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Dear parents and guardians,

After the extended period of wet and windy weather we at the Piramide are looking forward to some better weather as we are all looking forward to be able to spend some time outside. Especially the children!

From Monday 2nd March the children from group 8 are able to sign up for their chosen secondary school. We hope that you have been able to visit many open days and have been able to make an informed decision for this very important and exciting new chapter for your child!

Last week we have notified all parents of our survey which is designed to find out more about your views of our school. A chromebook has been made available for use to answer the questions provided at school and the survey will be available for the coming weeks. To date, we have been very pleasantly surprised by the number of parents who have participated in our survey. We thank you for your time in this very important project. We continue to strive to best meet our families' education needs. Should you not have had the chance to complete the survey but you are interested in participating please come to the school this week where the chromebook will again be available for use between 8.30am and 2pm. In addition, to helping us provide some valuable insights, you are also in the running to win a prize!



Sincerely,
Mirjam Bremer & Peter Snijders, principals of OBS de Piramide

Agenda

Friday March 6
schoolphotographer

Monday March 9
group 6:
schoolgardens (3rd lesson)

Tuesday. March 10
group 8:
"Kanonnenvoer" in De Meervaart

Wednesday March 11
Parent Club: course "Heldinnen" by the Red Cross; First Aid for women (9.00 – 11.30 uur)

Thursday March 12
group 3/4:
visit OBA "Schatgraven 2"

Friday March 13
group 1/2
visit De Stadshoeve

Mon. til Fri. March 16 - 20
groups 1 to 8:
"Week van de Lentekriebels"

Wednesday March 25
group 8:
practical traffic exam

Friday March 27
group 8:
Art School Day 2020

Tuesday April 7
Parent Club: Coffee & Talks with the principals (8.30 – 9.00 AM)



Birthday treat policy

The Piramide follows a programme called “Jump In” which aims to set a framework for a healthy lifestyle at the school. As part of this programme do we request that children only bring healthy snacks for recess and lunch times. This policy also applies to birthdays. Should you wish to get some ideas for healthy snacks to give to your child for sharing with their school friends on their special day, we have suggestions available on request. In summary however, we emphasise that we require the birthday treat to be healthy and small.



Ons motto: “Trakteren is fijn, maar houd het klein!”
Ons beleid: 1 traktatie, bij voorkeur gezond.

Staff update



As in previous newsletters, we would like to bring your attention to our new staff members.

Babeth Bruijn joined de Piramide on 1 February 2020 after working for several years in secondary schools (HAVO, VWO) as English teacher. Babeth has a passion for working with younger children and will work

with Alexa in group 3/4 .

In addition, Tineke Drewes has started in group 5 where she will work alongside Bea. Tineke has previously worked as educational consultant and with awareness of the current lack of teaching staff decided to re-train as a primary school teacher via PABO. We are very happy to welcome Babeth and Tineke to the team.



Important

Social Schools

All relevant information gets distributed via the Social Schools app 3.0. If you haven't already done so, please make sure you download the app. We hope that via this platform we can keep our community as up to date as possible.



We would like to encourage you all to pay close attention to this app as we have noticed that important information is frequently missed.

School times

The school opens each day at 8.20am and lessons start at 8.30am. Please make sure that your child is at school before 8.30am so that the lessons can start on time each morning.



We unfortunately have to reiterate this as we have noticed that several children are consistently late and therefore impacting the school day for the entire class. The education authorities have already notified us that we need to ensure lessons start on time so please help us meet this important rule by bringing your child(ren) to school on time.

Start of Elementary School



When your child turns three, you can expect to receive a letter from Amsterdam council with a registration form for primary school. This form will need to be submitted to the school of your choice. Final placement decisions will be made based on the preferences provided and placement availabilities. Approximately 6 months before before your child starts school you will receive the placement confirmation.

Will your child turn 4 soon? Please don't forget to submit the registration papers as soon as possible!

On our [website](#) you can find more details about the primary school registration process.

Parent Contribution

Many parents have already made the required parent contribution, however, there are still some outstanding payments. We would request that any families who have not yet made the payment do so as soon as possible. The field trips that will be paid from these contributions have been booked and payments will soon need to be made. Like last year, the contribution amounts to EUR 50,00 per child, except for students in group 8, for whom the payment will be EUR 80.00 (this is due to the more expensive field trip for group 8 students).

