Dear Parents/Families,

We are so excited about this school year!! It has been such a success so far! Our students are settled into their classrooms and learning is taking place every minute of the day.

Please make sure that your child is in school and on time each and every day. Missing even one day of school can interrupt your child’s academic learning. Also, I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that late arrivals and early dismissals do add up and affect your students’ learning, grades, and attendance status. We would like all of our students to achieve perfect attendance awards for each quarter of the year. We need all students in school on time every day of this school year!

As mentioned at Open House, our teachers are using the reading program called Ready Gen from the Pearson Company. We are excited about the implementation of this reading program. Many of you know, PARCC Assessments were administered to our third—sixth grade students in March, 2017. The results from these assessments are in and will be discussed with you at Parent/Teachers conferences. Please let us know if you have any questions about your child’s performance on these assessments.

Park School is a great place!! Great teachers and great parents are working together on behalf of our children. Special thanks to the PTA members who came to Open House and distributed gift bags. We appreciate all they do for our school. If you would like to be a part of our PTA, please call the school at (708) 849-9440 and give your name and phone number. We are planning some exciting things for Park School.

We appreciate and are so thankful for our school business partnership with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, who provides Blessing Bags to our students; Hollywood Park in Crestwood, Park parents, Riverdale’s Fire Department, and the AT&T telephone company. These businesses donated school supplies, and other student incentives to our school. If any of you are aware of other businesses that would like to partner with Park School, please let us know.

I appreciate the support of all of you and we look forward to seeing you at Parent/Teacher conferences on November 3rd 2017.

Dr. McFarlane, Principal
KINDERGARTEN:
Dear Parents and Guardians,
Welcome to the fun and exciting world of kindergarten. Our Reading and Language Arts program, (Ready Gen) is underway. We are learning all about the role of authors and illustrators by learning about animals and their habitats. We’ve also completed our first two “Letter of the Week” letters, m and t. Please help your student with their nightly homework, which reflects what the children are learning in the classroom. We have also learned our first six sight words. Continue to practice reading those words regularly. In math, we are working on numbers 1-10. Our goal is to be able to count to 25 by the end of the First Quarter.
On Tuesday October 3rd, our kindergarten and first graders will visit the County Line Orchard for our first field trip. We thank you for all of your support with sending school supplies and homework help. Looking forward to a wonderful school year.
Sincerely,
Mrs. Espino & Ms. Shaw
P.S. One of the most important and easy things we can do for our children is to read to them EVERYDAY. Please read with your child for at least 20 minutes daily. If you need books or book recommendations, feel free to checkout our Scholastic book

1st GRADE:
Dear Parents/Guardians,
Park families, thank you for attending Open House. It was a pleasure to meet all the parents and family members. The first graders are busy learning to read, write, and work with numbers. In reading, it is important to have parent support with learning the high-frequency words and listening to your child read every evening. Parents can also help by practicing addition math facts with your child and practicing the Sight Words for the week. In Science, the 1st graders are learning about Sound & Vibration. In Social Studies we are exploring Global Citizenship.
Please check book bags and homework folders daily for important notes from the office, homework assignments and notes from the teacher. Remind your child to write his/her name on their homework. We are looking forward to a great year learning with your child. Don’t forget about our field trip to County Line Orchard on Tuesday, October 3th.
Your 1st Grade Team,
Mrs. Lopez & Ms. Roszkowski

2nd GRADE:
Greetings Parents/Guardians:
Hello my name is Mrs. Gatheright. To all of my parents of the successful second graders of room 134. We are learning important things in class. This school year Ms. Calhoun and I are team teaching. Ms. Calhoun teaches math and social science, and I teach Ready Gen (Reading) and science.
In science we are learning about scientists. Did you know that there are seventeen different scientists? We will work on various small experiments and hands-on activities. Learning can be informational and fun at the same time. In our Ready Gen curriculum we are learning about characters point of view, story sequence, and nouns (proper and irregular). Our student of the month is Quamel Stewart.
Thank you to all of the parents for being so supportive.
Mrs. Gatheright and Ms. Calhoun

3rd Grade
Thank you to all the third grade parents who took time out of their busy schedules to attend Park’s Open House. We are also grateful for all the parent cooperation we have gotten so far.
The beginning of the school year has been busy with the students learning the rules, routines and building a classroom community. Students have been in uniforms and are looking great! Remember, as colder weather approaches, students may need to wear additional clothing. Please send your students in only navy blue or white sweaters to be worn in the classrooms.
We have finished the ReadyGen (reading curriculum) baseline testing and other assessments and are actively utilizing small group learning in the classroom.
In math we are continuing to practice addition and subtraction facts and build on those to learn multiplication and division concepts.
In science we will be learning the science process skills and what science is. Also, in social sciences, we are learning where we are located and how it affects our environment. Thanks and looking forward to partnering with you.
Mrs. Robinson & Ms. Buckley
4th GRADE: Dear Parents:

Thank you for your continued support!! Please continue to send your student to school every day prepared to learn something new. Remember to check homework agendas, study spelling words and multiplication facts. Also, you should begin experimenting!!!! Students should identify a topic of science and look for projects in that area. Some websites you can look at include, but are not limited to: sciencebuddies.com, allsciencefairprojects.com, 1000sciencefairprojects.com. There are others just type in science fair projects in the Google search bar and research.

