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A message from SUTHERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Hello Sutherland Families!

We have had a busy week and a lot of tweaking and adjusting to settle into our new routines. We appreciate everyone's feedback and thoughts on improving our systems and procedures.

Here are a few important items:

FIRST GRADE DISMISSAL now occurs on the mid-way sidewalk between the Peace Garden and Ms. Bending's Garden. This has alleviated a lot of the congestion at the North Leavitt Entrance. We are asking that **once families pick up your children, please clear the way for other families to pick up**. This will help the jostling and congestion that occurs at that entry way.

UPPER GRADE DISMISSAL REMINDER: Please remember that K-2 are dismissed North, 3/4 are dismissed South and 5-8 are dismissed from the playground. Because of dangerous congestion due to heavy foot traffic (we have 300 families on Leavitt picking up primary students), we need our upper grade students to exit north/south on Hamilton or south on Leavitt. An individual student may walk to pick up a younger sibling, but we ask that if you only have an upper grade student, please pick them up from Hamilton. This street is much less congested, easier to navigate, and your older students (and you) will be able to avoid the primary traffic on the other side.

NWEA TESTING did not occur this week due to problems with the system. We will begin this upcoming week as soon as the problem with the system is rectified. 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, 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

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 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 are slated to begin the week of October 9th. 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:

- **USE CROSSWALKS** Please do not cross in the middle of the street with or without your children. Please take the short walk to the crosswalk to avoid dangerous situations.
- **CONES AND BARRICADES ARE NOT FOR STOPPING OR DROP OFF** It causes dangerous congestion when cars stop at non-drop off locations.
- **IF POSSIBLE, AVOID DRIVING SOUTH ON LEAVITT FROM 99TH** The easiest way to keep traffic moving is to drive north on Leavitt or south on Hamilton.
- **AVOID EAST BOUND ON 100TH** Again - the best way to keep traffic moving during drop off is to drive EITHER north on Leavitt or south on Hamilton. Driving on the east/west arteries cause the most congestion and are best avoided.

FIRST MONDAY: Thank you to the parents who came out for our FIRST First Monday! We truly value everyone's input, concerns, questions and ideas. Join us next month on Monday, October 1st for our next one!

MEDICAL FORMS DUE! All Kinder and 6th 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. **STUDENTS CANNOT PLAY SPORTS WITHOUT UPDATED MEDICAL FORMS AND IMMUNIZATION DOCUMENTS.**

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:

- 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)
- POLINATOR GARDEN FUNDRAISER - Sunday, October 7th - 11:00 - 2:00 pm at the Meadery

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