17 is now hiring seasonal workers. For more information, see our website at www.npd17.net

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.



**Enjoy a little extra time
off to rest, relax, play,
explore, read-doing all of
things you love most.**

REMINDER:

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

MONDAY, APRIL 22ND



Dear Parent or Guardian:

We would like to take this opportunity to encourage non-participating students who are paid or may qualify for a free or reduced-price school meal, to take advantage of the North Palos SD healthy food service program.

We have missed your child in the breakfast and lunch line!

Reminder: If your child is currently eligible for a free or reduced breakfast and lunch daily, he/she may not be taking advantage of the meal options that are available.

School breakfast and lunch are balanced, nutritious and delicious meals that are available every full school day. Every meal is planned with your child's taste preferences and good health in mind. Plus, it can reduce your grocery costs, and alleviate the stress of the lunch making process.

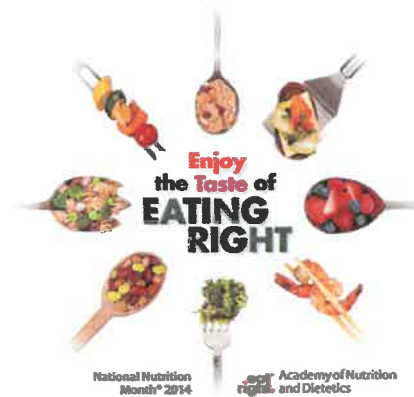
We invite you to encourage your child to take advantage of the program! Students are offered a variety of choices daily. [Menus](#) are posted online.

Our goal is to make breakfast and lunch the best part of the school day for all students, and we welcome your comments and suggestions to accomplish this.

We hope to see your child soon!

Sincerely,

Pam Boyd
Food Service Manager
Arbor Management





Sorrick School

April 2019



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 PTA Meeting 9:15 AM	3 TEAM DAY AM: 9:00-11:00 PM: 12:00-2:00 Full Day: 9:00-2:00	4 Pre-K Family Fun Night 6:00-7:00 PM	5  Popcorn Day Birthday Books Cook-A-Book 3:30-4:30	6
7	8	9 Spring Dance forms due	10	11	12 (last) Cook-A-Book 3:30-4:30  Spring Dance 6:00-8:30 PM	13
14	15	16 1 st Grade Book Talk 4:00-5:00 PM Board of Ed Meeting 7:00 PM	17 Pre-K Parent Workshop 9:30 -10:30 AM @ District Office	18	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21 <i>Happy Easter!</i> 	22 NO SCHOOL	23	24	25	26 Sorrick Pre-K Screenings- (NO SCHOOL FOR PRE-K STUDENTS) 	27
28	29 Kindergarten Children's Museum Field Trip	30				