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**BE COUNTED!**

**because…**

**YOU COUNT!!**

Every ten years, the U.S. census counts every person currently living in the United States. It’s important to be counted, because the U.S. census determines how federal funds are distributed to local communities until 2030, and determines the number of seats each state has in the U.S. House of Representatives. Census results have an impact on planning and funding for health clinics, transportation, fire departments, and education. The Census impacts education in Saint Paul Schools as federal funds are distributed to states based on census data for 10 years. Saint Paul Schools then receives the funds allocated by the state. These funds determine the amount allocated for the National School Lunch Program, Head Start, School Breakfast Program, and instructional programs.

In March, you received an invitation to respond to the 2020 Census. You can respond three different ways: online, by phone (844-330-2020), or by mail. You have the month of April to respond. If you have questions or would like more information about the 2020 Census, you can find answers at 2020census.gov

Sincerely,
Nancy Flynn
Principal

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All events have been cancelled by Governor Walz until at least May 4, 2020

**May 2020**

If you need help, please go to [www.spps.org](http://www.spps.org)

Scroll down the page to Tools for Parents. You can click on icons for Distance Learning, iPad help, etc.

Also under Distance Learning, are links to Meal Services, Health and Wellness, etc.

Make sure to email your child’s teacher or me with any attendance issues: [terri.obrien@spps.org](mailto:terri.obrien@spps.org)

Stay Safe & Healthy!

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Address:  1700 Saunders Ave., St. Paul, MN  55116  Phone:  651-293-8770  Fax:  651-293-8983
STUDENT AND FAMILY SUPPORT RESOURCES!
Here you will find Highland Park Elementary Support Information!
Life can be unpredictable and sometimes change and uncertainty can feel stressful. The links below can help you find strategies and resources to help manage stress, stay focused and positive, and find your calm.

Click HERE to get into direct contact with our school’s Student & Family Support Team”

“SPPS Students & Families: click HERE for valuable resources and information to support you during COVID-19 Distant Learning.
PYP PROFILES FOR HOME LEARNING
for Students, Teachers and Parents

CARING, PRINCIPLED, AND COMMUNICATORS
Remember that this is new for all of us. Be patient with yourself and others. Be encouraging, supportive and forgiving of mistakes. Know that we are in this situation together, and that we will need to work together as a team to be successful.

INQUIRERS, THINKERS, AND KNOWLEDGABLE
This will be a time for us to try out different things and learn in new and exciting ways. It’s a great chance to ask lots of questions and let your curiosity guide you. We can all become more independent learners and explore areas that we are interested in. Be curious, wonder, try, test, and most of all have fun and enjoy your learning!

BALANCED AND OPEN-MINDED
Know that we all need to take care of our hearts, bodies and minds during this time. Rest, play, exercise, talk about your feelings and respect the feelings of others. Be understanding that we will deal with this new experience differently and try to understand the point of view of others.

RISK TAKERS AND REFLECTIVE
Let’s face this situation with enthusiasm and confidence. We can use this chance to think about how we learn and know what we have done well. We can also learn from our mistakes and use them to do things better.

"AND SUDDENLY YOU KNOW: IT’S TIME TO START SOMETHING NEW AND TRUST THE MAGIC OF NEW BEGINNINGS."
MEISTER ECKHART
Important IB/PYP information from Mrs. Strecker:

This year Highland Park Elementary is in a “Self Study” year for our International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme. This means that the staff is spending time reflecting on our PYP program. Part of the Self Study includes getting feedback from all stakeholders (school district, administration, teachers, staff, parents and students). We are hoping to get as many parents as possible to give their feedback. We have attached a short survey about HPE and PYP to this newsletter. I know this is a crazy time. I want to thank you in advance for participating in our Self Study! We are also looking for parents who would like to participate in our evaluation visit next fall. There is a question on the survey to mark your interest. All of the feedback we receive allows our staff the opportunity to reflect on how to better communicate with and support our PYP families. THANK YOU!

Parent PYP Survey

HPE FAMILY FOOD PICKUP

WEDNESDAYS IN APRIL
5:30 PM TO 6 PM

if your family needs food, come to HPE’s front doors on Wednesdays from 5:30 to 6 pm to pick up a bag.

Have donations?
Call or text the PTA at (651) 321-3717

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