



Prospect Heights School District 23

October 16, 2020

First Day of School...Again

Spanish Translation

Dear Parents and Staff,

We are very excited to welcome our students back to campus over the next two weeks. In many ways, it feels like the first day of school all over again.

My wife, Shelley, is a 2nd grade teacher in Palatine District 15 and also began the year in a Distance Learning Model. Last week, she began in person instruction with her students and shared some of her experiences with the transition. My favorite story is of a student in her class coming up to her on the first day of in person and telling her that she is taller than he thought. He told her, "On the computer, you looked really short."

Another student approached her in the hallway and said hello, in a very familiar tone, but my wife did not recognize the student with her mask on. The student briefly pulled down her mask and said, "See...It's really me!"

Each of the schools is also sending a communication today with information related to their in person procedures. We know that it will feel like a first day of school in many ways so we ask for your patience as we adjust to this new system.

A few general reminders:

- 1) Please watch for students walking or riding bikes to school. It has been a while since we've had that kind of traffic, so pay extra attention.
- 2) In the same way, please remember to stop for school buses with their arm extended and sign out as students board or exit the bus.
- 3) We will need everyone to be patient and follow directions as we adjust to morning drop off and afternoon pick up procedures. We anticipate higher volume of cars and will need to call into rooms to release students when they are ready for pick up. Please plan a little extra time as we all get into the groove again.
- 4) Masks must be worn on the bus and upon entering the buildings. We will provide students with two additional cloth masks. Since they all look the same, please put your name on them so that we can return them if they are displaced.

Upcoming Events

NO SCHOOL
October 19

October 20
Hybrid In-person
begins for
Grades 1, 2, 4, & 6

October 26
FLEX Learning Day
Day of Attendance

October 27
Hybrid In-person
begins for
Grades 3, 5, 7, & 8

NO SCHOOL
November 2 & 3

November 9
FLEX Learning Day
Day of Attendance



**Board of
Education
Meeting**

November 11, 2020
7:00 pm

At Grodsky Building or
Attend Virtually

November 13
End of Trimester 1

**Follow these links
for more
information:**

[Back to School](#)
[Blueprint](#)

5) It is MOST important to check your child and keep them home if they exhibit ANY of symptoms of COVID. We will be screening all students as they arrive on campus and will exclude students with symptoms. We will all need to work together to keep our schools open and our community healthy and safe.

Lastly, if you're taking any Back to School Photos and posting to social media, please feel free to tag us at #Proud2BD23! We're looking forward to everyone being back on campus soon!

Best wishes,
Dr. A



[FAQ Document](#)

[D23
Transportation
Website](#)

[D23 Food Service
Website](#)

[Extended Day
Program](#)

[D23 COVID
Dashboard](#)

Quick Links



Visit the D23
website



"Just the Facts" from the Business Office

Meal Distribution Update: The U.S. Department of Agriculture just announced waiver extensions that will allow District 23 to continue its meal distributions through the end of School Year 2020-21, offering free meals to students. This is great news and allows us to continue offering the weekly meal distributions as well as daily lunch and breakfast at no cost to our students.

Meal distributions are continuing on Wednesday afternoons between 3:00 PM and 6:00 PM outside of the MacArthur Middle School cafeteria. These drive-up distributions are

open to all families and community members with children under the age of 18. Bags consist of five breakfasts and five lunches. There are also a limited number of vegetarian bags available so please arrive early should you prefer this option.

Transportation Update: All qualifying children have been routed for transportation. Students received confirmation of their hybrid selections and transportation arrangements on Wednesday afternoon. Should your child be attending school remotely or you choose to provide an alternate mode of transportation, please note your student's stop location for the future.



In accordance with our Back to School Blueprint, we are asking all students to follow these rules when riding the bus:

- Parents should review the Symptom Screener before their children board the bus and keep them home if they have any symptoms.
- At the stop, students are to practice social distancing and will wear a mask at all times.
- Masks are to be worn during the entire ride and are not to be taken off.
- Siblings are to sit together when possible.
- When boarding the bus, students are to get on and proceed to the back of the bus to take their seat in an open row.
- In an open row, students are to take the seat all the way against the window.
- Students should ride one student to a seat and to the greatest extent possible, leave a vacant seat to the side, and in front and in the back of each rider.
- Should students need to ride two to a seat, the second student is to sit closest to the aisle, leaving the middle seat vacant.
- Assigned seats may be required to enforce social distancing.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Business Office directly should you have any specific questions.

[Link to: Board of Education Agendas and Meeting Highlights October 14, 2020](#)

Board Reviews Back to School Blueprint

Dr. Angelaccio and the administrative team presented an update to the Back to School Blueprint to the Board of Education. The presentation and video are included in the School Scene Friday, October 16. Parents are encouraged to visit the [Back to School Blueprint Website](#) for updated information, presentations, forms, and other resources.

