



## Prospect Heights School District 23 December 16, 2019

### May your days be Merry...

Dear District 23 Families,

Our MacArthur music and performing arts programs have done a wonderful job of getting everyone in the holiday spirit with their concerts last week. If you need any assistance, the Sullivan Band, Chorus and Orchestra perform their concerts this week Monday and Wednesday.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Administration, and all of the faculty and staff, we wish you a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and all the best in the New Year! We are excited to continue the great work of the District in the new decade and years to come! We thank you for your continued support and partnership.

May your winter break be Merry and Bright, and may you enjoy this time with family and friends.

Best wishes,

Dr. A

### Parents - We NEED your input!



Students, teachers and parents across Illinois now have an opportunity to participate in the eighth annual statewide Illinois 5Essentials Survey. This survey is designed to generate a detailed picture of

the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness in a survey about your child's school.

On behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education, the Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago. The survey gathers data related to five indicators that can predict important student outcomes, including improved attendance and larger test score gains. These five indicators that affect and predict school success are:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

### Upcoming Events



**4th-5th  
Chorus/Band  
12/16**

**4th-5th Orchestra  
12/18**

**Early Childhood  
12/19**



**No School  
December 23 -  
January 3rd**

**Classes Resume  
Mon. Jan. 6, 2020**



**Board of  
Education  
Meeting**

**January 8, 2020  
6:30pm**

**@ Grodsky Admin Bldg.**

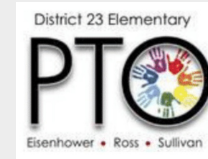
### Quick Links

Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will help us understand the conditions at your child's school and guide improvement. Your identity and survey responses will be kept completely confidential and will never be connected to you or your child. The parent data will not be reported on the State Report Card.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be conducted through February 14, 2020. To take the survey please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/illinois/> and select the appropriate survey to begin. We need 20% of each school's parent population to participate in order to receive reliable data, so please consider taking a few minutes to complete this survey.



Visit the D23  
website



[Link to: Board of Education Agendas and Meeting Highlights  
December 11, 2019](#)

## MacArthur and Sullivan First Lego League Robotics



Representatives from the Anne Sullivan and MacArthur First Lego League Robotics teams led the pledge of allegiance and shared their experience from this season of preparation and competition. Congrats to our teams for doing so well in their regional competitions and for representing our District so well.

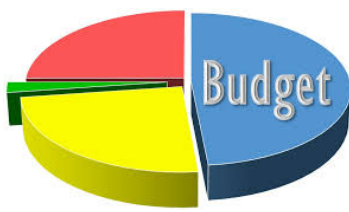
## District 23 Curriculum and Instruction Presentation

Dr. Amy Zaher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of current work in the District. She highlighted the new Ready Math Curriculum adoption, including highlights from the recent Parent Night, Professional Development Plans, and Assessment calendar.

[Click here](#) to view the presentation.



**Financial Reports and Actions - No Increase to EDP Fees!**



The board approved the FY19 tax levy. Following a discussion of the program enhancements and services in the Extended Day Program, the board accepted the administration's recommendation to hold the EDP fees without increase for next year.

## Construction Plans for Spring/Summer 2020

Mr. Brian Rominski, Director of Buildings and Grounds, and Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Chief School Business Official, presented an overview of summer projects. The Board provided direction to the Administration to prepare the bid packets and planning work for Phase 2 of our HVAC retrofits, Health, Life, and Safety work, and a major paving project for the MacArthur lot.



[Click here](#) to view the presentation.

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## Building Briefs

### Concerts Make the Season Merry



Congrats to the MacArthur Performing Arts groups on a successful week of concerts. This week, the Sullivan Orchestra, Band, and Chorus perform on Monday and Wednesday nights.



### Mac Girl Scout Troop 43062 Receives Bronze Award

At the November 25th Council meeting, Mayor Nicolas J. Helmer and the Prospect Heights City Council celebrated the achievements of Girl Scout Troop 43062 and their Bronze Award - the highest honor for a Girl Scout Junior. The Scouts planted 25 oak trees at the Prospect Heights Gary Morava Nature Walk and the Slough as part of their "Oak Ecosystem Recovery" project.



The troop collaborated with the Prospect Heights Natural Resources Commission for guidance on how to correctly prepare the oaks for planting, plant them and care for them.

The Girl Scouts Troop 43062 Bronze Award project will make a long lasting impact on our community.



## Free Digital Reading Resource for Winter Break

One of our vendors, Capstone Inc., is providing families with access to online reading materials for FREE during winter break.



This is a new tool for our students, but families are invited to explore their catalog of over 3000 books with a variety of tools and supplements to support reading fluency and comprehension.

Website link: [MyCapstoneLibrary.com](http://MyCapstoneLibrary.com)

Username: linkday

Password: lovetoread

Available for free until January 15, 2020

## Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (BPAC) Night Fun!

Our Spanish Bilingual students and their families enjoyed our winter BPAC night at Eisenhower. Pizza and snacks add to the fun as some amazing "Gingerbread" houses were designed, built, and consumed!



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