



# Prospect Heights School District 23

## May 10, 2019

### Celebrating Spring

In Chicago, there are only two seasons: Construction and Winter! Maybe this year we'll be lucky and get a Spring!

Hopefully, we'll experience a little bit of nicer weather in May and early June. For me, those 72 degree days filled with sunshine and a light breeze make up for the Polar Vortex days of Winter and the blazing heat of August.

In schools, Spring is the culmination of our year's effort and there is MUCH to celebrate in District 23.

- Our talented performers demonstrate the fruits of their determination and practice in the Spring Concert Series.
- MacArthur's Track and Field season comes to a close with conference, Sectional, and State competitions.
- A number of our students competed in Special Olympics and demonstrated great sportsmanship and perseverance.
- Students prepare for final exams and projects to show how much they've learned!

Spring is an exciting time for our students too as they start up new activities and teams. We hope you can take full advantage of the great programs that our partners at the Park Districts and Libraries offer. They are a tremendous resource for keeping young minds and bodies engaged and active over the summer.

Lastly, I would be remiss (and in trouble with my own mom) if I didn't also wish all of the mothers in our community a very Happy Mother's Day this Sunday!

Dr. A

### Your opinion matters!

Our District has been partnering with Bright Bytes, an educational software company, in order to learn more about our students' school and home technology use for learning. For that reason, we are reaching out to ask you to take part in our survey. We have three surveys: one for parents, one for teachers and one for students in grades 3-8. The information from each of the three groups will be compiled and used to help make sound decisions about instructional technology use in our schools. Your participation is essential in helping us form a more complete picture of technology use for learning in our students' lives.

### Upcoming Events



**Registration Open  
for 2019-20**



**May 14  
4th/5th Grade Band and  
Orchestra**

**May 21  
6th-8th Grade Orchestra**

**May 22  
4th-8th Grade Chorus**

**May 23  
6th-8th Grade Band**

**All performances begin  
at 7:00pm at MacArthur**



**Young  
Athlete's Day  
May 22 @ Ike**



**NO SCHOOL  
May 27**

**Kindergarten  
Parent**

Please know that all of your responses will remain anonymous to protect your privacy. The survey link is already live and will run through May 12, 2019. Click the survey link for the building your child is attending. It should only take 10-15 minutes of your time and will help us evaluate our technology programs. We ask that you take the survey for each building that you have children in and answer those questions according to the child(ren) attending that building.

Surveys must be completed by May 12, 2019.



Orientation  
May 28  
6:30pm @ Ike



Special  
Board  
Workshop  
Meeting  
6:00pm @ Admin bldg  
May 29



Board of  
Education  
Meeting  
  
June 12  
7:00pm  
@ MacArthur

## EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY SURVEY

# WHAT DO YOU THINK?

*WE WANT TO KNOW!*

**SURVEY DATES: MAY 3 - MAY 12**

### Teacher BrightBytes Survey Links:

Eisenhower: <http://www.BByt.es/TP62T>

Ross: <http://www.BByt.es/3Y3AT>

Sullivan: <http://www.BByt.es/DZ7ZT>

MacArthur: <http://www.BByt.es/U848T>

### Student BB Survey Links:

Ross: <http://www.BByt.es/3Y3AL> (only 3rd grade)

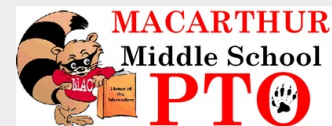
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## Quick Links



Visit the D23  
website



Board of Education - Meeting Highlights May 8, 2019

Ike Path Award Recipients Lead the Pledge



Students from Eisenhower School who received an Ike Path Award or participated in the Principal's Century Book Club lead the Board of Education in the pledge of Allegiance.

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## Strategic Plan Updates

Dr. Angelaccio presented the updated Strategic Plan Goals for the 2019-2020 school year. For each of our goals areas, we have developed strategies and actions that will help us to reach our targets. Our four overarching goals are:

- 1) Student Success
- 2) Teaching, Learning and Innovation
- 3) Family and Community Partnerships
- 4) Sustainable Resources



The complete Strategic Plan may be found on the [District Website](#).

