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## Sutherland Principal eNewsletter 9/7/18

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A message from SUTHERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

WOW! What a WONDERFUL first week! THANK YOU to all of our parents, teacher, staff and children for getting us off to a positive and strong start!

We have worked all summer to solidify our structures and to make sure that our children have settled in to a productive and engaging rhythm of learning. We are focusing on a strong social emotional environment and positive rewards for our students for practicing Responsibility, Respect, Safety and Perseverance. We had such a successful first day that our teachers and staff completely ran out of Mega Paws to reward our amazing children!

As a result of an enrollment surge, we are doing our best to ensure that every child is programmed appropriately and that we are adequately staffed. Many of you have asked extremely important questions that I am more than happy to answer to the best of my abilities. Please know that I am a fierce advocate for my children and am doing everything I can with the district to ensure we are providing an optimal learning environment, rich curriculum and high quality instruction to all of our children. That said, a portion of our funding has yet to be released to us. We will be keeping all grade level parents informed who are affected by any shifts in programming or staffing for their children. Our changes will be minimal school wide, as we were able to garner *some* advanced funding, but they will impact certain grade levels for the better.

So we're off to another busy week:

**5th Grade Parents:** Please check for a memo that went home today with your children regarding class distribution and programming.

**Curriculum Night:** Thursday, September 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. We will have a rotation schedule so that all parents can get to different classrooms for various presentations about the work we're doing this year, and to meet their children's teachers. Please come!

**NWEA TESTING** will begin this upcoming week. Schedules will go home with students to keep families informed of specific testing days for their children.

**Fees Due September 30th:** Please pay online or in person.

School fees for 18/19 are as follows:

- **First or Only Child - Activity/Material Fee Plus Technology Fee - \$170**
- **Each Additional Sibling - Activity/Material Fee (no Technology Fee) - \$150 ea.**

Follow the link below to access instructions for fee payment and the link to the ePay website. Please note: ***You MUST have your child's student ID in order to pay online. Email [mmburns1@cps.edu](mailto:mmburns1@cps.edu), [agulley@cps.edu](mailto:agulley@cps.edu), or call the main office during our regular business hours to get your child's student ID.***

ePay information link: [https://www.ehsutherland.org/apps/news/show\\_news.jsp?REC\\_ID=519817&id=0](https://www.ehsutherland.org/apps/news/show_news.jsp?REC_ID=519817&id=0)

**8th Grade SelectivePrep Classes:** We are offering test preparation classes for students in the 8th grade who are preparing to take the CPS Selective Enrollment classes. These begin on October 1st and run roughly 8 weeks. Below is the SelectivePrep information:

**Classes at Sutherland will start on Monday, October 01, 2018 and run for 8 sessions from 3:15 PM – 5:15 PM. We will need a minimum of 10 students to run the class at Sutherland – so please spread the word. Our deadline for registration is Monday, September 24, 2018. Click [here](#) to register.**

If you need more information or have any questions, please visit our website at [selectiveprep.com](http://selectiveprep.com) or call 312-409-8411.

**Morgan Park H.S. Math Circles:** Grades 5-8 are invited to participate in Math Circles at Morgan Park High School. This is a free class on Mondays from 3:15-4:30. Student families will need to provide their own transportation to Morgan Park H.S. for the program. For more information, link [here](#).

**Sutherland Community Schools Free After School Programs:** Information will go out soon regarding our after school programs. Watch for registration information. Classes will begin in October. So far we will have tutoring, art classes, choir, chess, and more!

**Register on the CPS Volunteer website.** ALL parents who wish to chaperon or assist with events must be registered Level 2 volunteers. Do this NOW to avoid any delays and ultimately, disappointment. If you wish to coach or assist with coaching, you must have Level 1 clearance.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you have submitted everything but still have not received an emailed confirmation of approval you are not considered approved to volunteer. It is a district non-negotiable that ALL parents and community who volunteer at our school are approved to do so. Even if you are a CPS employee, you must register as a volunteer at Sutherland and go through the volunteer approval website.

*We appreciate everyone's patience and are so grateful for the generosity of your time and care. Please continue to be patient as we navigate a sometimes wonky process that is experiencing a barrage of new applications and is working to adapt.*

**TRAFFIC NOTES:** KUDOS to our AWESOME traffic volunteers and our courteous and patient drivers! Thank you for making arrivals run smoothly and our pick ups move quickly. A few notes to secure everyone's safety:

- Please be kind and responsive to our traffic directors and kiss-n-go helpers. They are parent volunteers and are doing their best to maintain order and safety.
- Please do not park or drop off on crosswalks. This is extremely unsafe and dangerous.
- Please remember not to exit your car on Leavitt or Hamilton on the school block for drop off.
- Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not pull in to, or block, private driveways. Additionally, for safety, please do not park in front of hydrants.

**9/11 HONORING OUR HEROES:** In celebration of the new 19th Ward 9/11 Memorial, we are asking students to show up on 9/11 in either **blue** or **red** to honor our first responders. We will take pictures of our students to share with our Alderman in honor of those who sacrificed their lives on 9/11.

**FIRST MONDAY:** First Monday is an opportunity to meet informally with administration, ask questions, give feedback, bring concerns and ideas and dialogue with other parents and your Sutherland administrators. We meet from 6:00 to 7:00 in room 104. Join us!

**MEDICAL FORMS DUE!** All Kinder, 6th and 8th graders MUST have medical forms turned in. Please get these forms as soon as possible to Ms. Cody. We will make a copy and ensure these are processed with our nurse.

**PERFECT ATTENDANCE:** CPS holds schools and parents accountable for student attendance by providing that 20% of the school's rating be reliant on an attendance rate at 96% or above. So, we need your help. Every classroom is working to spell the word "BULLDOG" to win a class wide attendance prize. Help our kids earn their reward and contribute to the success of our children and school!

#### **IMPORTANT DATES COMING UP:**

- FIRST MONDAY: Monday, September 10th,
- 9/11 WEAR RED OR BLUE: Tuesday, September 11th - all day
- CURRICULUM NIGHT: Thursday, September 13th, 5:00 - 7:00 pm
- PTA MEETING: Tuesday, September 18th, 5:30 pm (Auditorium)
- LSC MEETING: Tuesday, September 18th, 6:30 pm (Auditorium)
- PEACE GARDEN REDEDICATION: Friday, September 21st (International Peace Day) 9:00 am
- SERVICE SATURDAY: Saturday, September 22nd, 9:00 am - 12:00 noon
- PICTURE DAY: Friday, September 28th - all day
- I MADONNARI: Saturday, September 29th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- FEE DEADLINE: September 30th (all fall sports participants need to be paid by this date in order to continue participation)
- DAVE THE DATE! Pollinator Garden Fundraiser - Saturday, October 7th - 11:00 - 2:00 pm at the Meadery

Please feel free to reach out to me with any ideas, thoughts, feedback or for clarification.

Let's have another AWESOME week!

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