

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



**AUGUST/
SEPTEMBER**

WELCOME BACK to the 2010-2011 school year! I hope that all of you have had a great summer and enjoyed special time with family and friends. The staff at Prospect Point are eager to meet their new students and begin the process of teaching and learning! We look forward to partnering with all of our families to make this school year even more successful than the last. Listed below are some of the improvements that have been made to our facility over the summer, as well as upcoming activities to note on your calendars. For more information, please visit our website <http://resources.wwps.org/prospectpoint/> or call us at 527-3088.

“MEET YOUR TEACHER” POPSICLE SOCIAL — On **Monday, August 23rd, from 12:00-1:00 pm**, we invite all students to come to school to meet their new teacher and enjoy a popsicle treat on us! This is also a good time for you to bring your child’s school supplies to their new classroom. We can’t wait to see all of you, so don’t miss out on the fun!



FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL — Another Shining Star school year will begin on **Tuesday, August 24th**. School hours are from 8:25 am daily, with regular dismissal at 2:55 pm. The only exception to this rule is every Wednesday, when dismissal occurs an hour earlier at 1:55 pm.

ATTENDANCE REMINDER — Please be sure to contact the school office by 9:00 am to notify us if your child will be tardy or absent. Students who arrive 1.5 hours later or leave 1.5 hours early will be considered a half-day excused absence for the portion of the day they missed. If you need to make alternate arrangements regarding how your child will be going home, notification to the office must be made by 2:30 pm, or on Wednesdays by 1:30 pm. This will allow our office staff time to notify the teacher before students are dismissed.

CAMPUS IMPROVEMENTS — It has been a busy summer! In addition to completing the new bus loop area off Howard Street, the following improvements were made to our campus over the summer:

- 1) *Replacement of gym floor with synthetic athletic flooring*
- 2) *Drinking fountains installed on the 1st & 2nd playground, and the 3rd-5th playground*
- 3) *Card swipe locks reprogrammed and operational*

BUS LOADING ZONE COMPLETED — Over the summer, the bus loading zone on Howard Street was completed. This project will help reduce congestion in our parking lot and on Howard Street. It also addresses safety concerns by separating bus and parent drop off and pick up, and increasing lighting on Howard Street. Below are some of the questions that I have received over the summer.

Where can I pick my child up or drop my child off at school? *Parents are encouraged to use the parking lot to pick-up and drop-off their child(ren). The student loading zone will run the length of the front sidewalk. This will allow students to enter the car*

through the passenger side, and cars to circle through the lot. Double parking in this area will not be allowed.

Can parents still use Howard Street for pick-up and drop-off? Yes, the amount of parent traffic at Prospect Point may not allow all parent pick-up in our parking lot. The school side of Howard Street can still be used since there is parking between the bike lane and the curb. There is no parking allowed on the cemetery side of Howard Street, and the police will be enforcing this during the school year.

Will there still be a kindergarten loop? Yes, this area will be for parents that **only** have a kindergarten student to pick up. Kindergarten students that have an older sibling can be picked up at the other locations as long as they are with their sibling. Staff will continue to confirm that the child is going home with the correct adult before releasing the child. This area is for loading and unloading only. If kindergarten parents would like to walk their child to their classroom or meet with their child's teacher, they are encouraged to find a parking spot in the parking lot.

How will students that walk leave the school? Students can leave through any of the three gates by the bus loop or through the opening near the fire station. Students heading West can cross Howard Street at the corner of Howard Street and Reser Road, or the corner of Howard Street and Abbott Road.

Where will students be allowed to cross Howard Street? Students can cross Howard Street at two places. Crossing Guards will be located on the corner of Howard Street and Reser Road, and the corner of Howard Street and Abbott Road. There will no longer be crossing guards in the middle of Howard Street.

How will students that ride their bikes leave the school? Students that ride their bikes to school can enter or leave through the larger gate by the retaining wall. Students are expected to walk their bikes until they reach the Crossing Guards.

Thank you to all the parents and staff who helped to problem solve these scenarios. I am sure we have not thought of all the questions that may arise, and will need to do some adjusting to our plans once we experience the start of school. If you have comments, suggestions, or see potential problems, please contact me (527-3088, or cgardea@wwps.org). I would like to resolve as many potential glitches as possible before school begins. Thank you in advance for your patience and slow driving.

HOLIDAY WEEKEND — School will not be in session on **Friday, September 3rd for Kid's Day at the Fair**, and will not meet on the following **Monday, September 6th due to the Labor Day Holiday**.

OPEN HOUSE — The "Meet Your Teacher" event is a chance for students and families to meet their teacher, drop off school supplies, see old friends, and enjoy a Popsicle the day before school starts. This event replicates the purpose of the traditional Open House held after school begins. Staff are working to effect changes to the format of the Open House scheduled for **Thursday, September 9th**, and would like your input in planning for this evening. **Please complete the following survey by Sunday, Aug. 22nd by going to: <http://www.zoomerang.com/Survey/WEB22AZCVB6WJT>**.

BOOK FAIR — The *Fall Scholastic Book Fair* is scheduled for Wednesday through Friday, **September 22-24**. Librarian Jennifer Nicholson will be coordinating the Book Fair with the help of many parent volunteers. The Fair will be in the E3 portable from 8:00 am—4:00 pm the first two days, and from 8:00 am—12:00 noon on the last day. As in past years, proceeds will directly fund the purchase of library books and AR quizzes. The focus this year will be on high interest non-fiction books that support classroom topics.

FALL CONFERENCE DATE CHANGE — Fall conferences will be held earlier in the school year. Conferences will be held on **Thursday and Friday, September 30th and October 1st**. This will allow parents and teachers to review current assessment data, go over grade level learning goals, set individual student goals, and discuss strategies to ensure academic success by the end of the school year. More information about conferences will be sent home as the time draws nearer. **Students will dismiss early at 12:15 pm on Friday, September 24th** to allow for conference preparation.

PTA NEEDS YOU!! — Do your children look forward to the Fall Reflections Program each year? Did you attend last spring's Luau Carnival at Prospect Point in May? The Prospect Point PTA is very excited that we have had such awesome participation from students and their families for both of these annual events. In order for these beloved traditions to continue, we **NEED** volunteers who are willing to step up and fill open chairperson(s)/committee vacancies.

NO CHAIRPERSON(S)/COMMITTEES = NO REFLECTIONS and NO CARNIVAL

CARNIVAL NEEDS

1 or 2 Chairperson(s) to oversee event
Co-Chair for—Food
Co-Chair for—Games/Prizes
Co-Chair for—Decorations/Entertainment
Co-Chair for—Publicity/Advertising

REFLECTIONS NEEDS

1 or 2 Chairperson(s) to oversee program
Co-Chair for—Publicity/Class Visits
Co-Chair for—Entry Processing
Co-Chair for—Refreshments
Co-Chair for—Set Up/Take Down

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

If you or a group of enthusiastic, energetic, and creative people are interested in filling these positions or would like more info, please contact Jeff or Kara Schulke at jkschulke@charter.net or 529-5638.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT NETWORK — Years of educational research verify the importance that parent involvement plays in the success of students. This involvement makes Prospect Point a special school. We realize that there are always areas that we can improve on, and look forward to strengthening this partnership. A Parent Involvement Team, made up of parent volunteers, PTA, and staff will use the National Standards for Parent/Family Involvement Programs as a guide to strengthen parent and family involvement. If you would like to receive periodic announcements describing upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, or become more involved, simply e-mail your name, e-mail address, phone number and your child's name and grade to: prospectpoint.pit.coordinator@gmail.com.

**It's going to be a
GREAT YEAR!**

