

# Paul J. Solis Elementary November Newsletter

The vision of Paul J. Solis Elementary is to provide students with the best education through purposeful and engaging lessons in a welcoming, supportive community.

The mission of the Solis community –students, parents, faculty, and business partners is to nurture and challenge students while establishing strong foundations for life – long learning.

**OFFICE HOURS: 8:30 – 4:00**

**After Care hours 7:00 AM – 8:30 AM/4:00 PM – 6:00 PM**

**Sunny Days Phone Number: 565-3406**

**End of Marking Period** - The first marking period is over and report cards were sent home on **Thursday, October 19**. I hope you are pleased with your child's progress. Please remember that the teachers and administrators need your support and cooperation to provide an environment conducive to learning. You have received the Solis Elementary Student Handbook. Please review the school policy and procedures with your child periodically. Also, please help your child learn their math facts and multiplication tables. This will help them become great math students.

**REMINDER TO PARENTS:** Solis school office hours are from **8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** If you are trying to reach child care staff during child care hours which are **7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.** and **4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**, please call child care directly @ **(504) 565-3406**. Please do not call the school office if you are trying to reach child care during child care hours.

Please keep the school calendar attached and limit phone calls to the office concerning dress down and school activities. We only have 3 office workers and about 800 students. We also post on the Solis face book page. Thanks for understanding.

Please make sure you bring your **driver's license and/or picture ID** when coming to sign out your children. Also, remember that attendance counts from bell to bell and is marked in the computer daily by minutes. All early check outs take away from instructional time.

Also, **parents must** come into the office to sign in tardy students. All students are considered tardy after **9:00 a.m. – Students should arrive in class by 8:55 a.m. for morning announcements. School attendance is important; please have your child in school and on time daily.** Children who attend school regularly perform better. Excessive checkouts and tardies will require an administrative conference.

**SANTA PORTRAITS** -Santa Pictures will be taken on **November 29**. Picture envelopes will be sent home closer to that date and students can wear holiday clothes if they are purchasing a picture package. A sample is enclosed in this newsletter.

**THANKSGIVING DINNER**-Thanksgiving Dinner will be served on **Thursday, 11/9** Price is **\$4.00** per person, and please have exact change. Grandparents and/or someone "grand" in your child's life are invited to have Thanksgiving lunch with their grandchildren. The lunch times will come home at a later date.

**THANKSGIVING WEEK** - (Student holidays) - November 20<sup>th</sup> to November 24<sup>th</sup>

**EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 2, 2017:** Please do not bring items to the office that students leave behind; we cannot interrupt instruction to call them out of class for these items. Remind children to organize their homework and books before leaving home in the morning. The only thing we will interrupt for are eye glasses.

Please give students any needed messages or instructions before they leave for school in the morning. The office staff is not allowed to forward messages to students.

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**IMPORTANT POINTS TO REMEMBER** Please do not drop off students at school before 8:30 a.m. Breakfast is served from **8:30 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.** Please make every effort to have your child at school on time in order for him/her to be in class by 8:50 a.m. Morning announcements and assignments begin at 8:55 a.m.

1. Please make all arrangements with your child prior to leaving home in the mornings. **Changes in transportation require a written note** from the Parent/Guardian. If your child will NOT ride his/her bus on any given day, you must put it in writing. Do not call at the end of the school day, we will not be able to change the way a child gets home.
2. If your child is absent and you would like make-up work, please call the school before **9:30 am** and you should be able to pick up work at **3:30 pm**.
3. Please make sure that your child knows his/her telephone numbers. **MOST IMPORTANT** – all students must have a working telephone number.
4. If parents need copies of a student's records for any reason, report cards, health records, birth certificates, etc. the school requires 24 hour advance notice. This includes records that are requested for students that are applying for magnet schools. Parents can help by keeping a folder for their children with the original report cards, test scores, etc. because the schools only have a copy of these documents the originals are always given back to the parents.

