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The School Scene

Prospect Heights School District 23

May 29, 2020

Closing Out and Looking Ahead

As we close the 2019-20 school year and cast our gaze toward summer, we can feel a real sense of pride in what we have accomplished. Without a doubt, this has been the most uniquely challenging school year in recent memory. I am proud of how our staff, students, and families have responded to the constant and ever-changing challenges we've faced this year. Despite the most extreme circumstances, we have come together as a community and acted in the best interest of children. For that, I am forever grateful.

For those who were able to join us for our parade celebration today, we hope you enjoyed the ability to bring some closure to this school year as we celebrated as a District. We send a special congrats to our 8th graders and invite you all to view our Virtual Promotion Ceremony on June 2 @ 7:00pm.

The next challenge we face is determining what school will look like in the fall. We hope that we will be able to return to a school model to which we are all accustomed. However, *hope* isn't a strategy.

We are creating plans to be ready for whatever the conditions in our region dictate. To be sure, school will look different than it did before the global pandemic. The model of school in the fall will be determined by the Governor's [Restore Illinois plan](#) and guidance we receive from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) and the Illinois State Board of Education.

We are planning for a variety of scenarios based on the various phases of the *Restore Illinois* plan. Our planning has focused on

Upcoming Events



**Registration for the
2020-21 School Year
is now open!**

**Report Cards are
scheduled to be
mailed home on
June 1. Watch your
mail.**

8th Grade Promotion

June 2 - 7:00pm



**Board of
Education
Meeting**

**June 10, 2020
7:00 pm
Attend Virtually**

three options based on Phases 3, 4, and 5. These plans range from continuing Distance Learning, opening campuses to all students with minimal health interventions, and a hybrid model. This hybrid model would require a number of logistical changes and more intensive health and safety interventions. As we develop plans and processes, we will be sure to share them with you. Unfortunately, in the absence of sound data, we cannot provide more comprehensive information at this time.

Please know that the health and well-being of your children and family and our staff is my number one priority. To that end, we will continue to make decisions (even the tough ones) that prioritize safety and health. We appreciate your flexibility and understanding as we strive to make decisions that are best for our community.

Best wishes,

Dr. A



Forgot to return something? Need to connect with us?

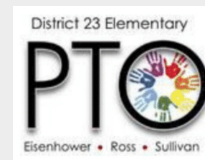
District 23 school offices will remain closed, but our Administration Building will be open 10:00am-2:00pm daily.

Please call ahead for an appointment to register.

Quick Links



Visit the D23 website







Transportation Updates

We are excited to announce some new changes to our transportation services for the 2020-21 school year. While these plans are subject to change based on the Governor's recommendations and our plans for a return to school, these improvements address several of the concerns that were echoed by our parents at the start of this school year.



As discussed with the Board of Education, some of the changes to our student transportation include the following:

- The establishment of "Community" stops to ease the burden on families with children in different buildings. Schools will share common stop locations.
- Continued house pickup/drop off for Kindergarten students
- Maximum route time of 45 minutes
- Cost neutral solution

Working with our transportation provider, First Student, we have been able to develop a model for 2020-21 routes that meet all of the above stated parameters. We will be sharing additional information with families, including student route information within the coming weeks. Should you have any questions, please contact the Business Office.

Early Childhood Screening

School District 23 conducts monthly Early Childhood Screenings for children ages 3-5 who may qualify for preschool programming in the district. The purpose of the screening is to determine if your child qualifies for the at-risk preschool program as well as determine if there are any possible developmental delays. If developmental delays are noted, your child may be referred for further evaluation for special education services. If you are interested in finding out more about the preschool program or are concerned about your child's development and would like more information about a screening, the evaluation process, or preschool special education services, please contact District 23 at 847-870-3850. Please also share with your friends, family, and neighbors who live in School District 23 boundaries if you know they have children between the ages of 3-5. Thank you.

El Distrito 23 realiza Evaluaciones Iniciales de Preescolar mensualmente para niños entre 3 y 5 años que podrían calificar para participar en programas de preescolar del distrito. El propósito de la evaluación inicial es determinar si su hija(o) califica para el programa de preescolar nivelador y para determinar si existen retrasos en el desarrollo. Si se observan retrasos en el desarrollo, es posible que se le derive para hacer más evaluaciones con servicios de educación especial. Si usted tiene interés en conocer más detalladamente los programas de preescolar o le preocupa el desarrollo de su hija(o) y desea más información sobre las evaluaciones iniciales, el proceso de evaluación o los servicios de educación especial de preescolar, por favor, comuníquese con el Distrito 23 al 847-870-3850 Asimismo, si tiene amigos, familiares o vecinos que viven en el Distrito Escolar 23 y tienen hijos entre los 3 y los 5 años, por favor, compartan esta información. Gracias.

Dystrykt Szkolny numer 23 organizuje comiesięczne testy sprawdzające dla dzieci w wieku lat 3-5 które mogłyby zakwalifikować się na udział w programie przedszkolnym w naszym dystrykcie. Celem tych testów jest stwierdzenie czy Państwa dziecko kwalifikuje się do programu przeznaczonego dla dzieci

zagrożonych , ze specjalnymi potrzebami a także stwierdzenie opóźnień rozwojowych. Jeśli zostaną stwierdzone opóźnienia w rozwoju, Państwa dziecko może być skierowane na specjalne badania kwalifikujące do programu edukacyjnego dla dzieci ze specjalnymi potrzebami. Jeśli są Państwo zainteresowani zdobyciem szczegółowych informacji o Programie Przedszkolnym albo martwicie się Państwo o rozwój Waszego dziecka i chcielibyście, Państwo uzyskać więcej informacji dotyczących sposobu testowania , procesu ewaluacyjnego lub naszego programu dla dzieci ze specjalnymi potrzebami prosimy o kontakt z Dystrykt 23 pod numerem 847-870-3850. Proszę aby Państwo podzielili się tą informacją z Waszymi przyjaciółmi, czy sąsiadami którzy mieszkają na terenie naszego dystryktu i mają dzieci w wieku 3-5 lat. Dziękujemy.

Building Briefs

Congrats to our Retirees!

**Thank you for 133 Combined
years of service District 23
Retirees!!**

**Congrats to
Mrs. Pragna Shah (Sullivan)
Mrs. Debbie Gardiner (Ike)
Mrs. Ani Magid (Ross/Sullivan)
Mrs. Patti Walsh (Ross)
Mrs. LuAnn Casurella (Mac)**



CHANGES to Meal Distributions

To date, we have prepared and distributed more than 130,000 meals. These meals are intended for ANY student under the age of 18, including high schoolers.

As we transition into our summer schedule, meals will continue, but with a few schedule and location modifications:

**Meal Distribution will
take place on
Wednesdays ONLY!!**

**Noon - 2:00 pm
Between Ross & Sullivan
Schools
(Gymnasium Entrance)**

**1:00pm - 2:00 pm
School Bus Deliveries at the
Following Locations:
Wine Tree Apartments
(At Tennis Courts)
VIP Apartments
(At Cornell Entrance)**





Message from Mrs. Magid to her students:



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