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## Eisenhower School Improvement Presentation

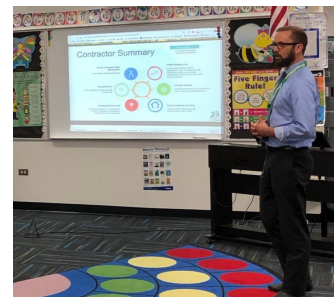


Throughout the year, each school had an opportunity to present their work toward School Improvement to the Board of Education. This month, Dr. Lambatos and members of the Ike team shared their goals and strategies for teaching and supporting our youngest learners.

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## Summer Construction Plans

Mr. Brian Rominski, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented an overview of the summer construction projects. In addition to the standard cleaning and maintenance in all buildings, there will be a number of roofing, paving, and HVAC enhancements completed at Eisenhower School. There will also be a small roofing replacement project at the Administration building.



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## Building Briefs

### New Security Features in Place at All Schools

District 23 is pleased to announce that we will

begin using the Raptor Visitor Management System in all of our schools to strengthen our program of campus safety for students and faculty. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our buildings at all times, and the Raptor system will allow us to do that. The Raptor system will better allow us to screen visitors, contractors, and volunteers in our schools and provide us with a safer environment for our students and staff.

Upon entering a district building, visitors will be asked to present an ID such as a Driver's License, which can either be scanned or manually entered into the system. If a parent or guardian for any reason does not have a US government-issued ID, the school staff member can use any form of identification and manually enter the person's name into the Raptor system. The Raptor system will check to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our school campuses without our knowledge. The Raptor system checks the visitor's name and date of birth for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. The registered sex offender database is the only official database checked by the Raptor system. No other data from the ID is gathered or recorded and the information is not shared with any outside agency.

Once entry is approved, a Guest badge and lanyard will be provided so that the visitor is easily identified by staff as having been approved and authorized. Visitors will leave their ID at the main office and receive it back when they return the lanyard and exit. A visitor's badge will not be necessary for those who visit our schools simply to drop off an item in the office or pick up paperwork.

The safety of our students is our highest priority and the Raptor Visitor Management System allows us to quickly identify those that may present a danger to our students. Thank you in advance for your understanding and your support in enhancing the school safety protocols in our district.



## Sullivan Ambassadors attend WE Day



The Sullivan Ambassadors attended the annual WE Day rally at the All State Arena this week. This event brings students from schools all over the area together for a celebration of service to their community. These student leadership groups are inspired to bring change to their local school. Our Ambassadors coordinated a service project earlier this year to raise funds for District 23 students to attend summer camps

and also made a contribution to a needy school in Haiti.



## We're so Proud of our Special Olympians!

A number of District 23 students competed in and attended to support the Special Olympics last weekend at Prospect High School. We are so proud of our students and staff for sharing their talents and for demonstrating outstanding teamwork and perseverance.

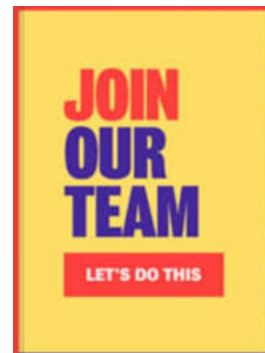


## Looking for a Summer Job??

District 23 is seeking qualified candidates to work on our Summer Custodial Crew and to participate in our Internship Program. Please follow these links for more information.

[Seasonal Summer Worker](#)

[Buildings and Grounds Internship Opportunity](#)



Connect With Us

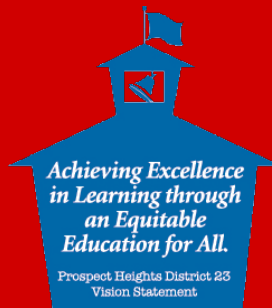


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