



Prospect Heights School District 23 November 26, 2018

Thank you for your partnership!

Parent teacher conferences provide an opportunity for home and school to connect as partners that support our students. We hope that you were able to attend and that you have developed a solid plan to continue the hard work and growth displayed in the first Trimester.

I hope you also enjoyed a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends. As we continue through this season of gratitude, I express my sincere appreciation for our fantastic parent community.

I would be remiss if I did not also extend a heartfelt thank you to our faculty, staff, administration, volunteers, and school board. It is through our collective efforts that we strengthen our learning community and take steps to improve!

Lastly, but certainly not least, I thank our students for their dedication and inspiration. Your energy and enthusiasm for learning bring our mission and vision to life.

Dr. Angelaccio



Winter Weather Guidelines Letter

As we enter the winter months, we would like to update you on some of the factors that contribute to decisions related to closing school in the event of inclement weather, when you can expect to be notified, and indoor/outdoor recess guidelines.



Over the course of the past year, we have been engaged in collaborative discussions with District 214 as well as our neighboring districts. Together, we are committed to a process that ensures decisions are made wisely and in a timely fashion regarding the safety and well-being of our entire school community.

Prospect Heights 23 will follow these general guidelines when closing schools for winter-related closings:

- Schools will likely be closed if there is a forecasted **sustained wind chill of -30 degrees** Fahrenheit or colder, or when the actual temperature is a **sustained -15**

Upcoming Events



6th-8th Grade Orchestra
December 4

4th-5th Grade Orchestra
December 5

4th-5th Grade Band and
Choir
December 10

6th-8th Grade Chorus
December 17

6th-8th Grade Band
December 19



Board of
Education
Meeting @
Grotsky Administration
Bldg.
December 12



Early
Childhood
Screenings
December 14



degrees Fahrenheit or colder the travel times of 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and/or 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The District will use forecasts provided by the National Weather Service.

- For snow, ice, or other weather-related closings, the District will monitor the current conditions, the forecasted conditions between the travel times listed above, the ability of our staff to plow parking lots and sidewalks, as well as the ability of local municipalities to plow and make streets passable. The District will also be in contact with our transportation company to assess their ability to safely run buses. Lastly, we will consult with our neighboring districts and local police departments.
- If the District is able to make the determination to close school the night before, we will contact you between 6:00 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. If the decision cannot be made the night before, we will make the notification by 5:30 a.m. the day of the closing knowing that you may need to arrange for childcare or other schedule changes.
- When school is closed due to inclement weather, all extracurricular programs and school meetings (except for Board meetings) are canceled.
- In the event of severe weather, information regarding afternoon and evening activities will be updated by 1:00 p.m.

Prospect Heights 23 will inform students, families, and staff via the following methods:

- The District will utilize our automated phone and email system to notify families of weather-related closures or cancellations until 9:30 p.m. Typically, we do not send out a telephone notice after 9:30 p.m.
- However, in the event the decision to close school is made after 9:30 p.m., the District will wait and send out the telephone notice by 5:30 a.m. the following morning.

The District will update its website (www.d23.org), Twitter (@phsd23), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/prospectheights.schooldistrict>) and the Emergency Closing Center website (www.emergencyclosingcenter.com) as soon as a decision has been made. These avenues will be updated in real time as a decision is made.

Prospect Heights 23 will follow these general guidelines regarding indoor/outdoor recess:

- Elementary students have outdoor recess whenever possible. Students perform better when they get outdoors, even if only for a few minutes.
 - Outdoor Recess: 10 degrees F and higher (including wind chill)
 - Inside Recess: below 10 degrees F (including wind chill)

Students must have boots, gloves and snow pants to play in the snow. Those who don't must stay on the blacktop area. Parents should assist children in preparing and wearing appropriate clothing for the weather conditions.

As always, the safety and security of our students and staff remain a top priority of PHSD23, our high school district, and our community. The building principal and central office administration will make all decisions regarding weather-related closure or cancellation of activities. It is important to remind you that Illinois School Code and District policy allows parents to call their student(s) out as excused, in the event that the district keeps schools open, because, as a family, you have concerns about your child safely traveling to or from school.

Sincerely,

**Ross/Sullivan BPAC
Night
December 6**

**Eisenhower BPAC Night
December 14**

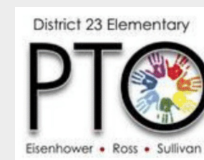


**No School
Winter Break
Dec. 22 - Jan. 6**

Quick Links



**Visit the D23
website**



5Essentials Survey

The Illinois State Board of Education requires all Districts to administer a survey of parents, students, and faculty to monitor culture, climate, and essential performance issues. District 23 has consistently used the 5Essentials Survey provided by the State. The data gathered is used to review building and district level performance and areas for improvement. A direct email was sent to all parents to invite participation by clicking the following link:

<https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>. Additionally, parents may choose for their student in grades 4-8 to opt out of participation as described in a second message.



Board of Education - Meeting Highlights November 8, 2017

Pledge of Allegiance: Sullivan First Lego League Teams



Members of the First Lego League Robotics Teams from Sullivan led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance. Students described how to build their robot and explained how to receive points and avoid penalties during the competition. There are two teams led by Miss Funk: the Moon Walkers and the UFOS.

District 23 Report Card - School Designations



Illinois
State Board of
Education

Ms. Traci Meziere, principal of Anne Sullivan School presented her State of the School Address, highlighting the Exemplary Designation received by ISBE. The presentation included a summary of goals aligned to the Strategic Plan that focus on literacy instruction, targeted intervention and enrichment as well as a continued emphasis on growth mindset. We were also pleased to report that all of the other District schools (Eisenhower, Betsy Ross and MacArthur) all received Commendable Designations. We are proud of the work of our students and staff!

Tax Levy and Bond Issuance

The board received a presentation of the tentative tax levy and established Dec. 12 as the date of the formal hearing. As good stewards of the community trust, we establish the allowable taxing rate to be set to ensure sustained performance and maintenance of the District. Additionally, the Board approved the issuance of bonds for the purpose of Capital Projects that will address repair and preventative needs.



Building Briefs

MacArthur Honors our Veterans

A long standing tradition at MacArthur is the annual Veterans' Day breakfast and assembly. More than 55 veterans joined students and staff at MacArthur to reflect on and recognize the service and sacrifice of the men and women who serve in our military.

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American Education Week

Board President Jeff Bowes, along with other representatives of the Board and Administration, delivered snack packs to our faculty and staff in appreciation for all that they do to make District 23 a great place! American Education Week was celebrated across the country from November 12-16.



Check - MATE

Congrats to 5th grader Dimitar M. who was selected to represent the United States for his age group as a competitor in the World Chess Championship in Spain!! He played a total of 11 games against other students from around the world.



Innovative Spaces

With the help of our ePTO and MacPTO, the administration has begun updating some of our "computer labs" into innovative learning spaces.



Flexible seating, Apple TVs and monitors, as well as collaborative work space enables us to use these classrooms for a myriad of purposes. Many thanks to all who contributed to funding these new spaces at MacArthur and Sullivan.

Connect With Us

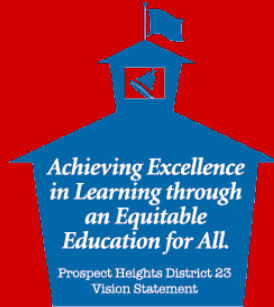


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