

SD 123 Hometown School

HOMETOWN BUZZ

January 8, 2019



Kindergarten through 2nd grade as well as Chorus and Dance Team helped make this year's Winter Concert a huge success.

Thank you to Mrs. Ellingsen, Mrs. Hemminger, Mrs. Phipps, and Mrs. Dulaney for their dedication to the students!

Playground After School

Just a friendly reminder that students are *not permitted* to be at the school playground after school *without an adult*. Unfortunately, some students loiter and find themselves in tricky situations when unsupervised. Anything that happens after school at the park can potentially result in a school-issued consequence. Students have been reminded that going to and from school is still considered school time. Please review this information with your child(ren).

5 Essentials Survey ~ PLEASE READ!

Parents, staff, and students across Illinois and District 123 have the opportunity to participate in the annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of our schools and gather data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes. Survey responses will never be connected to the identity of you or your child. School reports will only present aggregated information of how parents and students respond as a whole. *As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.*

2018-19 Illinois Parent Survey

Link to survey: <http://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/survey/parent/>

The survey closes Feb. 15, 2019.

C.O.L.D. TIPS

Though it is pretty nice outside this week, that is likely to change in the coming days (or even hours, this is Chicago after all!), so please take a few moments in the evening/ morning to ensure your child is prepared for the morning's journey to school. This should include long pants, a jacket, hat, gloves/ mittens, and possibly a scarf. Here are a few tips to remember when preparing your child for potentially dangerous winter conditions...

C ~ Cover your head, neck, and face. These are the parts of the body that sustain the greatest heat loss. Dress your child in a hat, scarves, mittens/ gloves, and protect their lips with lip balm.

O ~ Overexertion leads to sweating. When one sweats, one's clothing becomes damp. When clothing becomes damp, chills occur much more quickly. Make sure your child leaves in enough time to get to the bus stop on time without running and getting sweaty. The same is true for those who may walk.

L ~ Layer clothing to protect against wind and cold temperatures. Start by dressing your child in a snug inner layer that allows sweat to escape such as thin, synthetic long underwear. The second layer should be loose and insulating, such as a wool sweater or fleece sweatshirt. The third layer should be windproof and waterproof.

D ~ Dry clothes are essential. Dressing your child in loose, waterproof clothing, boots, and gloves will ensure that he/ she stays dry and warm and that circulation, especially in the hands and feet is optimal.

Additionally, students should arrive NO EARLIER THAN 8:10 am.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING

To obtain the latest school closing information, please visit our school website or tune in to one of the following:

Radio	Television	Internet
WGN 720 AM	WGN Ch. 9	wgntv.trb.com/
WBBM 780 AM	FOX Ch. 32	foxchicago.com/
	ABC Ch. 7	abclocal.go.com/wls/
	CBS Ch. 2	cbs2chicago.com/
	NBC Ch. 5	nbc5.com/index.htm
		emergencyclosingcenter.com
		oaklawn.patch.com

Also, keep in mind, the district may opt to implement a “late start” rather than cancel school for the day. When this occurs, students are to report to school by 9:30 am. Communication of such a decision would be done in the same manner as an emergency closing.

For more information, please visit the district’s emergency procedures webpage: <http://www.d123.org/emergency-procedures.cfm>

SPECIAL OLYMPICS BASKETBALL GAME

The 10th Annual Special Olympics Basketball Day “Pack the House Competition” is Saturday, January 19th at Oak Lawn Hometown Middle School! Come out and support these special athletes including some of D123’s students!

Doors open at 12:00 pm, and Opening Ceremonies begin at 12:30 pm. Admission is FREE!!! Make sure you wear your school spirit wear, sign in at the door, and tell them you are from Hometown School. The three groups with the largest number of attendees will win a cash prize! There are so many ways you can support this great event and their supporting organizations with Split the Pot chances, concessions, TV raffle...even a chance to shoot baskets to win a car! It’s a heart-warming family fun event you won’t want to miss!

TUITION PRESCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

If you have a child of preschool or kindergarten (5 by September 1st) age, please read these important bullet points regarding upcoming registration.

- Applications will begin to be processed starting January 22nd
- In person Kindergarten Registration appointments will be taken after January 22nd
- Children currently enrolled in the D123 preschool programs do NOT need to do anything at this time, they will automatically be enrolled in Kindergarten and will be part of the Returning Student Registration in May.

For more details, please visit the district website...

<https://d123.org/enrollment/tuition-preschool/>

<https://d123.org/enrollment/kindergarten/>

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