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De Piramide

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Calendar

Thursday 10 September

Parent meeting Leerlab
14.00 - 15.00 uur

7 until 18 September

CITO LVS E-tests
groups 4 - 8

Wednesday 30 September

Begin Kids' Book Week
theme: "And then?"



Dear Parents and guardians,

We are delighted to be able to start the new school year in a relatively normal manner. Last spring was mostly impacted by COVID-19 and while we understand that the pandemic is not yet over, the team at de Piramide is glad to be able to provide in person teaching and return to a normal (to the extent possible) school routine for our students.

We don't know what the future holds for schools with the ongoing pandemic but, for the time being, we are relieved to be welcoming your children back at school and we are excited to start a new academic year.

Sincerely,

Mirjam Bremer & Peter Sniijders
directie OBS de Piramide

Sickness Notification Procedure

We have noticed that in the event of a sick child we often get notified late or not at all. In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, this causes the school serious concern. We therefore require that in the event your child is absent from school due to sickness that you call between 8.00 - 8.30am to notify our team. We will need to clarify symptoms and have a duty to report. We thank you for your assistance in this very important matter.

Milk at school

The initiative of "Iedereen Fit Op School" or "Everyone Fit at School" was terminated at the end of the 2019-20 school year. All milk orders associated with this initiative are therefore also cancelled. The school was not notified of this termination but we hope parents were told.

Calling all Parents



As we start this new school year we want to invite all interested parents to join our parent organisation ("MR"). Being part of the MR is a great way to get involved at the school. It provides an ability for input regarding some of our school policies. In addition, for certain operational decisions, the MR is consulted and as a member you provide advice. Should you be interested in joining, please contact the chairwoman of the MR, Esther Hazenberg via email: e.hazenberg@innoord.nl

Holidays & professional development

Before the start of the summer holidays, we had provided a schedule with all the professional development days ("PDD") for our staff. However, there is one additional date that was not included on that list: Thursday 20 May 2021. For the avoidance of doubt, we include the full list once more below:

Holidays and Public Holidays (Students and staff free):

Autumn break 10 October 2020 - 18 October 2020
Christmas break 19 December 2020 - 03 January 2021
Spring break 20 February 2021 - 28 February 2021
Good Friday 02 April 2021
Easter 05 April 2021
May break 26 April 2021 - 09 May 2021
Ascension Day 13 May 2021
Pentecost 24 May 2021
Summer holidays 10 July 2021 - 22 August 2021

Professional Development Days (No School for kids):

PDD 1 02 October 2020
PDD 2 20 October 2020
PDD 3 15 February 2021
PDD 4 06 April 2021
PDD 5 23 April 2021
PDD 6 14 May 2021
PDD 7 20 May 2021
PDD 8 14 June 2021
PDD 9 09 July 2021



Parent Contribution & "Stadspas"



Ouderbijdrage

In line with our policy in previous years we ask each family to make the annual parent contribution. The funds raised from the contributions, allow the school to organise additional fun activities for our students. In our next newsletter we will provide instructions how this payment is to be made via IBAN. However, parents who have a "Stadspas", can use this card to make payment. Typically the stadspas is received via post at the end of August. Starting from Thursday 3 September, anyone that holds this card can bring it to school and ask Anita in our administration to scan it for you. Stadspas provides the school with a EUR55,00 contribution. If you don't hold a stadspas and are paying yourself, the contribution is EUR50,00. We request that all families make payment as soon as practicable.



Treats at school

During the spring of 2020 our school had to revise the policies regarding birthday treats. In the past kids brought in treats to share with their school friends on their special day, however, in the current environment this is no longer possible. The team at de Piramide has therefore created a lucky dip, from which the birthday boy or girl is allowed to take a token gift instead of sharing food by way of celebration.

Noordje / Ster van Noord

[Noordje](#) (since 2007) organises art and language projects for kids 6-18 years old at a variety of schools around Amsterdam Noord. We have attached the newsletter from Noordje which outlines their projects for the coming month should your child be interested in joining.

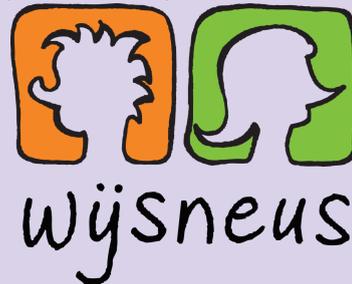


In addition, "[De Ster van Noord](#)" also operates in Amsterdam Noord. Kids can join 2 free trial lessons and try various sports and cultural activities. To sign up, please use the link above.



Wijsneus

Foundation "Wijsneus" will also commence activities again at de Piramide. Sign up for these is on a first come, first serve, so be sure so sign up as soon as possible.



Available courses at de Piramide:

group 1/2: Puppet theatre

29 Sept. 2020 - 2 February 2021

Every Tuesday, 14.15 - 15.30

link: [Poppentheater](#)

group 3 - 6: Drawing & Painting

30 Sept. 2020 - 27 Jan. 2021

Every Wednesday, 14.15 - 15.30

link: [Tekenen & Schilderen](#)

After School Activities Stichting SPIN

Stichting SPIN (Foundation SPIN) will this year once again utilise the corner classroom adjacent to the playground. Starting Thursday 3rd September 2020 will be weekly games morning (Spelinloop) between 10 - 11.30am. Parents with young kids can use this time slot to come play together. Each session will focus on a different educational theme and there are regular speakers providing useful information on raising children.

On Thursday afternoon SPIN is organising a technical workshop with Ruben and Karolien. This session will teach kids how to use tools in order to create a variety of crafts. Should the weather allow for it, this session may take place outside.