As outlined above, the student's field trip will be funded by the parent contributions, but also other activities, including Sinterklaas and Christmas celebrations and sports days are partly funded by the contribution.

Payment can be made to

OBS de Piramide Innoord

Bank account NL 21 RABO 0330 8207 96

Reference: name and group of your child

Special note for parents with a "Stadspas"...

Please bring your card to school on either a Thursday or Friday when Anita in our administration department can scan it for you to claim the parent contribution directly from the council of Amsterdam. Only if your child is in group 8 do you then need to contribute EUR 30.00. It is also possible (though not preferred) to pay the contribution in cash. Either the principals or the administration department will be able to accept your payment.



Ouderbijdrage

In light of the outstanding payments we are looking for parents to form a Parent Panel who are willing to assist the school with collection of outstanding payments or other such matters.

Belangrijk

Food and drink

Our school's policy is that the only admissible drink is water and food comprises fruit or brown bread. We do, however, offer school milk and should you wish to order this for your child this needs to be done by filling out the order form and delivering this to ms Anita and/or Mr Dennis.

After the government subsidy the milk costs EUR 0.28 per pack.

In the neighbourhood

Noordjes activiteiten

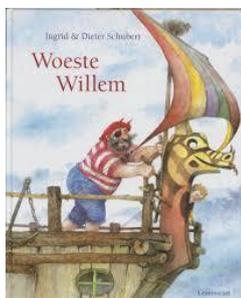
Noordje organises a range of activities for children. Further information can be found on their [website van Noordje](#).



Reading Tips

This time we do not have any book recommendations but would like to bring your attention to the "Leesfeest" in the Public Library of Amsterdam. This event will take place from 15 February until 28 March. There will be many activities for kids starting 6 years old in all public libraries in Amsterdam. For further information use this [link](#).

"Geef een boek cadeau!"



A number of book stores and various other organizations have been offering the possibility to purchase a classic youth book in a cheap way for a number of years. This year you can buy the book "**Koning van Katoren**" for € 2.00 at most bookshops. The promotion runs from February 7, so be quick.

From April 10 you can also purchase a picture book cheaply. For € 2.50 "**Woeste Willem**" is for sale in the bookshops.



Foundation SPIN

Since several months have we had the foundation SPIN make use of one of our classrooms. We therefore wish to outline what this organisation does in and around eight playgrounds in Amsterdam North. Their aim is to provide activities that allow opportunities for children to discover their interests and talents through play.



Speeltuinwerk = Kinderwerk = Buurtwerk

SPIN can be found on the EWP square and in the Zilverberg. The Piramide has a classroom that is being used for kids' activities on a number of afternoons and also one morning a week when parents and children can come.

Kids activities

After school activities at the Piramide start at 2.30pm. We welcome all kids from the neighbourhood and other schools for a cup of tea and a developmentally appropriate activity. We ask that parents notify us in advance if their child is allowed to play outside at school grounds in the event they finish their activity ahead of time.

Finally we wish to inform you that we always enjoy having any parent volunteers during our activities.

The available activities include:

Tuesday*	Kids club	2.30-4pm suitable for 4-12 year olds
Wednesday*	Parent and child workshop	2.30-4pm suitable for all ages
Thursday*	starting 12 March Nature club	2.30-4pm suitable for 4-12 year old
Friday*	Toddler atelier	2.30-4pm suitable 4-6 year old



Spelinloop

Every Thursday morning from 10 to 11.30am parents and children are invited to join our games. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents in the neighbourhood and for children to make new friends.

For more information regarding the activities programme please contact Marieke Bakker on 020 6370154 or m.bakker@stichting-spin.nl.

For more information regarding the games contact Malika, Cherin or Sanna on 020 6370154 or 06-15004801 or email spelinloop@stichting-spin.nl.

More information on the website of SPIN: www.stichting-spin.nl

Buurtgezinnen.nl

This initiative aims to find families who are willing to assist other families who are facing hard times. In particular for the children involved this organisation aims to find volunteers who are willing to spend time with a (part of) a family ranging from one morning or afternoon a week to a weekend every 2 weeks.



Further information can be found on this [website](#) or in their [flyer](#).

Should you wish to be considered as a family in need of such help, or willing to provide the help please contact Gonda Hanskamp for an initial meeting.

