

Principal's News

MAR. 3, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM DR. THERESA THAO-YANG

School safety has been on the minds of many since the shooting at Washington Tech. and the stabbing at Harding High School, as well as the violence around the country. I want to thank all of you for your continued support and trust in sending your children to Nokomis North every day and entrusting their care in our hands.



We are always looking at how to improve our school safety plans and that is why we practice fire drills and lockout/lockdown drills.

We will be having our lockdown drill on Friday, Mar. 17th. Your child's teacher will talk to his/her class about what to expect during this drill to alleviate any anxiety. If you have any questions or feel that he/she may not handle this drill well and will need extra support, please let the school or your child's teacher know.

We would not be able to do what we do without you. Thank you.

By the way, some of the work that the students displayed during NAAPID was shown on the [District's YouTube](#) channel. Check it out!



CONFERENCES

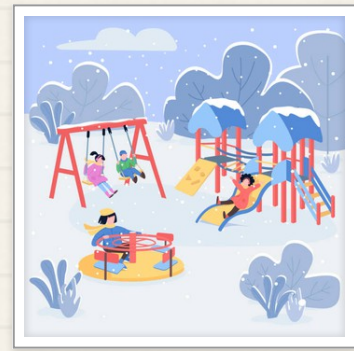
Spring conferences are coming up. Please look for a conference sign up form that will be coming home on Monday, Mar. 6th. You'll have the option to sign up online again, like in the fall. I've included a [resource](#) that you can use to ask questions about how your child is doing during conferences, if you'd like. If you have any questions, or the days and times do not work for you, please contact the school office at 651-744-7440.

A REMINDER ABOUT RECESS...

Saint Paul Public Schools uses the National Weather Service (NWS) wind chill chart to determine whether recess will be held outside. Wind chill is the temperature it feels like on your skin when the wind is blowing. The stronger the wind, the colder it feels.

Schools will keep students inside if the wind chill is expected to be colder than -10 degrees below zero. Regardless of the wind chill, students who do not have the appropriate winter clothing will not be able to participate in outdoor recess.

As you can see in the chart below, if the temperature is 10 degrees above zero with winds of 15 miles per hour, the wind chill would be -7 degrees. This would allow recess to continue outside safely. However, if the temperature is 0 degrees with a 5 mph wind, the wind chill would be -11 degrees, requiring recess to be held indoors.



SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAMS 2023

- **Grades PreK-12 [Summer Learning Programs](#)** help students strengthen academic and social emotional skills, discover new talents, and recover high school credits. All programs are **FREE** and include:
 - **Academic Support & Enrichment-** Students will be inspired to learn new skills and increase their current understanding of reading, math and other subjects while discovering new interests and talents and making new friends.
 - **Breakfast and Lunch** - All students receive two free healthy meals daily that include entrees, salads, baked goods, and locally grown fruits and vegetables.
 - **Transportation** - Transportation is available to most students who live in Saint Paul (within [transportation guidelines](#)). Use the School Finder at spps.org/apply to find your Area (A-F1/F2). Transportation information will be mailed out two weeks prior to the start of programs.

Registration begins **March 15, 2023. Programs fill up fast!** Applying by **April 15, 2023** will increase student's chance of getting into their first program of choice.

Enrolling late? No worries. **Some** of our programs have unlimited space.

Programs start **June 26, 2023.**

SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES

[Saint Paul Public Schools Community Education](#) is excited to offer fun and engaging opportunities to our community with no-cost options. Check out our full-day themed summer camps and part day classes at Nokomis Montessori South and Horace Mann School. Registration opens on March 14. Camps and classes fill quickly, so make sure to register early. Register online at commed.spps.org, in person at 1780 West 7th Street, or call 651-767-8179.



SAVE THE DATES!

- Fri., Mar. 10 - No School. Conference Prep Day.
- Mon., Mar. 13 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- Fri., Mar. 17 - Lockdown Drill.
- Tues., Mar. 21 - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Thurs., Mar. 23 - Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Fri., Mar. 24 - No School. Daytime Parent/Teacher Conferences.



ABOUT US

- Our school is based on the Montessori method: students learn at their own pace in multi-grade classrooms, independently cultivating their interests and natural abilities. Teachers help students choose their work in carefully prepared, peaceful environments; students use beautifully designed hands-on materials to practice and understand skills and concepts. Teachers are Montessori certified and use the Montessori philosophy to guide instruction.

 985 Ruth Street, Saint Paul, M...  (651) 744-7440

 spps.org/domain/15297