



Prospect Heights School District 23

February 17, 2020

Important Partnerships

History is filled with partnerships that have changed the world. They demonstrate the power of working together. These partnerships are so important that you likely don't recognize the members as individuals:

Who's Hall without John Oats?

Who's Tennille without the Captain?

Who's Brad Pitt without Angelina Jolie? OK, that may be a bad example, but the point is, partners working together make one another stronger and achieve better results.

This holds true for Teachers and Parents. This partnership is critical to the successful education and development of children.

Parents, in fact, are the most important and impactful teacher in children's lives. You are the role models, reinforcers, encouragers, and supporters in the lives of your children.

We in education, are blessed to have the opportunity to also play an important role in the lives of your children. It is our mission to provide a wide range of opportunities for our students that inspire them to explore new ideas and to create new possibilities. Further, we work to reach ALL students to help them grow in meaningful ways. Our focus, is not only on our students as learners, although that is obviously a significant part of our mission. We also strive to support students as they develop into caring and engaged citizens, unique individuals, and as active members of our school community.

Without each other, parents and teachers, we can not help our students reach their fullest potential. In fact, our partnership is critical to providing your children with the best education possible. First, your support with homework and projects demonstrates the importance of work ethic and determination. Second, your modeling of respect for teachers and the profession of education helps to ensure that there is consistency between home and school. Third, staying actively connected to our systems of communication (Newsletters, Twitter, Facebook, websites, etc.) helps you to be informed about our schools and celebrate the amazing things happening each day. Lastly, your direct involvement in our schools shows your child how important they are to you and your commitment to them.

We thank the many room parents and volunteers who are able to take time from their day to help at room parties, field trips, and assemblies.

We thank all those who support our PTO and those who serve in leadership positions. Without your support, we would not be able to provide the extra experiences and enhancements across the District.

We thank all of the parents directly involved in their child's 504 or Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Your active partnership helps

Upcoming Events



**Kindergarten
Registration @ Ike
February 18 & 19**



**Parent Teacher
Conferences
February 20 and 27**



**Feb. 26:
6th-8th Band
March 3:
4th-5th Orchestra
March 5:
6th-8th Orchestra
March 9:
4th-5th Band
March 12-13:
Sullivan Musical
March 16:
6th-8th Choir**



**Board of
Education
Meeting**

**March 13, 2020
7:00 pm
@ Eisenhower**



ensure that we are meeting your child's unique needs and providing the supports necessary for them to learn and grow. Your time in meetings, communication, and sharing of observations, helps us to target interventions and supports.

And lastly, we thank everyone who is able to join us for Spring Parent Teacher Conferences this Thursday and next week Thursday. Also, we thank those who are unable to join us, but stay actively connected via email or phone calls. Your commitment demonstrates the importance of education and how much you care about your child.

For us, Parent Teacher Conferences are only one way that we hope to partner with you. These meetings, along with a number of other methods, allow us to celebrate with you when your child takes steps forward, and to work alongside of you when he or she may slip. Throughout the process, we hope you know how important this partnership is to us and how committed we are to support you as parents to stay actively involved and informed.

Best wishes,
Dr. A



SPRING BREAK
March 23-27

Quick Links



**Visit the D23
website**



[Link to: Board of Education Agendas and Meeting Highlights](#)
[February 12, 2020](#)

Congrats to MacArthur Poms!

Representatives of the MacArthur Pom Pon Squad led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. The students then shared their experiences from this past season, including winning 1st Place at their Competition.



Transportation Enhancements Planned



Chief School Business Official, Mrs. Amy McPartlin, shared the planned enhancements for transportation services next year. Building upon the parameters set by the Board, we are working to implement a more consistent and parent/student friendly system of routing. Information will be shared this Spring in an effort to provide parents more time to prepare for the start of the next year.

Most notably, we are working to develop "Common Stops" that will allow parents to bring students to ONE corner for pick-up/drop-off for ALL of their children. Stay tuned for more information!

Enrollment Projections and Staffing Planning

The budget development process for next school year is officially fully underway with the presentation of the enrollment projections and staffing plan. Dr. Angelaccio, Superintendent, provided an overview of data used to plan for class sizes, program needs, and financial impact. We anticipate all classes starting the school year within the Board's guidelines.



Congrats to our RAFFLE Winners - \$10 Starbucks Gift Card

Jessica Karol: Eisenhower

Brittany Nunez: Ross

Im Jung: MacArthur

Amy Aquino: Ross, Sullivan

Maybe you'll be the next winner...

[Click here if you're still READING this Newsletter to be entered into a raffle!](#)

Building Briefs

Registration for Kindergarten in February



We know...it's only February, but in the Education World, that means we're starting on the next school year! If you know of any families who have a student ready for Kindergarten in the Fall, please [share this link](#) with more info about our timeline and process.



Save the Date - The LIKE Movie

As a component of our Parent Engagement strategies and to

support our community, we invite you to save the date to view the LIKE Movie at MacArthur Middle School on March 19, 2020.

This is a documentary film about the impact of social media on our lives.

More importantly, it will help us think about how we monitor and support student use and responsible digital citizenship. As adults, we must set an example for a healthy balance.



Ever Wonder about your child's Lunch Account Balance?

The Business Office has been working behind the scenes to enhance the features of the MealTime Lunch Program. Current student photos have been uploaded to the service terminals, providing an added layer of student identification for PIN lunch purchases and beginning January 15th, the District will be sending low balance reminders home via email!



Through the MealTime POS (Point of Sale software), we now have the capability to push low and negative balance notifications out directly to families on a weekly basis. This automated feature will allow us to communicate with all families proactively and will replace the paper slips that have been sent home from some of the buildings. Low balance reminders will be sent once a student's lunch account falls below \$5. Parents will be reminded that it is time to make a deposit into their child's account.

We encourage all families to sign up for the MyMealTime account management tool. The link is available on the District website or by clicking: <https://www.mymealtime.com/>. The program allows parents the opportunity to check their student's balances, make online lunch deposits and track account activity and food purchases on a daily basis.

As always, please contact the Business Office if you should have any questions regarding your student's account!

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