Principal Message from Mr. B.

Thank you so much for attending your child’s conference at the end of November. We will continue to reflect on how best to communicate and authentically meet with families during this time of COVID. It was great to have a sense of normalcy during our in-person hours of conferences. We hope that meeting with your student's teacher(s) either in-person or virtually was beneficial for your student and family. If you were not able to attend a virtual or in-person conference but would like to learn more about your student’s progress at school, please contact your student’s teacher directly either via email, phone, or classroom app (if applicable).

We hosted Picture Day on Wednesday, December 1st. We will have Picture Retakes on Tuesday, January 11th.

Please continue to remind your students to wear masks fully covering their nose and mouth, wash their hands, and practice social distancing with their peers.

As always, if you need anything, please reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Have a great weekend!
John Bjoraker

Important Dates

12/7/21- Bookmobile Visit

12/7/21- Vision Screening for Grades K, 1, & 3 only

12/17/21- Last Day of School Before Winter Break

12/20-21 - 1/2/22- Winter Break Dates
1/3/22- School Resumes

1/10/22: Virtual FSO (Family Student Organization) at 6:30pm. There will be a text/email sent in January prior to the meeting with the meeting link to join virtually.

1/11/22: Picture Retake Day

Free COVID-19 Tests Available for Farnsworth Students

Saint Paul Public Schools (SPPS) is pleased to offer free COVID-19 rapid tests for students to take home from school. The test available to take home is the BinaxNOW rapid test. Each BinaxNOW kit includes a nasal swab and testing card that will produce results in 15 minutes. Students who are sent home with COVID-19 symptoms will be given a test to bring home. This will help families quickly determine whether or not their child has COVID-19.

Any positive COVID-19 test result should be reported using the SPPS COVID-19 Reporting System. Even with a negative test result, a student who is experiencing symptoms should not return to school until symptoms have improved and the student has been fever free for 24 hours.

These free COVID-19 tests are available upon request from your child’s Health Office. Families may request a test even if their child does not have symptoms or if someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the household. Testing instructions are available from the manufacturer in English and Spanish and we are unable to reproduce instructions in other languages.

Thank you for everything you are doing to keep yourselves, your students and our community healthy.


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Las Escuelas Públicas de Saint Paul (SPPS) están complacidas de ofrecer pruebas gratuitas rápidas de COVID-19 para que los estudiantes lleven a casa desde la escuela. Las pruebas disponibles para llevar a casa son las pruebas rápidas de BinaxNOW. Cada prueba de BinaxNOW incluye un hisopo nasal y tarjeta de prueba que producirá resultados en 15 minutos.

Los estudiantes que son enviados a casa con síntomas de COVID-19 recibirán una prueba para realizar en casa. Esto ayudará a las familias a determinar rápidamente si es que el niño tiene COVID-19 o no.

Cualquier resultado positivo en la prueba de COVID-19 debe ser reportado usando el Sistema de Reporte de COVID-19 de SPPS. Incluso si el resultado es negativo, un estudiante que presenta síntomas, no debe regresar a la escuela hasta que los síntomas hayan mejorado y el estudiante no tenga fiebre por 24 horas.

Si usted solicita, estas pruebas gratis de COVID-19 están disponibles en la Oficina de Salud de su niño. Las familias pueden solicitar una prueba incluso si es que el niño no presenta síntomas o si es que alguien en el hogar ha tenido un resultado positivo de COVID-19. Las instrucciones del fabricante están disponibles en inglés y español y no podemos reproducir instrucciones en otros idiomas.

Gracias por todo lo que hace para mantener saludable a su estudiante, usted y nuestra comunidad.

**SPPS COVID-19 Reporting System**

Saint Paul Public Schools needs your help in controlling the spread of COVID-19 by identifying and reporting concerns early and to follow recommended exclusion guidelines. Use this system to report symptoms of COVID-19, a positive test for COVID-19 or close contact exposure to someone with COVID-19 throughout the year.

[https://commedspps.co1.qualtrics.com/Jfe/form/SV_9G0Wvc.JIWfuqwIL](https://commedspps.co1.qualtrics.com/Jfe/form/SV_9G0Wvc.JIWfuqwIL)

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Spirit Week
December 13 - 17, 2021
Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-4 Spirit Week!
Students & staff are invited to participate in themed days

Monday 13
PAJAMA Day
Wear your pajamas or something cozy

Tuesday 14
Creative Hair/Hat Day
Do a creative hairstyle or wear a hat!

Wednesday 15
Book Character Day
Dress up as your favorite character from a book

Thursday 16
Cultural Day/Fancy Day
Wear something from your heritage or dress up in something fancy

Friday 17
Farnsworth/Space Day
Wear space or Farnsworth clothes, or our school colors (red, white, blue)!