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Philip Salemi, Superintendent

## Superintendent's Corner - November

Dear District 92½ Parents, Guardians, and Community Members:

As we head into November, it looks as if we have seen the last of the warm temperatures for a while. We know that the temperatures can be cold as kids walk to school or wait for the bus. Please remember to make sure your children have their heads, neck and hands covered; layers always help. Please make sure your contact information (email and phone numbers) are accurate. If we were to send out information on school closings due to weather via SchoolMessenger, we want to make sure you get it.

We have updated the District Handbook. You can find it on our website ([www.sd925.org](http://www.sd925.org)) under Resources. The handbook is designed to provide parents and guardians of Westchester School District 92½ students with an introduction to a variety of topics, practices, and procedures that are in place in our schools. Please take the time to read and review the handbook and discuss with your child.

There are a few important dates you need to know about for November, so please mark your calendars. November 6<sup>th</sup> is Teacher Institute Day. There will be NO classes for students. November 19<sup>th</sup> (12:00 p.m-7:00 p.m.) and November 20<sup>th</sup> (10:00 a.m-5:00 p.m.) are designated for Parent Teacher Conferences. Conferences are an excellent opportunity to have a face-to-face conversation with your child's teacher to discuss progress on the first part of the year and to set goals for the remainder of the year. We hope to see all parents here.

Finally, the 5Essentials Parent Survey is now available! The Parent Survey is your opportunity to share your thoughts on your child's school effectiveness. The survey is open now until January 18, 2019. The parent survey is to be completed by parents, guardians, or other caregivers with a child in grades prekindergarten through 12. The parent survey is available in English and Spanish and takes approximately 10 minutes to complete. If parents have more than one child that attends the same school, they may elect to participate multiple times. For parents with children enrolled in multiple schools, we recommend that they participate in the survey for each school. Only one parent per household may participate in the survey. You can use this URL: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> to complete the parent survey.

This is a time of the year when we pause to consider all that we are thankful for. I know that I continue to be grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Superintendent. Every day I reflect on how fortunate I am to have such a caring group of staff, students and parents around me. I hope you get to spend some time with your family and friends. Have a great November. As always, if you need to speak with me, you can reach me at 708-670-1927 or email at [psalemi@sd925.org](mailto:psalemi@sd925.org).

Sincerely,

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