Families may view the Hybrid Model Overview shared in the Community Updates on 10/7 and 10/9 by [clicking this link](#). We will continue to monitor case rate data and communicate as frequently as possible. The recent increases in cases across the State of Illinois and throughout the midwest have also been seen in our local area, not yet to the same level. These are cause for concern so we must all continue to do our best to mitigate and reduce the spread of the virus.



FY21 Categorical Grants Update

As recipients of Federal Title grant funds, District 23 annually presents the allocations and intended purpose

for these categorical grants publicly. Dr. Amy Zaher and Mrs. Amy McPartlin presented this information to the board and their memo can be [found here](#).



Recognitions and Appreciation



October is a very busy month for recognition and the following services were highlighted during the Board meeting:

Custodian Appreciation Day
Food Service Appreciation Day
School Bus Driver
Principal Appreciation Day

We know that it takes many different services and people to make our District run and appreciate the contributions of all of these groups.

Please join us on FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 as we celebrate the dedication and contributions of our Principals, Assistant Principal and leadership team by sending a message, tweet, or note to these amazing professionals.

Info from our Community Partners

For more information, please visit: deatakeback.com

**NATIONAL
DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**
SATURDAY OCTOBER 24TH 10a-2p

WHEELING TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY

**TURN IN YOUR UNUSED OR EXPIRED MEDICATIONS FOR SAFE
DISPOSAL AT ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS:**

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT
MOUNT PROSPECT POLICE DEPARTMENT
PROSPECT HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT
WHEELING WALMART

*no needles or sharps will be accepted





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847.394.2848

Due to the new schedules for schools, the Prospect Heights Park District is extending our camp as an Elearning opportunity. Elearning Camp will be held at the Gary Morava Recreation Center for children pre-k through 6th grade. The safety precautions outlined by the Illinois Department of Commerce will be followed and are outlined in our COVID-19 Guidelines.

**Elearning Camp
Option Codes**

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesdays

10/20-10/21	604207-01
10/26-10/28	604207-02
11/04-11/04	604207-03
11/09-11/11	604207-04
11/17-11/18	604207-05

Monday, Thursday, Fridays

10/22-10/23	604207-06
10/26-10/30	604207-07
11/05-11/06	604207-08
11/09-11/13	604207-09
11/19-11/20	604207-10

Monday-Friday Non District 23

10/20-10/23	604207-11
10/26-10/30	604207-12
11/04-11/06	604207-15
11/09-11/13	604207-16
11/17-11/20	604207-17

Extended care available from 7:00 am-8:15 am and 2:30 pm-6:00 pm for an additional fee based on days of week needed

PROSPECT HEIGHTS PARK DISTRICT

One
Week
Sessions **OCTOBER 20-
NOVEMBER 20**

Elearning Camp

8:00 am - 2:30 pm
for \$100 per week
*Grade 6 Elearning
Camp hours will be
7:45 am-3:00 pm

**REGISTER ONLINE AT WWW.PHPARKS.ORG
OR CALL 847-394-2848 TO MAKE AN
APPOINTMENT TO REGISTER ONSITE**

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YOUTH VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE



This league is designed for both boys and girls looking to learn the basic fundamentals of volleyball in a safe, fun and recreational setting!

Grades: 1st-2nd

Dates: October 26-December 13

Days: Sunday, Monday

Time: 11am-3pm Sundays; 5:00-8:00pm on Mondays

Fee: \$85/\$100 | **Code:** 207202-01

Grades: 3rd-5th

Days: Sunday, Monday

Time: 11am-3pm Sundays; 5:00-8:00pm on Mondays

Fee: \$85/\$100 | **Code:** 207200-01

Grades: 6-8th

Days: Sunday, Monday

Time: 11am-3pm Sundays; 5:00-8:00pm on Mondays

Fee: \$85/\$100 | **Code:** 207201-01

Wheeling Township Holiday Program Applications

Will be completed on Saturday, Oct. 24th

Documents Needed To Apply Are:

1. Picture ID for parents
2. Electric bill for this month
3. Proof of all sources of household income for the last 30 days

Please call 847-259-7730 xt 28 to make an appointment. Families enrolled in other agencies' holiday programs can not participate.



Aplicaciones para el Programa Navideña de

Wheeling Township

Serán aceptadas sábado, el 24 de octubre

Documentos Necesarios Para Aplicar Son:

1. Identificación con foto para los padres
2. Pago de luz de este mes
3. Verificación de todos los ingresos del hogar para los últimos 30 días

Favor de llamar a 847-259-7730 xt. 28 para arreglar cita. Familias apuntadas con programa de otra agencia no pueden participar.

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*Create opportunities
that inspire all
students to grow as
learners, individuals,
and citizens.*

District 23 Vision Statement