

CURRICULUM NIGHT

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

CLASSROOM INTRODUCTION & TOUR

Welcome to Open House at Beard School! I am pleased to be able to meet you and explain our daily program in Room 122.

Staff - Martha Hick, Teacher, Room 122

Annette Skupien, Tatina Vazquez, Olga Yvette Violette Room 122 Paraprofessionals

Other staff you should know include our: Principal - Manda Lukic, Assistant Principal - Kerry Rush, Office Clerk - Olga Arbelo, Attendance and Bus Coordinator - La'Toya Price, Counselor/Case Manager - Andrea Patrinos, Art Teacher - Annette Yokozawa, Gym Teacher - Julie Pomerantz, Security Officer - Mr. Dixon, Lunchroom Manager - Ms. Gloria, Custodians, Cristian, Leticia and Nreda, and our school's Engineer - Mo

Students - There will be a total of 10 students in both the morning and afternoon classes

CLASSROOM RULES & EXPECTATIONS

- We have school wide PBIS program and classroom expectations:

1. Be Safe

2. Be Kind

3. Be Responsible

- Keep your hands/body to yourself
- Listen to the teacher
- Kind Words
- Wait your turn
- Follow Directions
- Stay with the group
- Use Objects the right way
- Walking Feet
- Ask for Help

ATTENDANCE

- Attendance goal expectations are 95%
- There is a direct correlation to the success of your child and their daily attendance at school.
- In order for students to improve, they must come to school daily.
- School for your child starts at: 7:30 OR 11:55 and ends at: 10:05 OR 2:30
- An attendance contract has been sent home. Please return it back to the school.
- Please be prompt. Doors will close at 7:30am.
- If you are tardy, please come to the office, log the information in the tardy book, (otherwise students are marked absent), someone from the room will come to the office to escort your student to the classroom.
- We have an attendance incentive plan in the student parent handbook or downloaded from the website.

INCENTIVE PLAN FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

Class Dojo points for highest attendance, most improved attendance, most improved classroom attendance

Beard Bucks

School Store

Published sites - Monthly perfect attendance newsletter

Awards throughout the year and at the end of the year

Classrooms with highest attendance pick Dance Friday songs

Beard Bears visit the classrooms for highest attendance rates.

Awards at the end of the year

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Will be scheduled with all families through an app called Sign Up Genius. Times available for meeting with the teacher will be sent out to all the parents electronically at the same time. Available meeting times will be on a first come first sign up basis. Emails generally are sent out two weeks prior to the parent teacher conference meeting dates normally in November and April of each year.

COMMUNICATION FOLDER

Parents and teachers communicate daily through the communication folder. Please write any concerns or questions you may have, and I will respond within the same day. If you do not have time to write, please initial my note so that I will know you have read it.

You can also contact me through email and I will respond to you within 24 hours.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Literacy, Math, Science, and Social Science - Creative Curriculum

Social Emotional - Creative Curriculum, Second Step, Me Moves, Go Noodle & Calm Classroom

Writing Program - Our school uses a writing program called Handwriting Without Tears. The children will learn to print their letters correctly, starting at the top for most letters. We are currently in the process of developing a Daily 5 writing program for all Beard students.

Technology - In the classroom we have a smart board that is used for many interactive lessons. Students really enjoy participating in educational games using the Lakeshore Learning Software.

The Beard School website has over 20 different academic programs available under the student link tab in which students can practice with at home and during times off from school.

BEARD OFFERINGS

Music: Tiny Tunemakers

SEL Exemplary certified, Healthy School Silver certified, Fine Arts Excelling School, Gold ExceleRate preschool programs

The Big Green - Community Kitchen Garden & Outdoor certified Nature Classroom Garden

Sensory Room

Rock Climbing Wall

PARENT PORTAL

Parents have access to their child's grades and attendance at all times throughout the year using Parent Portal. Using your child's CPS ID number and a PIN number which are provided by the school, you can keep track of your child's progress online at anytime.

Parents can use Parent Portal to view a summary of student averages from each report card period for all classes. Parent portal can also be used to view non-present attendance events, such as absences and tardies, recorded during the school year.

STUDENT DONATIONS

There are no school fees at Beard for the 2018-2019 SY. We are however asking for donations for all of our students.

Donations of \$50 per a student are requested at the beginning of each school year to pay for programs that we may have such as school supplies, music program, field trips, student t-shirts, building supplies, or items needed to help build student programs here at the school.

We need your support for our school through fundraising efforts throughout the year! The profits benefit the purchase of school materials, such as laminating rolls and velcro. There are many school fundraisers throughout the year and would love if your family can participate!

ATTENDANCE CONTRACT

Attendance is important to a successful school year. Please send your child daily to school. Make every day count.

All parents will sign an attendance contract at the beginning of the year indicating that they are aware of what our expectations for attendance is. Our goal is 95% attendance or higher for all students.

If your child is going to be absent because they are sick, you must do 3 things:

1. If your child rides the bus, call the bus company and let them know not to stop at your home.
2. Call the school office (773-534-1228) to report your child's absence.
3. Fill out an absence excuse form and return it back to me through your child's communication folder. You will be provided a few forms at the beginning of the year.

INCOME FORM

Applications for the Family Income Forms are sent home annually in September. All applications must be returned to the school. The purpose of this form is for CPS to obtain information about families' income to determine school funding.

Every family is required to return this form back to school.

TRANSPORTATION NUMBERS & INFORMATION

Too often parents don't know the bus company name or the route number their child is on. Knowing this information gets you help faster when you call the bus company to solve bus concerns.

Transportation: (773)553-2860 (Questions regarding problems with buses)

Bus Aide Number: (773)553-2850 (Questions regarding your bus aide)

Bus Company Phone Numbers (Individual phone numbers to find out times and where the bus is):

-Alltown: Nelson Base:(773)248-0090, Skokie Base:(847) 674-0090

-First Student:

-Illinois Central: (773)924-5839

-Sunrise: (773)378-1800

-SCR:

BEARD SCHOOL WEBSITE

- www.beard.cps.edu
- Has many of the forms you need throughout the year
- Has learning links for students to practice homework
- Has current up to date information on events
- Calendar of Events - Yearly plan of dates
- Teacher's web pages
- Emails of staff
- Fundraiser Information
- Access to Resources
- Transportation phone numbers

FORMS OF COMMUNICATION

- Calendar of events on the Beard School Website & Newscroll (most current news will always be posted on the school website)
- Class Dojo (classroom communication tool)
- Weekly Newsletter
- Monthly Calendar
- Electronic Email
- Robo Calls from the school
- Remind.com
- Facebook (Beard School has their own page, and one is for the Beard parents and community)

If you have any questions, comments or concerns, feel free to talk to me this evening. You can always communicate with me in your child's folder, or call the school office at 773-534-1228 and leave a message for me. The quickest way to speak with me is to email me at mhick@cps.edu. I return email within 24 hours on weekdays, usually sooner.