Message from Principal John Bjoraker (Mr. B.)

Dear Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-4 families,

We will NOT have Picture Day on Monday October 4th. We are currently working with Lifetouch on selecting a new date. There is a staffing shortage at Lifetouch which is causing us to change the date. Once we have that date secured we will share that information with you. Thank you so much for your patience as we make these adjustments.

October 4-8th is World Space Week. The theme this year is "Women in Space. Throughout the week, students will participate in activities that celebrate the incredible impact had on the global space community, and how space is better when everyone is involved. We would like our students to wear space, Farnsworth clothing or something blue or red on Wednesday October 6, 2021.

If you have any specific questions or concerns, please contact me at 651-293-8675 or by email at john.bjoraker@spps.org

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Nyob Zoo rau txhua cuab yim neeg hauv Farnsworth Aerospace Prek-4,

Peb yuav tsis muaj hnub thaij duab rau lub Monday no ua yog lub 10 hlis tim 4. Lub tuam txhab Lifetouch tsis muaj neeg txaus thaj duab rau peb. Peb tseem sib tham, thaum twg teem tau ib hnub lawm mas li rov qhia sawvdaws paub. Ua tsaug rau sawvdaws lub siab ntev lub sijhawm no.

10 hlis tim 4-8 yog World Space Week. Lub ntsiab xyoo no yog "Pojniam kev mus sau hnub sau hli". Lub asthiv no, cov tub ntxhais kawm ntwaw yuav kawm txog tej yam zoo ntwaw thiab yog hais tias sawvdaws koom tes peb lub ntuj yuav zoo tshaj. Peb xav kom peb cov tub
Estimadas familias de Farnsworth Aerospace PreK-4,

**NO** tendremos el lunes 4 de octubre el **Dia de tomar las Fotos**. Actualmente estamos trabajando con Lifetouch para seleccionar una nueva fecha. Hay una escasez de personal en Lifetouch, lo que nos está obligando a cambiar la fecha. Una vez que tengamos esa fecha asegurada, compartiremos esa información con usted. Muchas gracias por su paciencia mientras realizamos estos ajustes.

**Del 4 al 8 de Octubre es la Semana Mundial del Espacio.** El tema de este año es "Mujeres en el espacio". A lo largo de la semana, los estudiantes participarán en actividades que celebran el increíble impacto que tuvo en la comunidad espacial global y cómo el espacio es mejor cuando todos están involucrados. Nos gustaría que nuestros estudiantes el miércoles 6 de octubre de 2021, usen prendas relacionadas con el espacio, o la camiseta de Farnsworth o algo azul o rojo.

Si tiene alguna pregunta o inquietud específica, comuníquese conmigo al 651-293-8675 o por correo electrónico a john.bjoraker@spps.org

**REMINDER- NO Picture Day on Monday October 4, 2021**

**CogAT Testing- Gifted and Talented Testing**

The CogAT7 which tests student's cognitive abilities will be provided to all SPPS students in Kindergarten and in second grade, starting October 11.

Students in grades 1, 3, and 4 also may be nominated for this assessment by an SPPS staff member, family member, or community member. Please inform your child's teacher if you'd like your child to be tested. The deadline for submitting nominations is October 11, 2021.

**Social Studies & Social Justice Update**

Hello Farnsworth Families!
My name is Rhea Moen and I am your student’s Social Studies & Social Justice teacher. All students in Grades 1-4 attend the Social Studies/Social Justice class 2 times per week. Every month I will provide an update with the standards, topics and resources that we have been using in class.

The first two domains of Social Justice that we have been learning about are **Identity and Diversity**.

To celebrate and learn about identity, the students created name tents and we read the book *Sulwe*. In the story *Sulwe* we learned about colorism, race and racism. The students were able to use the Zones of Regulation to check in on how they felt as we read the story and as we learned new vocabulary words. The students were also able to share their own stories and show their own identities through self-portraits that they each created. We also connected and learned about identity by listening to a story called *I Am Not a Number*. This story discusses some of the experiences that Native American students went through when attending various Residential Schools in the 1800s. We connected these stories to identity and how students can create change for others! Orange Shirt Day is a way where students can show that Every Child Matters.

Student friendly definitions for the following words for the **Identity unit**:

- **Identity**: Means who I am!
- **Race**: A social construct that divides groups of humans based on what they look like and or by ancestry.
- **Colorism**: Racial discrimination based on your shade of skin tone or shade of skin color.
- **Racism**: When people think that one color or one race of humans is better than another.

As we enter October, we are focusing on the second domain of Social Justice which is Diversity. We are also connecting the Social Studies standards of Civics/Skills/Values. To learn about diversity we made a line to show our different interests. The students made a line on a number 1-10 to describe how much they either like or dislike something. Through this activity the students learned that we all have different likes, interests and beliefs- that is what makes us diverse! To connect diversity to our civics standard, the students created a wish that they have for the world! They did this after they listened to the story *Mama Miti: Wangari Maathai and the Trees of Kenya*.

Student friendly definitions for the following word(s) for the **Diversity unit**:

- **Diversity**: Every person is unique with our own differences, interests and beliefs. Unique means SPECIAL!

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to connect with me directly at rhea.moen@spps.org or (651) 293 8625 ext. 47317

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**Every Meal (formerly The Sheridan Story)**

You will find an Enrollment Form and Brochure in your child’s Friday Folder. If you are interested in receiving a free bag of
food every weekend, please complete the form and return it to school. There are no qualification requirements and your family’s privacy is protected.

Please let Mr. Lee know if you have any questions by calling him at 651-293-8675.

**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_9G0WvcJIfuqWLL

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