

Algonquin Parent Newsletter

January 2022

The Algonquin Way

The educators at Algonquin will actively commit to creating a stimulating, language-rich classroom environment that is developmentally appropriate, implements best practices, and is differentiated to meet the needs of every student. The classroom will capture the individuality of the whole child, encourage students' curiosity and creativity, and prepare them for future success.

Preschoolers at Work!!!!





Happy New Year! I would like to extend best wishes to all for a Happy and Healthy New Year. It's a pleasure to welcome all of the children, teachers and staff back at school after a long, well deserved break. Just a reminder that as the snow flies and the temperatures dip, children need to be dressed appropriately to come to school and to play outdoors during our gross motor time. Coats, hats, mittens or gloves, and boots are a must this time of year. Please put your child's name inside their belongings and keep in mind, that little people lose their items often. Algonquin School is not responsible for lost items.

7 Fun New Year's Activities for Kids at Home

It's almost time to welcome 2022! If you have little kids, you're likely looking for fun at-home New Year's activities. That's because the holiday isn't a stay-up-late, kind of night for families, and being home is usually way easier, even in a non-pandemic year.

Thankfully, celebrating from your couch doesn't mean you have to give up on making it a special night. First things first, have everyone dress up, or lean-into a full pajama party scene. Next, bling out. You can buy hats, streamers, and noisemakers, or you can craft your own. JOANN Stores experts have several online free tutorials to make everything from festive [New Year's headbands](#) to [wands, crowns, and glasses](#). For several practical fun ideas for you family click the link below:

<https://www.parents.com/holiday/new-years/ideas-for-new-years-eve-party-at-home-with-kids/>



PARK FOREST-CHICAGO HEIGHTS
SCHOOL DISTRICT 163
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District 163 & Stream Lab Sololutions

COVID-19 DRIVE-THRU TESTING for all staff and students

Drive through testing will occur
at the following locations:

- Michelle Obama School
530 Lakewood, Park Forest
Near Door 13
(Michelle, Blackhawk, & Mohawk)
- Barack Obama School
401 Concord, Chicago Heights
Near Door 21
(Barack, Algonquin, & 21st)

District 163 is
requesting
that all
students and
staff test prior
to returning
after winter
break.

**Tuesday, January
4th, 2022**

Open from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm

**COST IS
FREE
FOR EVERYONE**

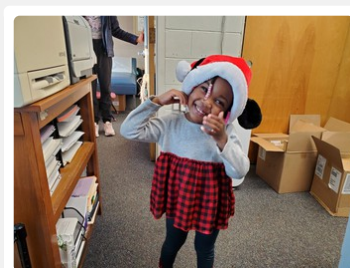
NO INSURANCE or APPOINTMENT NEEDED

If staff or students are not testing with us,
please bring/send proof of a negative test
on January 6

For More Information: wecare@sd163.com

COVID
BE SAFE. SAVE OTHERS. GET TESTED.

Holiday Happiness!!!



Special Thanks to all of our Donors who made it possible for
Algonquin to provide a gift to EVERY student!!!

Early Math is More than Numbers

"One... two... three..." you say as you count your baby's toys for them. Even though your baby can't solve equations, let alone speak, they are building early math and language skills with each number they hear.

And you don't need to stop at numbers — there are many early math concepts that you can introduce to your young child, simply through language, play and reading books. Click the link below to get started with early childhood math concepts.

<https://www.startearly.org/post/early-math-is-more-than-numbers/>



Attendance Matters

Every student. Every day.

Students are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. It's difficult for the teacher and the class to build their skills and progress if a large number of students are frequently absent. Parents please make sure that your child is in attendance daily and on time.

Mark your calendars

Here is a look at what is happening at Algonquin as we kick off 2022 together!

January 6th School Resumes
January 4th COVID Drive through testing
January 6th 10:45 a.m. Early Dismissal
January 7th 10:45 a.m. Early Dismissal
January 14th Preschool Screenings
January 17th Celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
January 20th 10:45 a.m. Early Dismissal
February 1st Early Dismissal/Parent Teacher Conferences





PARK FOREST - CHICAGO HEIGHTS SCHOOL DISTRICT#163

TECHNOLOGY DEVICE RENTAL AGREEMENT

SCHOOL YEAR: 2021 - 2022

Please complete the survey link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/L2YXxu63Lq>
or
QR Code listed below to register for a
technology device to utilize at home.



INFORMATION

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