

JJ Hill Montessori families and community,

**The referendum passed!** Voters approved the Saint Paul Public Schools request to increase school funding. We are grateful for this support. The funding will help us invest in student needs and support implementation of our SPPS Achieves Strategic Plan to increase achievement for all. Thank you!



Learn about elementary, middle and high school opportunities in SPPS on 1/12/19 from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Saint Paul RiverCentre, 175 W. Kellogg Blvd. Free, onsite early childhood screenings (ages 3-5)

**All SPPS schools will keep students inside if the wind chill is expected to be colder than -10 degrees below zero.** Please send weather appropriate clothing to school with your child. There are many winter days in MN when we can go outside to play.

If the temp is 10 degrees above zero with winds of 15 mph, the wind chill would be -7 degrees. This would allow recess to continue outside safely. However, if the temp is 0 degrees with a 5 mph wind, the wind chill would be -11 degrees, requiring recess to be held indoors.



**Upcoming Events:**

- 12/12 5:00 Children's House Parent Night
- 12/13 9 am tour
- 12/14 5:30 PTO movie night
- 12/18 5:30 PTO meeting in library (Childcare is provided)
- Friday, 12/21 No school
- 12/24-1/1/19 Winter Break
- Wednesday, 1/2/19 School resumes
- Saturday 1/12/19 School Choice Fair

This is a time of year when many holidays and traditions are celebrated. It is an important time for families to tell stories and pass on traditions through generations.

Each classroom celebrates occasions in unique ways. As a school community we recognize a Fall Celebration, Winter Solstice, Valentines Day, and an end of the school year celebration. In alignment with the district's wellness policy, we would like to limit the sugar given to students during the school day. Connect with your child's teacher for ideas of how to celebrate your child's birthday. More info can be found at <https://www.spps.org/wellness>

Our health office is in need of donations. Please consider sharing hand-me-downs with us, particularly pant sizes 4-8 and long dresses and skirts. Thank you!

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