



Prospect Heights School District 23 September 13, 2019

Welcome to the 2019-20 School Year

Dear District 23 Families,

The 2019-20 school year is off and running. This year, we welcomed more than 1,450 students to Eisenhower, Betsy Ross, Anne Sullivan, and MacArthur schools. We were happy to see our returning families, and we extend a warm welcome to those who are new to the District. I also want to welcome the new teachers and staff who have joined our District community.

This year promises to be an exciting one as we continue to implement our Strategic Plan:

- We are excited to announce the launch of our District Dashboard, that provides the community an "at-a-glance" collection of key data points. You can view that website by visiting our home page at www.d23.org or by clicking this [link](#).
- Our new Math Curriculum, Ready Math, has been adopted and we look forward to the increased engagement, rigor, and relevance of this new material.
- Summer construction projects were completed on time and under budget. We anticipate continued enhancements to facilities throughout the year and again next summer.
- As part of our goal to share all of the amazing things happening in our classrooms and schools, we have launched the #Proud2BD23 campaign. Feel free to post your own photos with the hashtag when you are proud of the work your child is producing.

We hope the start of the year has been a positive one for you too. We know that transportation, Palatine Rd. paving projects, and other factors may have caused a disruption, but we hope that things have settled in and that you're into the school routines.

Best wishes for a fantastic school year!
Sincerely,

Don Angelaccio, Ed.D.
Superintendent

Upcoming Events



**PTO Golf Outing
9/20/19**

**PTO Movie Night
10/4/19**



Cross Country is up and running. Check out the MacArthur calendar for dates of races.



**No School
Wednesday, 10/9**



**Board of
Education
Meeting**

**October 10
7:00pm**

@ Grodsky Admin Bldg.

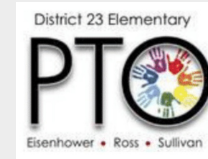
Quick Links

District 23 Welcomes 23 New Faces this Year!

Welcome to all of our new District 23 family members!



Visit the D23
website



The Ship of Tolerance

Last Spring, students at MacArthur were engaged in a project called, The Ship of Tolerance. They created panels with messages of diversity and acceptance that were sewn together to create a giant sail.

The Ship of Tolerance will travel the globe, but will be on display here in Chicago next week. The MacArthur Band and Chorus will perform at Navy Pier on Saturday, 9/21 starting at 2:00pm.



The Kabakov Foundation, EXPO CHICAGO & Navy Pier present

The Ship of Tolerance

by Ilya & Emilia Kabakov

Tuesday, September 17th at 7pm
Opening Celebratory Concert
South Shore Cultural Center
International and Local Young Artists
RSVP for this free, limited seating event: viola@kabakov.org

Friday, September 20th at 11:30am
Performance | Concert for a Fly
at 12pm
Dialogues Panel Discussion: The Kabakovs | On Utopia
EXPO CHICAGO (September 19-22)
Navy Pier, Festival Hall
Tickets to EXPO CHICAGO available at expochicago.com/ticketing

Saturday, September 21st at 2pm
Concert and Youth Celebration
Navy Pier, Polk Bros Park, City Stage
MacArthur Middle School Band and Choir
ChiArts Vocalists/Dance Performance

Sunday, September 22nd at 2pm
Chamber Concert
Chicago Cultural Center, Preston Bradley Hall
Out of Chaos Quartet

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For additional information visit navypier.org.

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

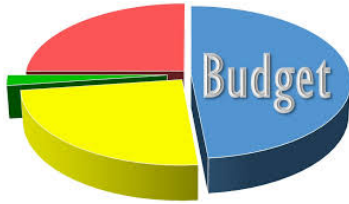
Sullivan School Improvement Plan

Throughout the year, each principal and his or her team presents their School Improvement Plan to the Board of Education. This month, Ms. Meziere shared the goals for Anne Sullivan School.

Representatives of the Sullivan Ambassadors Program also lead the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance, then shared their goals for the year.



Budget Approved



Mrs. Amy McPartlin, Chief School Business Official, presented the budget for FY20. The Board approved this balanced budget with a slight increase (3.44%) in overall spending. We know that more than 85% of all of our revenue comes directly from local taxes and appreciate the investment in our community and future.

On Time and UNDER Budget!

Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Brian Rominski, presented a summary of the summer construction projects. The work was primarily completed at Eisenhower School, and we were proud to report, on time and under budget. Planning begins now for the work to be completed next summer and will be presented to the Board in late Fall.



#Proud2BD23

As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, District 23 Administration is developing a Community Awareness campaign to identify and celebrate the many amazing things occurring across the District. The hashtag "#Proud2BD23" will be used to communicate information about our students, staff, programs, and community.



Building Briefs

How do we communicate? Let me count the ways...

To continue enhancing communications between our schools and parents, the district uses the following tools as its primary communication avenues:



Constant Contact: Email newsletters from principals on a bi-weekly basis, and a monthly superintendent/district School Scene newsletter.



Instant Connect: A telephone, email, and text message broadcast system that will enable school personnel to notify all households and parents of general announcements, reminders, emergencies, and school closings. *(Additional information to opt-in/out will be shared through building newsletters in the coming week.)*



Website: *Have you checked out our websites?* (www.d23.org) Make sure to navigate to the "Virtual Backpack" of each school's website to find digital handouts that include school/district information. Additionally, you may access the parent tab for other resources.



School/Classroom Tools: Such as Schoology, Seesaw, Class Dojo, Remind may be used to connect home and school by the classroom teachers.



Social Media: Our schools are currently using Twitter to share out school happenings, photos and more. Our district is using Twitter and Facebook. Make sure to follow and like us!

Twitter: Facebook:

<https://twitter.com/PHSD23> [D23 Facebook](https://facebook.com/D23)

<https://twitter.com/D23Eisenhower>

<https://twitter.com/D23Ross>

<https://twitter.com/D23Sullivan>

<https://twitter.com/D23MacArthur>

For us to be able to reach you using the above avenues it is critical that we have your current contact information in our student information system, PowerSchool. If you have made any changes to your primary phone number or email, or you have not been receiving our communications, please contact your school's office to provide them with the updated information. All school contact information may be found at the bottom of your school's website (www.d23.org).

[Click here to download a PDF](#)



New Math Curriculum Resources for Parents



Dr. Amy Zaher, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction provided an overview of Curriculum materials, Professional Development goals, and Assessments to be implemented in the 2019-20 school year. The primary focus for District 23 this year will be in the area of mathematics.

After a year long curriculum review, District 23 has adopted a new program to teach Math titled *Ready Mathematics*. *Ready Mathematics* helps address the emphasis on conceptual understanding through reasoning, modeling, and discussion that explore the structure of mathematics while also developing students' procedural fluency. Our teachers are excited to implement this new program. We are hoping that our students and parents are excited too!

Curriculum Associates' *Ready Mathematics* received a near-perfect rating by EdReports.org, an independent nonprofit that delivers evidence-based reviews of instructional materials.

To learn more about Ready Mathematics, visit www.cainc.com/readymath.



**Looking to pick up a few hours this school year?
We're Hiring!!**

District 23 is seeking qualified candidates to join our family. We have vacancies for Substitutes, Support Staff, and Hourly positions such as Lunch Supervisor and Extended Day Program Supervisors.

These are great jobs for parents and grandparents who are looking to pick up a few hours and a few dollars each week.



[CLICK HERE for our current vacancies](#)

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