

Prospect Heights School District 23 July 13, 2018

Staying Busy Over the Summer...

One might think that the summer is a really SLOW time for school Districts, when actually, it is one of our busiest times of the year. If you've passed by, you'll notice the wide range of Extended School Year, NSSEO, and Early Childhood programs we run; you'll see the Arlington Heights and Prospect Heights Park Districts making good use of our facilities for their programs and summer camps; you'll see the ongoing construction and repair work being done to the brickwork at the Admin Building and MacArthur; you'll see the parking lot repairs and other maintenance projects occurring across the District.

Inside, our custodial crew is hard at work cleaning and preparing our schools for the return of faculty and students. Our business office is busy processing registration and payment to ensure proper enrollment of students. We continue to interview and hire for vacant positions in the District. Our teachers and administration are also busy working on curriculum reviews, revisions, planning, and enhancements in preparation for the Fall.

While the change of pace affords the opportunity for a day off here and there, especially if the CUBBIES are in town, we are excited to continue the exciting work of the District and remain focused on the continuous improvement of our programs and services to meet the needs of our students and community. We hope you are enjoying these summer months too and appreciate you taking the time to read this newsletter to stay informed and connected about District 23.

Dr. Angelaccio



Don't Delay...Pay Today!

If you have not yet done so, please complete the registration process by submitting your payment. Invoices were mailed home in late June and payment can be made via mail, in person at the District office, or online without

Upcoming Events



2018-2019 Registration and Fee Payment is Open



August 7 - National Night Out Arlington Heights, Wheeling and Prospect Heights



August 15, 2018 7:00pm Board of

Education Meeting @ Grodsky Admin Building

Quick Links



Visit the D23 website





any additional fees.

Payment made AFTER July 31st will incur a late fee of 20% so please submit payment in a timely fashion. This helps us better prepare for the start of the year.



Leave No Child Indoors!

The Chicago Wilderness Alliance wrote a scholarly article called the Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights. This article provides research and ideas for you and your child to explore the great outdoors!

After all of that outdoor fun, don't forget to encourage your child to read! The research is clear that children who don't read during the summer can lose up to three months of reading progress



and that loss has a cumulative, long-term effect. The following resources and articles provide information about summer reading and summer learning loss. Plus you'll discover great activities to encourage kids to learn, read, and have fun in the summer sun. See also Topics A-Z: Summer Reading.





Board of Education - Meeting Highlights July 11, 2018

Daily Herald Article about Ms. Weadley

The Daily Herald ran a very nice article covering the Sullivan Get

Yourself Moving (GYM) Marathon at the end of the year that included a special tribute and send-off to Ms. Cathy Weadley, one of our retirees this year.



Read the Full Article Here

New Illinois Accountability and Funding Models



Dr. Angelaccio and the administrative team shared an overview of the new Illinois accountability model linked to the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and the new Illinois State funding model, Evidence Based Funding (EBF).

Both of these new state initiatives will directly impact the District and will require considerable time and energy to effectively communicate and explain to all stakeholders. These new models are intended to provide increased transparency into the strengths and needs of each of our schools and highlight student performance in a more wholistic manner. The data sources used to provide this data, however, remain unclear and arbitrary as the State continues its work of developing the model.

Regardless of what the State requires, the Board and administration remain committed to increasing our communication efforts to enhance transparency and to celebrate the amazing things that are occurring in all of our schools. Where there are issues and concerns, we must also work to address targeted needs and resolve to make improvements to our curriculum, programs, or services. More information will be shared with the Board and community as the State releases their reports this Fall.

District 23 Financial Matters

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Micheal DeBartolo and Superintendent Dr. Angelaccio provided further detail and information regarding the timeline and projected facility projects should the board decide to pursue a restructuring of bonds.

• The Board of Education discussed the recommended Tiered Bond recommendation. Restructuring our current bonds would enable the District to complete



priority construction projects without an increase of tax to the community. It also provides a funding source apart from our education fund so that there is less impact on programs, services and staffing. It is anticipated that the process will become formalized in September as the Board considers the most responsible and prudent pathway to support our financial and resource sustainability.

 The Board approved the transfer and designation of donated funds from the Prospect Heights Instrumental League (PHIL) to be used to support vocal and instrumental music programs.

Thank You and Best Wishes to our Retirees!

The District 23 Board of Education thanks all of our retirees for their dedication and service to the students and families of our community. The remarkable educators represent 203 years of service! We wish them all the best of health and happiness in their well-deserved retirement.

Gail Anderson, Cindy Donohue, Gwen Fialkowski, Jan Lange, Nancy Sorensen, Cathy Weadley, and Bonnie Zbaraz

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

WEDNESDAY, August 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Grodsky Administration Building

Building Briefs



Summer Reading in the Park

Feel free to join our bilingual teachers for some fun reading activities at Betsy Muir Park on Tuesdays and Thursdays, between 1:00-2:00pm. We enjoy reading together under the shade of the trees in the park.



Sullivan and MacArthur students and parents...

1:1 iPad distribution will occur during the first week of school. Note this is new this year and there will not be any "Roll-out Nights" before school starts.







Ross Teachers visit the Dominican Republic

Ross teachers Emily Butts, Angie Levato, and Julie Murray travelled to the Dominican Republic this summer to train local teachers and work with students. Thanks to all who supported their efforts through various fundraising efforts this year.





Pardon our DUST...

You may have noticed the brick work and tuck pointing being done at MacArthur and the Administration building. Here's a closeup photo of the steel reinforcement being added to prevent water infiltration and to strengthen structural support.

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