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# Sharp Park Viking Voice

## Inside Issue #1

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## Scholastic Book Adoption

As we kick off our weekly reading activities in September, one of the concerns that has been expressed is for students who may not have books and reading material in the home. We want to insure that all students have reading materials to successfully be able to complete their reading logs. One of the solutions we have come up with is through Scholastic Book adoption. Scholastic has books every month that are \$1. I would LOVE for every student to be able to bring home one new book each month during the school year from September to May.

If you are willing to sponsor a student for \$9 for the year, staff will insure that the child you sponsor receives a grade level appropriate book to read each month for the school year. Be on the look out for scholastic book sponsor forms to come out next week. When you order from scholastic book flyers, teachers earn reward points that they can use to purchase additional books for their classrooms as well.

We are also gladly accepting donations of used books that your child has out-grown. We have traditionally had a box of free books in the office and another in the hallway that students and families can take books from, and we are running low! Books will be accepted in the office.

If you are willing to come be a volunteer reading buddy for a student, we would love to pair you up with a student in need! For more information on being a reading buddy, contact the office.



### PTO

Know your officers!

President- Angela Mitchell

Vice President- Faye Haldane

Secretary- Brandi Truman

Treasurer-

Amanda Digue

### Ichat forms

For all you awesome parents who are looking forward to chaperoning field trips, popcorn popping, book fair work, and helping out at spabstacle, please make sure you stop in the office to pick up an Ichat form. It takes about a week to process the form and get your volunteer clearance, and every year we have to turn away chaperones who wait until the day before the field trip to complete the ichtat. Please make sure you complete it early and annually. Even if you completed it last year, the Ichat needs to be completed each school year. We will need a copy of your driver's license along with the form.

# This week at a glance...

|           |  |
|-----------|--|
| 8/27      | 4th day of school Boy Scouts @ 6:00                                      |
| 8/28      | 5th day of school  |
| 8/29      | 6th day of school PTO at 6:00 PM in the media center– Childcare provided |
| 8/30      | 7th day of school  |
| 8/31      | No school! Labor day weekend!  |
| Coming up | Lock in– September 14<br>PTO—September 18 @ 6:00                         |

## Free and reduced lunch applications

Be on the look out for the free and reduced lunch application form to come home next week. Even if you do not think your family will qualify, this is an important form to complete and return; the data collected from this form is what determines our Title 1 funding in the building at our 31A at risk funding for the district. All of these funds are used to support ALL students.

Sharp Park Academy utilized Title I funding to pay for paraprofessionals that work in the classrooms under the guidance of the teachers to provide small group instruction and interventions. Title one funding also pays for our retired teachers who also provide interventions. In addition, our curricular support programs Lexia Core 5 and Success maker are both paid for out of Title I, and cost us about \$45 per student per year. All students in JPS also receive free breakfast and lunch which is a huge benefit to families in terms of convenience!

## Transportation and Bussing

If your child is a student who is consistently riding the bus, please make sure they have their bus tags on their backpacks. This helps staff insure that students are boarding the correct busses. Also be aware that due to detours transportation may still be running a little behind. If you are still experiencing problems with stops and insuring your child is on the correct bus, please contact the Bus garage at 841-2180 and inform Mrs. Rigelman of any changes.

If you need to make a change to transportation arrangements please contact the office **before** 2:30 to insure we have time to get a message to your student.

Please do not leave a voicemail for changes!

## Principled

Jacoby  
Alex O  
Jack S  
Dominic T  
Berkley  
Serenity  
Aries  
Carter B  
Jalil L  
Mahkiya  
McClan  
Jeffrey  
Conner S  
Patrice  
Noah H  
Aaliyah S  
Ethan  
Rayne A  
Ara S  
Marquise S  
Nina P

## Reflective

Johanna  
Amarion C  
Trashon

## Knowledgeable

Carter  
Lily T  
Lynden W  
Rykei  
Aaliyah S  
Broyden  
Lucas B  
Emma M  
Conner S  
Addy  
Tyrese

## Balanced

Rayne A  
Ara S  
Marquise S  
Nina P  
Teagan M  
Zaire

Risk-takers

## Open minded

## Inquirer

## Caring

Alison M  
Camryn  
Kody B  
Godric  
Leilani P



## Thinker

## Communicator

## From the principal's office...

What a great start to school! I loved seeing all of the photo booth pictures from open house, and the looks on the kids faces when they came to school on the first day was priceless! It has been nice to watch old friends catching up with each other after the summer months, and new friendships blossoming.

One of the things I love most about kindergarten is watching older siblings and cousins and the care they show to each other. We have such a loving group of students, and watching older sisters giving their younger siblings a hug and a kiss as they cross paths warms my heart.

We have had such a great start to the year...I cant wait to see all the great things your children accomplish this year!



*Mrs. Lusby*

Please be on the lookout for our IB students each week!



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## SPA Lunch schedule

### Kindergarten-second grade:

Recess 12:00-12:20

Lunch 12:20-12:40

### Third –fifth grade:

Lunch 12:00-12:20

Recess 12:20-12:40

### This lunch rotation allows

us to better utilize our

paraprofessionals for in-  
 structural purposes and

puts additional adults in classrooms for an addi-  
 tional 40 minutes per day.



## Mission and Vision Statements

**Mission** We will bring our community together to create a culture of academic excellence and workforce readiness

**Vision-** We envision a community where all students become lifelong learners

## Monthly PBIS celebrations

At the end of each month, students who have shown a four consistently will have the opportunity to participate in special activities. While this is a fun activity for the students who have earned a bit of fun by demonstrating respectful, responsible, safe and kind behavior, our teachers will have the opportunity to evaluate student data from Lexia and Success maker. Students who did not earn the privilege will have the opportunity to reflect and do better next month!

## Reminders!

### Birthday treats

Please **do not bring cupcakes to school** to celebrate birthdays! They will be sent to the office and returned home at the end of the day. The full policy and list of approved birthday treats is listed in the student handbook on the SPA website.

### Dismissal

Student dismissal is at 3:42. we do not have supervision after 3:52 when teachers are off duty. Please be considerate of the teachers' time and plan for your child's prompt pickup.