

Park Forest – Chicago Heights Public Schools School District 163 – Cook County

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Welcome to the 2015-2016 at Mohawk Primary Center

I deem it a privilege and an honor to have a strong team of enthusiastic educators at our building. The Mohawk Primary Team of teachers have been hard at work preparing their classrooms for the upcoming school year. Our staff is thrilled to be given the opportunity to work with you to build the educational foundation upon which your scholar will flourish academically. Mohawk Primary Center provides a positive and welcoming environment in which your scholars will be nurtured, as they develop the building blocks for higher order thinking and learning. We welcome you as partners in your child's learning and hope you will become a familiar face at Mohawk.

The everyday lives of our youth are more technologically based than ever before. Children spend 95 percent of their time interacting with some type of technology. Our forward thinking school board and superintendent have added to each primary building a full time S.T.E.A.M. teacher. This is very exciting opportunity for our scholars. S.T.E.A.M. classes equip students with skills that are integrated across disciplines. They provide hands-on real-world, engineering experiences that can awaken our scholar's interest in **Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math**. These classes motivate students to learn new concepts through relevant applications. Learning about engineering increases an awareness of and access to scientific and technical careers.



Parent Engagement

It is becoming increasingly evident that a child's school success depends on parent involvement. Students whose parents are involved in education are more motivated in school. Please remember to encourage your child to read at home daily. By modeling good reading habits, and getting excited about what you are reading and learning, your child will be sure to follow. We value your presence during all school events and hope to provide a variety of opportunities to help us connect with your child and family. One of the most important characteristics of an effective school is building a strong home-school relationship. Please note that this year we will be hosting **3 PARENTPALOOZA** events, one per marking period. These events will be designed to share information and strategies to assist you in working with your scholar thus empowering you to use those strategies. Our PARENTPALOOZA events will be designed to be interactive and fun.



Welcome

We would like to welcome all of our new families to Mohawk Primary Center. We are excited that you will be joining us this year, and we look forward to working with you. We have added new staff to our Mohawk family this year. Those new to the district are highlighted in green. Staff that moved within the district or simply changed grade levels are denoted in yellow. Let me take a moment to introduce you to our team:

Grade	Name	Room#
Kindergarten	Mrs. Goldfarb	1
Kindergarten	Ms. Riebel	3
Kindergarten	Ms. Williams	5
First	Mrs. Hatzis	7
First	Ms. Lastarria	9
First	Ms. Creed	11
Second	Ms. Kloc	4
Second	Ms. Nettles	6
Second	Ms. Sylvester	8
Third	Ms. Sammons	10
Third	Ms. Tschiggfrie	12
Third	Mrs. Sullivan	14
Sp. Ed.	Ms. Mulry	15
S.T.E.A.M	Mrs. Davis	16
Literacy Interventionist	Mrs. Zarlengo	16
Sp. Ed.	Ms. Johnson	17

Position	Name
Principal	Mrs. Nolen
Resource	Ms. Jenkins
Social Worker	Ms. Dornseif
Psychologist	Ms. Alcumbrac
Speech	Ms. Harmon
Secretary	Ms. Travis
Building Assistant	Ms. Albright
Health Assistant	Ms. Ross
Media/Technology	Ms. Moeller
1:1 Teacher Assistant	Ms. Lacy
Sp. Ed. Assistant	Ms. Brown
Sp. Ed. Assistant	Ms. Hodges
Sp. Ed. Assistant	Ms. Lee
Sp. Ed. Assistant	

First Day of School

Thursday, August 20th is the first day of school for all students. This is an early dismissal day, students will be dismissed at 12:30; however, breakfast and lunch will be served. **Friday August 21st** will also be a 12:30 dismissal day in which breakfast and lunch will be served. During the first 7 days of school, teachers will be outside with signs in hand, to welcome our scholars. Our first bell rings at 8:10 a.m. and students should be in their seats and ready for instruction beginning at 8:15 a.m. **For student safety, students should arrive no earlier than 7:55 a.m. Before that time there is no supervision for them. Dismissal begins at 2:45 for students.**

Drop Off/ Pick-up- Parents or Guardians

We encourage everyone to follow the safe arrival and departure routine. This of course involves rules which must be followed, if we are to keep our children safe. **Students will only be dropped off and picked up on Mohawk street. We deem it safer to have students who are dropped off and picked up by parents and guardians to use the Door by the flag pole.**

If your children walk to school, please stress to them the importance of staying on the sidewalk, for their safety. ***Remember Safety First!***

Please remind your students of the following:

- Walk directly from home to school
- Never talk to strangers
- Make sure to look both ways and always listen for cars when crossing streets
- Cars can come from many directions in this area, **PLEASE BE AWARE!!!!**



Arrival Procedures:

7:55a.m breakfast/arrival, 8:15 first bell/school begins

*Please make sure your child arrives on time.

Students **may not** arrive at school **before 7:55 a.m.**; this is to ensure that we have appropriate supervision for each scholar. **If your child is left at school prior to this time we cannot guarantee his/her safety.**

1. Breakfast students will enter the gym for breakfast. They may arrive no earlier than **7:55 a.m.** After breakfast, students will return to their designated area.
2. **After the first week of school**, scholars' not eating breakfast at school, will line up in the hallway outside their classroom door where they will sit quietly and read quietly. During the first week of school scholars who are not eating will line up in the hallway until they know the expected procedure. They should arrive by **8:10 a.m.**
3. If your child arrives late to school, he/she must enter the parking lot doors (where they will be buzzed in) and come to the office for a tardy pass.
4. If your scholar is ill and will not be attending school, please call our absence line at 668-9350 by **10:00 a.m.**, and send a note when your child returns to school.

Departure Procedures:

1. **Scholars who are in day care will be dismissed 1st. They will exit the parking lot door where their busses will be waiting.**
 2. **School Busses will pick up scholars on Shabonna Street (the entrance nearest the gym.**
 3. **Walkers will be dismissed from the Mohawk Street doors also.**
 4. **Kindergarten parents who are picking up scholars will come to their scholars outside classroom door on Mohawk street. You will be given the door number on the first day of school**
 5. **First graders will be escorted out of the building by their teachers to meet their parents on Mohawk Street.**
- **All Scholars will be dismissed from school by 3:00. Please ensure that your child is picked up on time as we do not have adequate supervision once the school day has ended.**

School Hours

- 7:55 a.m. - Students may arrive to school for breakfast
- 8:10 a.m.- students should arrive to school if they do not need to eat breakfast at school
- 8:15 a.m. - Official start of the school day
- 3:00 p.m. - Dismissal from school on regular full day attendance dates



Thank you for your assistance!! It is important that we work together to provide a safe and happy environment for our scholars.

We are all looking forward to a productive school year.

Mohawk Upcoming Events


August & September

~ August 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 1 st Day for Students 12:30 Dismissal	21 Early Dismissal 12:30	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	Notes:				



Parents Please Note

Summer Packets with **Reading Logs** are due the 1st day students attend school!!! **NO exceptions!** Remember turning in these packets guarantees your scholar's participation in our Summer Packet Celebration!!!! You still have time. We don't want you to miss out on the fun!

~ September 2015 ~						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11  Mohawk Packet Celebration/ School Spirit Day	12
13	14  Grades K & 1 6:00 – 7:00	15	16  Grades 2 & 3 6:00 – 7:00	17  Teacher Institute	18	19
20	21	22 Early Dismissal 12:30	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	Notes:		

SPIRIT WEAR



Mohawk Spirit Wear Will be on Sale during student Registration
 Our Goal is for the entire Mohawk Family to proudly wear their
 Blue and Gold