

Principal's News

FEB. 3, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM DR. THERESA THAO-YANG



I wanted to share this statement that Dr. Gothard made, regarding the violence that has been happening in our community, as well as around the country:

We grieve with the AAPI community, the Black community, the mothers and fathers, the educators, the children, and everyone impacted by the senseless gun violence plaguing our country and our own city. Put the guns down so our schools and public places can be the safe havens we all need them to be.

DR. JOE GOTHARD, SUPERINTENDENT
SAINT PAUL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

As I reflect on what has been happening, I think about ways in which we can create an urgency in changing the ways we teach, engage, and connect with one another. Building relationships, trust, and a sense of belonging is critical during a time like this.

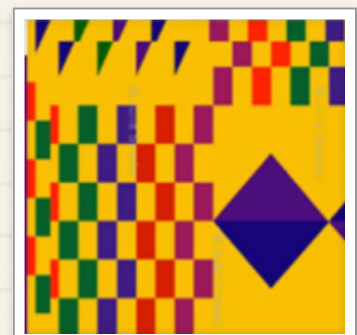
February is Black History Month; however, I want to acknowledge that the contributions of Black people have been instrumental in change and goes beyond the month of February. As many have said, Black History is History.

NAAPID

National African American Parent Involvement Day!

Monday, February 13 from 2:30-4:00

Please join Nokomis Montessori North and our students in celebrating Black History Month and this special day!



You will have the opportunity to enjoy refreshments, connect with other parents/guardians, connect with the principal and staff, participate in your child's classroom and view a student work showcase of *16 Black Trailblazing Minnesotans!* We hope to see you there!

2:30pm

Refreshments in foyer.

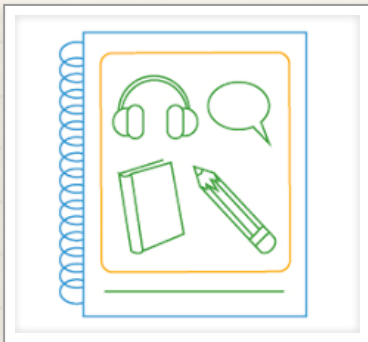
Meet and Greet with Principal Theresa and PTO Chair, Bronwyn Harper Smith.

2:45pm

Parents are invited into classrooms.

3:30pm

Black Trailblazing Minnesotans Showcase! Visit the cafeteria with your child.



2022-23 ACCESS TEST FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

All SPPS K-12 EL students will be given the ACCESS or Alternate ACCESS tests between Jan. 30-Mar. 24, 2023. For more information, click on one of the links below:

[English](#)

[Hmong](#)

[Somali](#)

[Spanish](#)

[Karen](#)

FAMILY/COMMUNITY CIRCLES

JOIN THE CIRCLE!

Nokomis is a Restorative Practices school. We sit in circle to build community, share about ourselves, learn from one another and problem solve. Students participate in classroom circles on a daily basis and we would like to invite you to join! One circle a week during the last week of the month will be a Family/Community Circle. We invite you to join your students in circle

SPECIFIC TIMES SLOTS TO COME

REMINDERS...

- For student drop off, please do not drop off your child in the middle of the street for staff to assist. Staff have other duties supporting student drop off; this creates a safety issue for all.

- Please do not park in the fire lane when picking up students at the end of the day. This makes it difficult for parked cars to leave and for families who are trying to cross the parking lot. Please park on the side streets, then come into the gym.

- Please remember to keep your child home if he/she has any cold/flu symptoms and to call the school attendance line or send an email.



SAVE THE DATES!

- Fri., Feb. 10 - PTO Read-a-Thon Kick Off
- Mon., Feb. 13 - NAAPID from 2:30 - 4:00 pm
- Mon., Feb. 13 - PTO Meeting @ 5:30 pm
- Mon., Feb. 20 - No School. President's Day.



ABOUT US

- Our school is based on the Montessori method: students learn at their own pace in multi-grade classrooms, independently cultivating their interests and natural abilities. Teachers help students choose their work in carefully prepared, peaceful environments; students use beautifully designed hands-on materials to practice and understand skills and concepts. Teachers are Montessori certified and use the Montessori philosophy to guide instruction.

📍 985 Ruth Street, Saint Paul, M...

☎️ (651) 744-7440

🌐 spps.org/domain/15297