



## Prospect Heights School District 23 August 16, 2019

### Previously mailed summer notices are going digital...

With accessibility to the [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#), an improved [District 23 website](#), and continued, expanded communication tools, the following information will now be made available to families online:

#### **Teacher Assignment Notification**

- On August 14th all registered families should have received an email notification from Prospect Heights School District 23 ([Do\\_Not\\_Reply@d23.org](mailto:Do_Not_Reply@d23.org)) that will contain information about a student's Homeroom or Advisory Teacher's Name.
- On August 16th at 9:00 a.m. it became possible to view a student's homeroom and schedule by logging into [PowerSchool Parent Portal](#) or by downloading the free PowerSchool Mobile App found on the App Store.

\*Please note that due to new or late registrants, schedules may be subject to change

#### **Bus Route Notification**

- On August 14th school families were also notified of the student's Transportation and scheduled Bus Route; depending on the option selected during the registration process.
- General Bus Route information may be viewed on the District Website at [District 23 Transportation Services](#).

**Fee Waiver Applications** (for students eligible for free and reduced-price meals)

- Fee Waiver Applications are available on the website [District 23 Business Services](#).
- Paper copies will also be available at the District 23 Grodsky Administration Building (700 N. Schoenbeck Rd. Prospect Heights).

#### **Free/Reduced Lunch Applications**

- Free/Reduced lunch applications are available for the 2019-2020 school year on our [D23 website](#) and in the Grodsky Administration Center. If your child(ren) qualified for this program during the 2018-2019 school year, a new application will be sent home with your child toward the end of September.

#### **School-Specific News & Information**

- School information from your child's principal regarding school procedures and information have been emailed in the school newsletters.
- Information such as lunch menus, school supply lists, and other items may be found on every school's website.

We appreciate your patience as we work through any issues you may

### Upcoming Events



**1st Day of School  
for Grades 1-8  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 20**

**1st Day of School  
for Early  
Childhood  
WEDNESDAY,  
AUGUST 21**

**1st Day of School  
for Kindergarten  
TUESDAY,  
AUGUST 27**



**Parent Curriculum  
Nights:  
6:00-7:30pm  
Sullivan - August 28  
Eisenhower - August 29  
Ross - September 4**

**7:00 - 8:30pm  
MacArthur - 6th Grade  
September 5  
MacArthur - 7th & 8th  
September 10**

identify. We encourage you to reach out to your child's school if you have questions or concerns about registration or transportation.



Board of  
Education  
Meeting

September 11  
7:00pm

@ Anne Sullivan School

## District 23 Welcomes 23 New Faces this Year!

This week, 23 New staff members participated in our Orientation Training led by Dr. Amy Zaher, Assistant Superintendent. These professional development days provide an opportunity for our new staff to learn about the systems and structures of our District, and more importantly, about the culture and goals of the District.

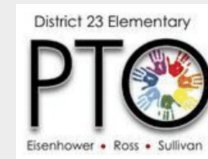
We look forward to introducing all of our new faculty at our September 11 Board of Education Meeting and to all of you at the Back to School Events.



## Quick Links



Visit the D23  
website



## Back to School SELFIE!!

As you're getting ready for the new school year, make sure you **print out your FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL SIGN** so you're ready for your first Day!

[Early Childhood Kindergarten](#) [1st Grade](#) [2nd Grade](#) [3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#) [5th Grade](#) [6th Grade](#) [7th Grade](#) [8th Grade](#)

Share your first day photos with us by tagging your school  
[@D23Eisenhower](#) [@D23Ross](#) [@D23Sullivan](#) [@D23MacArthur](#)

and using the hashtag **#Proud2BD23**



Board of Education - Meeting Highlights August 8, 2019

Curriculum Review

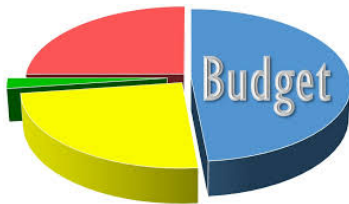
Dr. Amy Zaher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of Curriculum materials, Professional Development goals, and Assessments to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year. The primary focus for District 23 this year will be in the area of mathematics.

After a year long curriculum review, District 23 has adopted a new program to teach Math titled *Ready Mathematics*. *Ready Mathematics* helps address the emphasis on conceptual understanding through reasoning, modeling, and discussion that explore the structure of mathematics while also developing students' procedural fluency. Our teachers are excited to implement this new program. We are hoping that our students and parents are excited too!

Curriculum Associates' *Ready Mathematics* received a near-perfect rating by [EdReports.org](http://EdReports.org), an independent nonprofit that delivers evidence-based reviews of instructional materials.

To learn more about Ready Mathematics, visit [www.cainc.com/readymath](http://www.cainc.com/readymath).

## Tentative Budget on Display



Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Chief School Business Official, presented the tentative budget for FY20. A hearing has been set for September 11 at 7:00pm at Anne Sullivan school and the budget is on display at the Grodsky Administration building for public review.

## #Proud2BD23

As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, District 23 Administration is developing a Community Awareness campaign to identify and celebrate the many amazing things occurring across the District. The hashtag "#Proud2BD23" will be used to communicate information about our students, staff, programs, and community.



## Building Briefs

### Thanks to our Custodial and Maintenance Department!!

Work is wrapping up across the District on our Summer Construction and cleaning. We thank all of our external contractors and our internal Custodial and Maintenance Crews for all of their hard work. Our schools look fantastic and are ready for everyone to return.

Our playgrounds have a fresh layer of mulch, the parking lots have been coated and striped, classrooms floors cleaned and waxed, and everything is in its place. (At least for a few days!)

The new gym floor at Eisenhower looks amazing and the HVAC repairs are chilling and dehumidifying our classrooms correctly. New windows, door replacements, paving, and some new flooring were also completed at Ike this summer.



## What did you do this summer??



Betsy Ross 2nd Grade teacher, Mrs. Murray, spent part of her summer volunteering in Kenya!

Mrs. Murray brought school supplies that District 23 students donated to schools. She also provided training and support for the teachers to help them improve their instructional practices.

We thank Mrs. Murray for her service and for representing our District 23 Community so well!!



## Looking to pick up a few hours this school year? We're Hiring!!

District 23 is seeking qualified candidates to join our family.



We have vacancies for Substitutes, Support Staff, Substitutes, and Hourly positions such as Lunch Supervisor and Extended Day Program Supervisors.

These are great jobs for parents and grandparents who are looking to pick up a few hours and a few dollars each week.

[CLICK HERE for our current vacancies](#)



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