



Dwight D Eisenhower

Betsey Ross

Anna Sullivan

Douglas MacArthur

The School Scene

Prospect Heights School District 23 November 15, 2019

Giving Thanks...

Dear District 23 Families,

Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays and not just because it includes some of my favorite food. Even as a young child, it was always a special holiday because my cousins from Indiana would travel to our house and we could spend some time with family that we did not see as often. Of course, Chicago Bears football was also playing and I always dreamt of eating one of John Madden's special turkeys!

Thanksgiving is also special because we don't give gifts. (Don't get me wrong, I love gifts!) It is simply about coming together and being grateful for friends and family. It is an opportunity to reflect on the blessings we have in our lives and to demonstrate appreciation for one another.

In that spirit, I would like to share a few "Thank yous"...

Many thanks to all of our teachers, students, administrators, Board of Education, families, and all who helped District 23 receive 2 Commendable and 2 Exemplary designations from the State of Illinois. This is no small accomplishment and one of which we are all very PROUD!

We thank the MacArthur Student Senate and all of the faculty and volunteers who helped make the Lurie's Fundraiser and Veteran's Day Breakfast such a huge success!

We appreciate all of the parents and family who have and will join us for Parent Teacher Conferences. Your partnership and support of your child is critical for their growth and success.

Without our PTO we would not be able to provide many of the enrichment and additional services to our students, so we also thank them for volunteering to make D223 a better place!

Lastly, we thank our Board of Education for their service as elected volunteers. During School Board Appreciation Month we express our gratitude for all of the time they give to provide vision and governance of our District.

I hope all in our District 23 Community will take some time to share a gesture of gratitude to a friend, family member,

Upcoming Events



**Parent Teacher
Conferences**
11/14 & 11/21



No School
Monday 11/25-11/29
Thanksgiving Break



**Board of
Education
Meeting**

December 11
7:00pm
@ Grodsky Admin Bldg.



Winter Concerts
6th-8th Chorus
12/9

6th-8th Orchestra
12/10

6th-8th Band
12/12

colleague, or faculty member who needs to hear how impactful and appreciated they are! Best wishes for an enjoyable and relaxing Thanksgiving Break. If you have any leftovers, feel free to drop off some turkey or pumpkin pie. I promise, I won't let it go to waste, but can't it won't go to my waist!

Happy Thanksgiving!
Dr. A

Winter Weather Guidelines

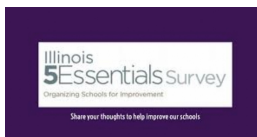
The weather outside has been truly frightful, but we thank our maintenance and custodial team for making sure our buildings, parking lots, and sidewalks are safe and ready for traffic. We



encourage you to review the Winter Weather guidelines emailed earlier in the week and posted on our District Website.

Winter Weather Guidelines

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

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

4th-5th
Chorus/Band
12/16

4th-5th Orchestra
12/18

Early Childhood
12/19



BPAC
Night @
Ike
12/13 6:00pm



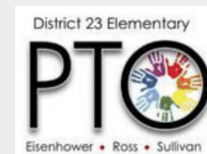
No School
December 23 -
January 3rd

Classes Resume
Mon. Jan. 6, 2020

Quick Links



Visit the D23
website





District 23 Early Childhood Screening Information



School District 23 conducts monthly Early Childhood Screenings for children ages 3-5 who may qualify for preschool programming in the district. The purpose of the screening is to determine if your child qualifies for the at-risk preschool program as well as determine if there are any possible developmental delays. If developmental delays are noted, your child may be referred for further evaluation for special education services. If you are interested in

finding out more about the preschool program or are concerned about your child's development and would like more information about a screening, the evaluation process, or preschool special education services, please contact Eisenhower School at 847-870-3875. Please also share with your friends, family, and neighbors who live in School District 23 boundaries if you know they have children between the ages of 3-5. Thank you.

El Distrito 23 realiza Evaluaciones Iniciales de Preescolar mensualmente para niños entre 3 y 5 años que podrían calificar para participar en programas de preescolar del distrito. El propósito de la evaluación inicial es determinar si su hija(o) califica para el programa de preescolar nivelador y para determinar si existen retrasos en el desarrollo. Si se observan retrasos en el desarrollo, es posible que se le derive para hacer más evaluaciones con servicios de educación especial. Si usted tiene interés en conocer más detalladamente los programas de preescolar o le preocupa el desarrollo de su hija(o) y desea más información sobre las evaluaciones iniciales, el proceso de evaluación o los servicios de educación especial de preescolar, por favor, comuníquese con la Escuela Eisenhower llamando al 847-870-3875. Asimismo, si tiene amigos, familiares o vecinos que viven en el Distrito Escolar 23 y tienen hijos entre los 3 y los 5 años, por favor, compartan esta información. Gracias.

