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Home of the Wildcats

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District 99 Community:

This is always an exciting and eventful time for Spring Valley students and educators as we begin another promising school year. The Spring Valley community has always played a vital role in supporting the amazing things our educators and students accomplish each school year.

Updates for the 2023-2024 school year:

Pick-up/Drop-off:

- Enter from Strong Avenue, then exit using North Richards Street.
- Students picked up on the south end should ride in the back seat and enter the vehicle from the driver side.
- All walkers and K/1st car riders and siblings will exit the south side at dismissal.

AM:

- Only bus riders and walkers are allowed on the south side.
- All students being dropped off will be dropped off in the north lot from 7:45 to 8:15 am. Pull up and when your vehicle is stopped between the front door and the north junior high door, have your child exit the vehicle.
- If you have a special circumstance where your child(ren) need(s) to be dropped off between 7:30-7:40 please contact the office for permission and directives.

PM:

- Bus riders are dismissed from class at 3:00 and 3:08 buses will depart JFK.
- 2nd through 8th grade students, who are car riders, will be picked up in the North Lot beginning at 3:15. (Unless they have a K/1 sibling then south side)
- Walkers & car riders will be dismissed at 3:15.
- K/1st car riders and older siblings will exit on the south side.

Curriculum:

- We just adopted a new language arts and social studies series. We will be evaluating math programs this year
- Technology and textbooks are used as resources
- New interventions for special education students and struggling learners will be implemented
- Data driven decisions will be used for Rtl focus
- Continue to increase phonological and phonemic awareness and reading skills
- Teachers will receive professional development from Paige Buckingham to help increase executive functioning skills
- A teacher's role is that of a facilitator guiding students to create and develop their own learning
- Common rigorous assessments and rubrics will be used for data-driven decision making
- Problem Based Learning (PBL) is the cornerstone
- Lessons and assessments involve hands-on, centers, student engaged, collaborative opportunities
- Continue to support our Gold Circle of Quality Awarded Pre-K Program

Discipline/Safety Social Emotional:

- Additional Cameras have been added around the building
- Staff is ALICE trained
- PBIS program has achieved “Gold” status
- 2 Counselors & BMP social worker on staff using the 2nd Step program

Communication:

- BCR Alerts - Sign up for updated cancellations & schedule changes.
- Visit, Like and share the new Facebook page - Spring Valley CCSD 99
- Teacherease
- Visit SV99.org (Calendar, Events, Handbook)
- PK-5th grade teachers use Class Dojo
- 6th – 8th teachers use Google Classroom
- K-5 have monthly newsletters
- All athletic teams and clubs will use Team Reach
- Bilingual Parent Committee
- Focus on Family Engagement Nights

Building Updates:

The original south section of Kennedy School is continuing to undergo updates. This summer new flooring was installed in 10 classrooms.

Staff Additions & Movement:

PK: [Lexy Rebholz](#)

2nd: [Caitlin Gerdes](#), [Jasmine Gillan](#), [Lois Croasdale](#)

4th: [Adam Falkenhayn](#)

7thELA: [Candice Tennell](#)

Special Ed.: [Allanah Harper](#), [Sara Zborowski](#) & [Amanda Sydney](#)

Speech Path.: [Alana Cherry](#)

EL: [Andrea Cruz](#)

Counselor: [Susan Spurny](#)

Classroom Aides: [Amanda Sydney](#), [Chelsea Sweezy](#), [Randi Kleinau](#)

Staff Retiring at the end of last school year: Wendy Woulfe & Renee Ziebell

Institute Day August 14, 2023

8:00 - 2:00 Teacher Inservice - No Student Attendance

5:00-6:00 Kindergarten Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop Off

Institute Day August 15, 2023

8:00 - 1:00 Teacher Inservice - No Student Attendance

1st - 4th Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop Off is 5:00-6:00. Teachers back by 4:45.

5th - 8th Meet the Teacher & Supply Drop Off is 5:30-6:30. Teachers back by 5:15.