

# Prospect Heights School District 23 March 15, 2019

#### Spring has Sprung...I think?

It seems as if Mother Nature can not make up her mind about starting Spring. One day it is 60 degrees and sunny, then next is cloudy with snow flurries!

As we wrap up our pre-Spring Break calendar, we have a few exciting highlight to share:

- Thanks to all who participated in our February Parent Teacher Conferences and Alternate activities!
- Congrats to the cast and crew of Sullivan's Musical -Mary Poppins Jr. on a fantastic production.
- Congrats to our IESA wrestlers who competed in the sectional, regional, and State events.
- Congrats to the D214 Wildstang program (including reps from D23) on their State Championship in the STEM/Robotics competition.
- Congrats to our Performing Arts groups: Band, Chorus, and Orchestra, for another successful concert series and the many awards they won during festival and other competitions this month. Especially during March when we celebrate "Music in our Schools" Month, we extend our appreciation to all of the performers and directors for their commitment and dedication
- Congrats to the students whose artwork is on display at the Prospect Heights Library and highlighted at the Young Artist reception this week.
- March is also School Social Work Month so we thank our professionals (Mrs. Zavaduk, Mrs. Rieger, Mrs. Curran, and Ms. Racusen) for all they do to support and nurture our students, faculty, and families.
- Thanks to all who have (and will) contribute to the St. Baldrick's fundraiser and service projects to raise money and awareness for children with cancer. Many of us will shave our heads in solidarity on March 22 during assemblies at school.

We hope that you enjoy a restful and enjoyable Spring Break starting March 25th. When we return we will continue with Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing, jump into 4th quarter, and start preparations for the 2019-20 school year!

Registration will open on April 3rd and we encourage all families to register before the end of the month. This helps with the scheduling and placement of students.

We are pleased to announce that the Board of Education has frozen the fees for this year with NO INCREASE! We do ask families to pay particular attention to their selection of

#### **Upcoming Events**



BPAC Health and Wellness Night 6:00-7:30 @ lke



St.
Baldrick's
Assemblies
3/22
10:30 and 2:00 @
MacArthur



SPRING BREAK No School March 25-29

> School Resumes Monday, April 1

Teacher Institute Day No School Tuesday, April 2



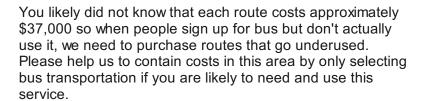
Registration Open for 2019-20 April 3, 2019

> Board of Education Meeting

transportation, though, as we have a number of students who are registered but do not use our bus services. Not only does this create for longer route times, but also wastes money that could be used to provide additional supports and services or reduce the need for transportation fees to be added in the future.



April 10 7:00pm Admin Building



Early Childhood Screening April 12

We appreciate your assistance in helping us continue to provide programs and services like transportation, for students with minimal or no fees. This helps us to be good stewards of tax payers' funds and serve the needs of our community.













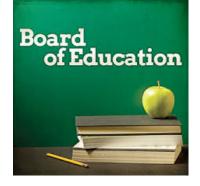


**Board of Education - Meeting Highlights March 13, 2019** 

# LAST DAY OF SCHOOL MOVED - Friday, June 7

The Board of Education amended the 2018-19 School Year Calendar to set Friday, June 7th as the last day of school. This was necessary due to the use of emergency days for cold and inclement weather earlier in the year.

They also adopted the 2020-21 School Year calendar. The calendars may be found on the <u>District Website</u>.



### **Betsy Ross Ambassadors Lead the Pledge**



Representatives of the Betsy Ross Ambassador Program lead the Board in the pledge of allegiance. They shared their work this year to support the PBIS program and help make Ross a more safe, respectful, and responsible place to learn.

### **Summer Construction Projects**

The Board approved HVAC remediation work to be completed at Eisenhower this summer. We believe this work is necessary at this time and is part of the current lawsuit against our former architects, StudioGC. This work will be in addition to the work approved last month at the District Office and other projects at lke.

### **Staffing Plan Approved**

Dr. Angelaccio presented a proposed Staffing Plan for the 2019-20 school year, highlighting impact on class size guidelines, space constraints, and budget. The proposed staffing plan would increase staffing for our Early Childhood program, general music, and special education while maintaining compliance with our class size guidelines. The Board approved this staffing plan.

# **District 23 Compliance Visit - Passed**

The Board received notice from the North Cook Regional Office of Education that our compliance visit was completed this Fall and that we passed without issue. The visit is a required component of maintaining our good standing in the State and includes a review of polices, procedures, and practices across all areas of the District.

# **Building Briefs**

# **Betsy Ross School Improvement Presentation**

Mr. Curtis and representatives of Betsy Ross faculty presented their school improvement plan, highlighting progress on goals to update the PBIS program,

enhance STEM activities, strengthen school climate and culture, and build upon partnerships with ePTO and other organizations.







# **Young Artists on Display**

Thanks to our partners at the Prospect Heights Library for their continued support of District 23. This week they held their annual Young Artist Reception and District 23 students from all of our schools had work on display.



## **Spring Concerts**

Our band, orchestra, and chorus programs all hosted proud parents, grandparents and friends at their Spring concerts. The students shared not only their musical talents, but also the learning objectives, struggles and successes they experienced as they dedicated themselves to preparing for these shows.





#### We ROCK RESPECT!!

MacArthur Club Unify students have been "Rocking Respect" as we celebrate inclusion and differences. The image below is a link to a video created by our students to highlight RESPECT WEEK.

# RESPECT WEEK 2019

#### MACARTHUR ROCKS RESPECT... WILL YOU?

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