Dystrykt Szkolny numer 23 organizuje comiesięczne testy sprawdzające dla dzieci w wieku lat 3-5 które mogłyby zakwalifikować się na udział w programie przedszkolnym w naszym dystrykcie. Celem tych testów jest stwierdzenie czy Państwa dziecko kwalifikuje się do programu przeznaczonego dla dzieci zagrożonych , ze specjalnymi potrzebami a także stwierdzenie opóźnień rozwojowych. Jeśli zostaną stwierdzone opóźnienia w rozwoju, Państwa dziecko może być skierowane na specjalne badania kwalifikujące do programu edukacyjnego dla dzieci ze specjalnymi potrzebami. Jeśli są Państwo zainteresowani zdobyciem szczegółowych informacji o Programie Przedszkolnym albo martwicie się Państwo o rozwój Waszego dziecka i chcielibyście, Państwo uzyskać więcej informacji dotyczących sposobu testowania , procesu ewaluacyjnego lub naszego programu dla dzieci ze specjalnymi potrzebami proszę zadzwonić pod numer: 847-870-3875. Proszę aby Państwo podzielili się tą informacją z Waszymi przyjaciółmi, czy sąsiadami którzy mieszkają na terenie naszego dystryktu i mają dzieci w wieku 3-5 lat. Dziękujemy.

[Link to: Board of Education Agendas and Meeting Highlights](#)
[November 13, 2019](#)

Ross Green Thumb Club

Representatives from the Betsy Ross Green Thumb Club led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and then shared the ways their group helps to keep the school's garden growing fruits and vegetables that are used for science



experiments and as a tasty treat.

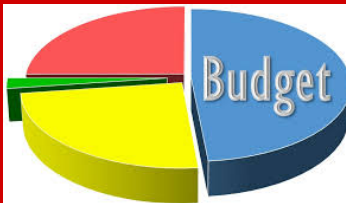
District 23 Schools Rated as EXEMPLARY

The Illinois State Board of Education released the annual "report cards" for schools and Districts across the State. We are pleased to report that MacArthur Middle School and Eisenhower elementary maintained their designation as "Commendable" despite increased rigor and higher benchmarks.



Betsy Ross joined Anne Sullivan Elementary in being designated as "EXEMPLARY" schools, placing them in the top 10% of schools in Illinois! We are so proud of the dedication all of our teachers, faculty, students, families, and administration demonstrate that enable us to continue to provide outstanding experiences for the community of District 23!

Financial Reports and Actions



We are pleased to report that the annual audit of District 23's finances and accounting has been completed; the report indicated that all accounting practices and financial records are in order. These were reviewed by Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Chief School Business Official, and the Board's Finance Committee.

The Board also set a hearing for the December meeting, 12/11 @ 7:00pm to receive public comment on our annual levy.


Thanks to our Board of Education!!

November is National School Board Appreciation Month and we thank our Board members for their dedication and service. Did you know that the Board members are volunteers who receive no compensation for their time? Did you know that District 23's Board of Education has received the **Governance Recognition Award** FOUR TIMES by the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB)? Please join me in extending our appreciation for all that our Board members do to serve this community!




Building Briefs


Informational Night for Parents - Ready Math



READY MATH PARENT OVERVIEW



When: Tuesday, December 3rd from 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Where: District 23 Office - Board Room
Register today at:
<https://forms.gle/D48VadkmsLKYzaeF9>



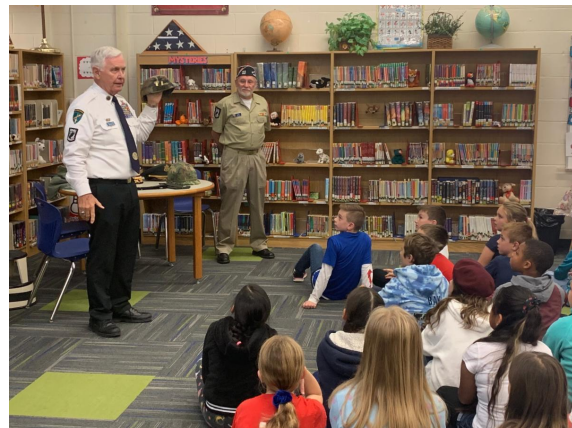
Do you want to know more about the features of our new Ready Math Program? Join us to learn more about the strategies students are using and how you can support your child with our new math program.

If you have any questions please contact Dr. Amy Zaher at AZaher@D23.org



Honoring our Vets in District 23

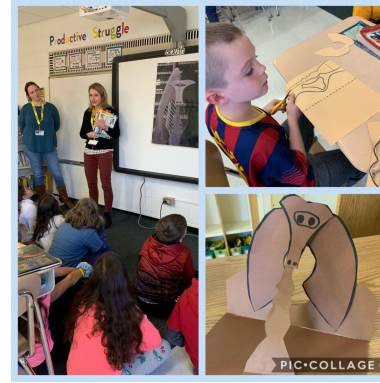
Veteran's Day is an important learning opportunity for our students and we are proud to honor our veterans by inviting them in to speak with our students. The MacArthur Student Senate also hosts a breakfast for veterans followed by an all school assembly with speeches and musical performances.



AVIC Brings Art into the Classrooms

We are so fortunate to have the support of our PTO and AVIC volunteers to bring Art projects and these engaging

experiences into our classrooms. In this photo, students in Mrs. Zarafonitis' 3rd grade are learning about Picasso.



Halloween Fun!



While the snow forced our parades inside and put a damper on the number of Trick or Treaters out at night, our students and families enjoyed the day thanks to our PTO room parents and our "spirited" faculty.

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