



Prospect Heights School District 23 December 14, 2018

Thank You for your GIFTS...

The holiday season is always such a busy time and for me, a historically bad gift giver, a little stressful. I never seem to know what to get for my family. One year, I bought my wife a pair of gym shoes and an outfit to work out in...a word of advice to other husbands...unless your wife SPECIFICALLY ASKS for workout clothes, I have learned to select a different gift.

Now that my kids are older, however, I have switched my strategy and it works beautifully. I give the gift of time. Each year, I select one day that we spend together. This past weekend, we enjoyed a trip into the city to see ZooLights at Lincoln Park and pizza at Lou Malnatis. Other than a few photos for Instagram and Facebook, the phones are turned off and we simply enjoy being together.

In a similar way, it is the simple gifts that we give each other through our partnership in education that matter the most. The gift of service, a kind word of appreciation, acknowledgement or gratitude for support all strengthen the relationships we have between home and school.

We thank all of our students for sharing their gifts with us. We are fortunate to witness their creativity, curiosity, and collaboration. We love when they are excited about something they have learned or discovered and their enthusiasm is one of the best gifts we can receive.

We thank all of our families and the District 23 community for sharing their gifts of time and support. Our wonderful PTO groups and volunteers enhance our ability to serve the students when they share their time, talents, and donations. We appreciate all parents who support their child's education by helping with homework, reading together, and fostering a sense of inquiry. Your children reap the benefit of this gift now, and long into the future as they learn from your example.

On behalf of the Board of Education and the entire District 23 faculty and Administration, we wish our students and families a very Happy Holidays and best wishes in the New Year! We hope you will enjoy the gift of time together with family and friends over break and look forward to seeing everyone again on January 7, 2019.

Dr. Angelaccio



[Link to Winter Weather Guidelines Letter](#)

Upcoming Events



**No School
Winter Break
Dec. 22 - Jan. 6**

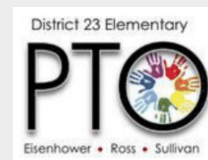


**Board of
Education
Meeting
7:00pm
Grotsky Admin Building**

Quick Links



[Visit the D23 website](#)





5Essentials Survey

The Illinois State Board of Education requires all Districts to administer a survey of parents, students, and faculty to monitor culture, climate, and essential performance issues. District 23 has consistently used the 5Essentials Survey provided by the State. The data gathered is used to review building and district level performance and areas for improvement. A direct email was sent to all parents to invite participation by clicking the following link: <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/>.

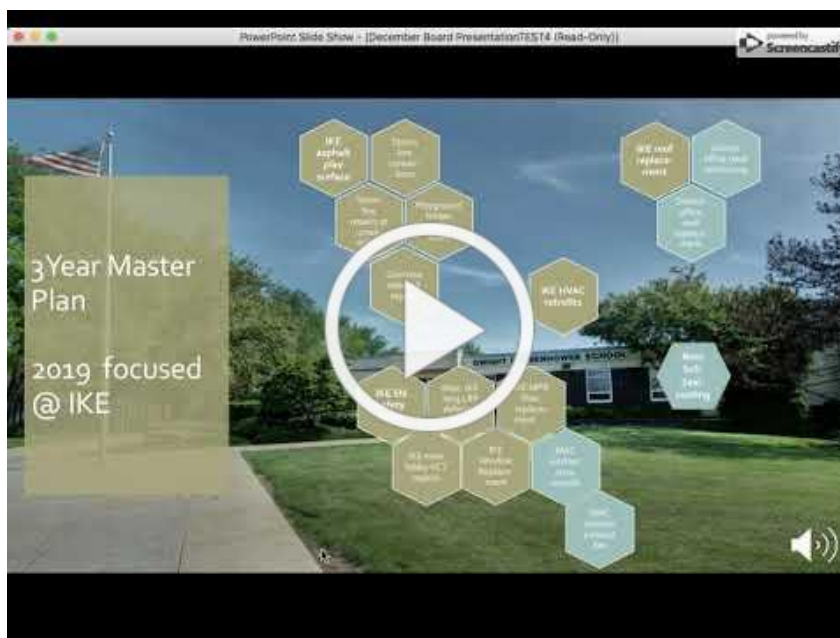


Board of Education - Meeting Highlights December 12, 2018

Building and Grounds Summer Construction Presentation

Mr. Brian Rominski, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented an overview of the Summer Construction and projects to be completed in District 23 this summer.

Please click the image to the right to view a screencast of the presentation.



Last Day of School?



As you will recall, we utilized a Snow Day on Monday, November 26. The State of Illinois requires a minimum of 176 days of student attendance. Therefore, we have moved the last day of school to Wednesday, June 5, 2019. If more emergency days are needed this Winter/Spring, the calendar would also need to be adjusted. The Board will take official action to amend our school calendar in March, but we wanted families to be aware of this change as we have already taken action on

our first emergency day.

Tax Levy Established for 2019

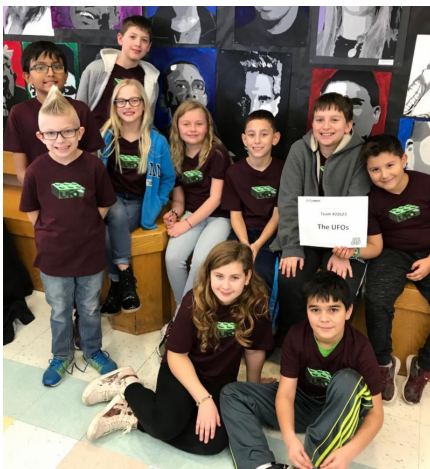
The board approved the tax levy for 2019. As good stewards of the community trust, we establish the allowable taxing rate to be set to ensure sustained performance and maintenance of the District. Based on the projected Consumer Price Index, we anticipate an increase of 2.1% in District revenue.



Building Briefs

Inspirational Assemblies

With support from our PTO, the schools experienced inspirational assemblies and learned lessons about determination, perseverance, and inclusion of all. Paralympian Mr. Lloyd Bachrach shared his success story and example of Growth Mindset through the Yes, You Can! motivational program.



Congrats to our D23 FLL Robotics Teams

Congratulations to our First LEGO League teams Sullivan fielded two teams: Team Moonwalkers was in 2nd place for robotic coding and Team UFO won the Judge's Award, and MacArthur's Marauder Robotics team also competed in their first year.



Winter Sports Wrap Up

Awesome job to our Marauder athletes who competed in Basketball and performed in Poms this Winter season. We thank them for their time and dedication, and for representing us so well. In the New Year, the MacArthur wrestling program hits the mats and begins their competition schedule.



Holiday Concerts

Many thanks also to our students and directors who performed in the Holiday Concerts over the past few weeks. It is such a blessing to observe the growth from 4th grade through 8th grade as students learn, practice, and share their talents over the years.

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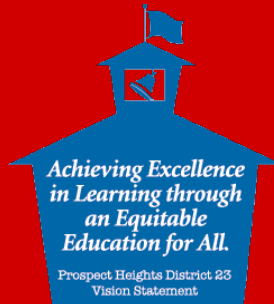


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