



Highwood Hills

Elementary School

Website: highwoodhills.sns.org

Dear Families:

Calendar of Events

February

- 4 Highwood Hills Open House-9:00 – 12:00 PM
- 08 National African American Parent Involvement Day (NAAPID)-Virtual Activities
- 18 Title 1 Common Ground Conversations
- 15 Presidents' Day-NO SCHOOL

March

- 5 Conference Prep Day – NO SCHOOL
- 15 Evening Conferences 2:45 – 5:45 PM
- 18 Title 1 Common Ground Conversations-Literacy
- 19 NO SCHOOL for Pre-K
- 19 Evening Conferences – 2:45– 5:45 PM
- 20 All Day Conferences – 7:15 AM to 2:15 PM-NO SCHOOL
- 30 Spring Break starts –NO SCHOOL

Compliments of the season! This is my first official address this year through our newsletter In Person and virtual Learning Platforms! I hope that everyone had the chance to visit with friends and family, relax, and enjoy the recently concluded Super Bowl that was virtual for many people! We are glad to see most of our students back in person!

NAAPID Day – We are doing things a little differently this year with dual platforms! The school will have an array of engaging activities lined up for students in their respective classrooms as well as online. Our Intervention Specialist will upload activities on our Facebook page and website and these activities are interactive in nature. Some will be done also during morning meetings, both in-person and during virtual learning.

I would like to thank our parents for their cooperation and understanding with our drop off and pick up procedure, and restriction about visitors. It is a worthy sacrifice and we appreciate your cooperation and collaboration. Thanks for preparing your child to come to school ready to learn, and for picking him/her up relatively on time. As the cold weather is still upon us, please remember to equip your child with the proper gear for the weather. A reminder that we do not have supervision **before 7:00AM**, and students should not be in the building before supervision is available. It is very important to remember that the safety/ well-being of your child is very critical. We really crave your indulgence in this matter.

I would like to seize this opportunity to thank all the parents who come and participate in our Common Ground Conversations. It is important to talk with you, confer and hear your hopes and dreams for your child, which I am sure are the hopes and dreams of many parents who are not able to join us. Thanks also for advising us on our School Comprehensive Improvement Plan (SCIP), additional information in **reading** and **math**. Please let me know if you have any additional thoughts or ideas that will help us as we work together to prepare our students for success in the 21st Century!

February 14 is generally celebrated as Valentine's Day in the United States. Although this day falls on a Sunday this year, please connect with your child's teacher if you have any specific questions regarding this. While Highwood Hills will not celebrate this day due largely to the connotation that it conjures in the minds of many of our families, we will seize the opportunity to teach more about friendship, empathy and cooperation among others. It will be a time for us to reflect and solidify our commitment to one another and our commitment to building a warm, empathetic and tolerant learning environment for all.



Please remember that you can also access this newsletter in our website at www.highwoodhills.spps.org.

Respectfully,

Fatima Lawson

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Principal

***NOTE: Please contact us at 651-744-3290 if you need this newsletter or portions of it explained or translated for you, and you can visit our website..

Highwood Hill's and St. Paul District's ATTENDANCE POLICY

When students are not in school, they cannot learn. Please make sure that your children attend school *every* school day, except in cases of illness, doctor and dentist appointments that cannot be made after school hours, religious holidays, and family emergencies. If absences of more than 2 days occur due to illness, a doctor's note may be requested.

Your child WILL NOT be excused for babysitting, oversleeping, missing the bus, travel, weather conditions, or visiting relatives. If it becomes imperative for families to travel, please complete a Travel Request Form for approval by the principal. Please also note that students must make up any work missed as a result of the travel.

We are required to contact the Ramsey County Truancy Intervention Program after five (5) non-excused days. This is a District /State Policy and is enforced.

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