The class fair is Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017 and the district fair including “Science Fair Idol” is Friday, December 1, 2017.

Sincerely, the 4th Grade Team
Ms. Cobbs & Ms. Jackson

5th GRADE: Dear Fifth Grade Parents/Guardians,

Thank you to all the fifth grade parents who took the time to come out and attend Park School’s Open House. It was a pleasure meeting all of you. We are so grateful to have full parental support from all parents and family members.

The fifth grade students have been busy learning new school rules, routines and building a classroom community through the use of participating in our peace circles each week. Students have completed their ReadyGEN baseline testing. This information has helped to provide us with instruction and small group learning within the classroom.

In reading the centralized focused has been placed on how readers understand that theme in literary texts are developed through the characters, setting and events.

As writers students are developing various narrative techniques that authors use to develop a story.

In Math students are focused on fractions, adding and subtracting. This can be challenging due to foundational math skills students need to master fraction computation and word problems.

In science instruction has been geared toward working on understanding the scientific method and the engineering process.

Social Science learning is currently centered around ancient civilizations and their complex societies.

We are off to a great year and we are looking forward to learning and growing with you and your child.

Mrs. Smith & Ms. Moyenda

6th GRADE: Dear Parents,

September has gone by quickly and we are getting into the Junior High routine. Students are switching classes/teachers for Reading/Language Arts, Math, Social Studies and Science. PLEASE encourage your student to bring all materials that they need for each class as they transition. To uphold Middle School expectations, students will not be allowed to return to their homeroom/lockers to retrieve homework or any other necessary materials.

In an effort to build LEADERSHIP SKILLS with ALL Sixth grade students, we are challenging them to lead the rest of the school by demonstrating excellence in their behavior, daily attendance and academic effort (homework and classwork). Morning arrival, hallway and assembly behavior are areas that we are working to improve. We ask that parents work alongside us to help students to meet these goals.

Mrs. King and Mrs. Wheaton
Greetings parents/guardians,

The month of October begins Park School’s annual BOOK IT! Program in conjunction with Pizza Hut. Classroom teachers will send home the monthly goal chart for the next six months. Review the goal with your child and set aside 20 minutes at home to read every day. Be a role model by reading yourself and reading to or with your child to show that you, too, value books and the importance of reading. At the end of the month, your child will return the goal sheet to his/her classroom teacher in exchange for a Pizza Hut certificate for a free, one-topping Personal Pan Pizza, Passport to Reading and sticker from Pizza Hut. There is no purchase necessary and the pizza can be taken to go.  

Mrs. Carriel

Students must wear gym shoes that have laces that tie or Velcro closures in order to participate in Physical Education activities.  

Ms. Husbands
The Park School PTA members are very excited about this up and coming school year. We are off to a great start with the yearly membership drive. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA, simply contact the school and leave your name and phone number. There is a $5.00 annual membership fee to join. We ask that all parents support their students.

Our meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 9:15 am. One of our many activities is a monthly “Family Movie Night” This event is on the 3rd Thursday of each month beginning at 4:00 pm and lasting until 6:00 pm. This event is free for all students and adults. We offer a concession stand with refreshments, including pizza, chips, and juice.

Carson’s Community Fundraiser is quickly approaching and we are asking each student to sell at least one booklet. The booklets are $5.00 each and includes over $500 in coupon savings. More information and order forms regarding the Carson’s Community Fundraiser will be distributed at a later date. All of our fundraisers help to sponsor our annual end of the year Spring Festival.

Thank you for your supporting The PTA

Screening for vision and hearing are being conducted at this time. If your child has been referred for vision or hearing please make sure you follow up with your doctor. If you need assistance with resources please let me know. If you child wears glasses please remind him or her to bring them to school every day. Good vision and hearing are important for academic success.

We had a guest speaker in September who taught the students about train safety. Universal Dental will be at Park School on October 27th and 28th to provide dental care. These services will include an exam, cleaning, fluoride treatment, and sealants if needed. If you receive a notice or a call requiring urgent care for your child, please follow-up with your dentist as soon as possible. Also, please take time to update your emergency phone numbers. If your number has changed, please let the office know so we can reach you if your child is ill.

Please continue to donate any uniforms that your children have outgrown. We are in need of any and all sizes of white shirts and navy blue pants. Thank you! Ms. Montgomery
We are on the web!  
Go to: www.district148.net

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