



Mount Prospect School District 57

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Dear Parents and Staff Members,

Based on action taken by our Board of Education at the December 20 business meeting, the calendar for the 2008-09 school year was adopted as reflected on the reverse of this letter. A committee of staff members, parents, and administrators met to recommend a calendar to the Board of Education. The goal of the committee was to suggest a calendar that met as many criteria adopted by the committee as possible.

Significant support for continuing parent teacher conferences during the week of Thanksgiving and for following the winter and spring breaks of High School District 214 was expressed in our 2007 parent and staff surveys. Both of these preferences are reflected in the calendar.

We will continue the use of early dismissal days in next year's calendar for the purposes of continuing our staff development efforts and minimizing the use of substitutes in our classrooms. Childcare will continue to be available through our Kids' Corner Program for our early dismissal afternoons.

Our calendar work also focuses on instructional initiatives. We are continuing to look at constructing calendars with as many full weeks of instruction for our students as possible. To that end, this calendar will feature approximately the same number of full weeks of uninterrupted instruction as the 2007-08 school calendar.

On another topic, in the event our weather turns snowy and cold, please consult the major broadcast outlets for school closing information. After evaluating the weather and travel conditions, we make every effort to hold school believing that our students are better off at school and in a normal routine. Each situation is evaluated with the safety of students in mind. We will evaluate conditions and make school-closing decisions as early as reasonable. In disseminating important information, we are currently utilizing a telephone broadcast communications tool which allows us to contact families directly with a phone message. We will also use this system to communicate important school closing information.

Should you have any questions related to the calendar, its development, school closings, or report cards, please feel free to contact your child's building administrator, or call my office. As always, your thoughts and comments are welcome.

Sincerely,

Bruce R. Brown, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Our mission is to ensure that all students achieve their full potential. Students will acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes of life-long learners to become contributing citizens of a global society. Students will be educated in a nurturing environment that reflects the common goals of our local community.

Mount Prospect School District 57 2008 – 2009 School Calendar

Teacher Institute Days	August 25-26, 2008	Student Non-attendance Days
First Day of Classes	August 27, 2008	Half Day for Students (a.m.)
Labor Day	September 1, 2008	All Buildings Closed
School Improvement Planning Day	September 30, 2008	Half Day for Students (a.m.)
Non-attendance Day	October 9, 2008	All Buildings Closed
Columbus Day Holiday	October 13, 2008	All Buildings Closed
Staff Institute Day	November 4, 2008	Student Non-attendance Day
Parent Teacher Conferences	November 24-25, 2008	Student Non-attendance Days
Non-attendance Day	November 26, 2008	All Buildings Closed
Thanksgiving Day	November 27, 2008	All Buildings Closed
Day After Thanksgiving	November 28, 2008	All Buildings Closed
Winter Break	December 19, 2008	Begins at close of classes
Classes Resume after Break	January 5, 2009	Classes Resume
School Improvement Planning Day	January 14, 2009	Half Day for Students
Martin Luther King Birthday	January 19, 2009	All Buildings Closed
School Improvement Planning Day	February 13, 2009	Half Day for Students (a.m.)
Presidents' Day	February 16, 2009	All Buildings Closed
Spring Break	March 20, 2009	Begins at close of classes
Classes Resume after Break	March 30, 2009	Classes Resume
School Improvement Planning Day	April 9, 2009	Half Day for Students (a.m.)
Non-attendance Day	April 10, 2009	All Buildings Closed
School Improvement Planning Day	May 22, 2009	Half Day for Students (a.m.)
Memorial Day	May 25, 2009	All Buildings Closed
Last Day of Classes	June 12, 2009	Last Day for Students