### **SCHOOL BEHAVIOR – POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT**

Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) is a school-wide program that focuses on teaching appropriate skills and rewarding appropriate behaviors. Students who demonstrate positive behavior throughout the school day are given Sunshine Bucks from adults on campus. We have a Solis store for children to spend their bucks. School is a safe zone! Parental support concerning no fighting at school is essential. We stress to children to walk away from a fight, and to make a report to the nearest adult. Students must go to the nearest adult and report that they have been hit, threatened, etc. If a child chooses not to report a problem to an adult and finishes the fight, that child will also be suspended. Please do not tell students to hit back. Students should tell an adult. Please discuss positive behavior with your child. Learning & listening to the teacher will increase your child's academic scores.

**PARENT CONFERENCE DAY** - Parent/Teacher Conference will be **Wednesday, Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>**. Please mark your calendars for the next parent conference day which will be next semester on **March 15, 2018**. **SAVE THE DATE!** If you feel you need to conference with a teacher before that date, please contact the school and leave a message for the teacher to call and set up a conference. Each parent in grades 3-5 have about 5 to 8 minutes. If you need a longer appointment please arrange to meet with your child's teacher at another time.

**INTERIMS/REPORT CARDS** Second nine weeks interims will go out the week of **November 13th-17th**.

**YEARBOOK for 2017-18 – Sale begins 11/6 -\$20.00**

If you have any pictures from field trips, fall fest, etc please email them to [Stephanie.Para@jppss.k12.la.us](mailto:Stephanie.Para@jppss.k12.la.us) with the child/children's names that are in the photo.

**SAVE THE DATES (Drug Free)** – 10/30 to 11/3 – See calendar for details

**UNITED WAY DATES** - (11/13 to 11/17) – See calendar for details.

### **JPPSS starts Reading Movement**

We know that early literacy is critical to the development of our students' academic, emotional, and social growth. We invite you to partner with our school as we strive to reach our goal of all students reading by the first grade.

There are several ways to help. You can donate a book or books to our school library, which will reach many, and have an impact for years to come. You may provide a monetary donation, allowing the principal and librarian to purchase books for the school. Finally, you may volunteer to come in and read to students. If you are interested in helping out in any of these ways, please reach out to the Solis office.





# NOVEMBER 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>RED RIBBON WEEK</b>	30	31 FALL FEST CRAZY SOCK	1 NO SCHOOL PARENT CONFERENCE 1 PM – 4 PM	2 RED SHIRT DAY	3 JEAN DAY	4
5	6	7 SMOOTHIE KING SALE \$3.00	8 SMOOTHIE KING SALE \$3.00	9 GRAND PARENT LUNCHEON \$4.00	10 SMOOTHIE KING DAY	11
12 INTERIM REPORTS ISSUED THIS WEEK	13 BLACK/GOLD SAINTS DAY \$1.00	14 SUPER HERO DAY \$1.00  <b>UNITED</b>	15 TWIN DAY \$1.00  <b>WAY</b>	16 80'S DAY \$1.00 * PREK FIELD TRIP <b>WEEK</b>	17 CRAZY HAIR DAY \$1.00 3 <sup>RD</sup> & 4 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELD TRIP	18
19	20 NO SCHOOL	21 NO SCHOOL	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL  HAPPY THANKSGIVING	24 NO SCHOOL	25
26	27	28	29 SANTA PICTURES	30		
<p><b>NOTE: ALL PREK &amp; KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS WHO RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM SCHOOL MAY STILL PARTICIPATE IN RED RIBBON WEEK AND UNITED WAY; HOWEVER, PURPLE SHIRTS MUST BE WORN OVER THEIR SHIRT IN ORDER TO RIDE THE BUS TO AND FROM SCHOOL. STUDENTS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THIS POLICY MAY LOSE DRESS DOWN PRIVILEGES. THIS ALSO APPLIES FOR SANTA PICTURES.</b></p>						
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wizard of Oz field trip- see above for dates.</li> <li>• Students may pay \$5.00 one time for the United Way week.</li> <li>• Exact Change- Please send in exact change at all times for paying for anything at Solis.</li> <li>• All Monday must be paid to the homeroom teacher by 9:00 AM</li> <li>• No money can be accepted in the office.</li> </ul>						



Thanksgiving Week – No School



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