



Dwight D Eisenhower

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Douglas MacArthur

# The School Scene

## Prospect Heights School District 23 May 11, 2018

### Finishing Strong...

Each of the principals has highlighted the theme of "Finishing Strong" in their building newsletters and I'd like to echo that encouragement in this message. The end of the school year is a very specific mix of activity and emotion that is not found in other professions.

May begins with a fitting and well deserved affirmation of our gratitude and appreciation for all of our teachers, nurses, and staff. We thank them for their time, dedication, and service to the community. All of the notes, decorations, gifts and expressions of support that are received demonstrate the strong partnership between home and school. As the summer approaches and we wrap up this school year, I know our teachers will continue to finish strong!

While public perception is that teachers get summers "off", the reality is that we transition into a different schedule and type of work. It is true that most do not wake up each day and drive into work, but many teachers participate in our summer professional development, curriculum writing projects, Extended School Year, and Virtual Summer School programs.

For our students and families, there is a similar change in schedule, but frequently little reduction in the business of life. Many students participate in library and park district programs, camps and other enrichment activities, as well as filling their days with fun and play.

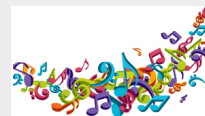
The challenge throughout the month of May is to maintain our focus on the work at hand and continue to dedicate ourselves to giving our best each day. This will help us to finish off our school year with the sustained effort and success demonstrated throughout the rest of the year and set us up well for the summer ahead.

Dr. Angelaccio

### Upcoming Events



**2018-2019  
Registration is  
Open**



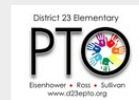
**Spring  
Concerts  
5/15 6th-8th  
Pops Concert  
5/22 6th-8th Orchestra Concert  
5/24 4th-8th Chorus Concert**



**BPAC Night  
Summer SPLASH  
Eisenhower School  
5/17 6:30-8:00pm**



**Kindergarten Parent  
Orientation  
May 17 @ Ike 6:30pm**



**ePTO Meeting  
May 23 @ Ike  
7:00pm**



**Young Athlete's Day  
May 23 @ Ike**



**No School -  
Memorial Day  
May 28**



## Registration for the 2018-19 School Year is under way!

Many thanks to the 75% of our community who have completed their registration for the next school year. Your timely completion enables us to schedule and plan accurately. If you have not yet done so, please click the image above to complete and submit your registration for the 2018-19 school year.

 2018

Last Day of  
School for Early  
Childhood  
Program  
June 1

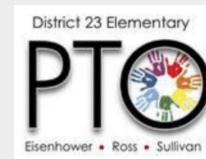
8th Grade Promotion Ceremony @  
Wheeling HS  
June 6 - 7:00pm

Last Day of School Grades K-7  
June 7

## Quick Links



[Visit the D23 website](#)



## Board of Education - Meeting Highlights May 9, 2018

### Special Olympic Athletes show off their medals!

The Pledge of Allegiance was led this month by representatives of the District 23 Special Olympics team: Michael Krzywosz, Abraham Sanchez, Sarah Moeykens, and Cameron Dreyer, along with their coaches Abbey Lynch, Megan Akhtebo, Joy Goscinski-Jones, and Vicki Samiotakis.



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## Title I and Title II Grant Funding and Services

### \$ Grant Funding

Dr. Samojedny provided an update to the Board regarding the amended Title I and Title II grants so that all funds may be used appropriately and responsibly in service to the needs of our students. The changes to the grants provide for additional technology in Anne Sullivan's Library, materials for Reading Intervention Programs at all three of the elementary buildings, an expanded lending library for students, and professional development activities.

District 23 has also completed and submitted a waiver to the Illinois State Board of Education to use these funds as a "School-wide" program due to the expanding needs of our community and inclusive nature of our programs. The Board approved the revised District 23 Title I Improvement plan and will review each school's plan at the meeting in June. On Tuesday, May 22 at 1:00pm, community members are invited to participate in our public review of the Grants as we begin our planning for next year.

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## District 23 Financial Matters

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Micheal DeBartolo and Superintendent Dr. Angelaccio presented a recommendation that the Board consider seeking new revenue to support and sustain our current levels of programming and to fund capital improvements outlined in our 10 Year Facility plan.

- The Board approved the selection of financial advising firm Raymond James as consultants and advisors to provide guidance and options for consideration at upcoming meetings.
- The Board approved the continued agreement between Prospect Heights School District 23 and Arlington Heights School District 25 for Food Services.



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## Calendar Adoptions

The Board of Education modified the end of year calendar due to the use of one snow day (remember that storm in January?) and to align with the Illinois State requirements for 176 days of instruction. Assuming no further emergency days are required, the last day of school will be: Early Childhood - FRIDAY, June 1; 8th graders - WEDNESDAY June 6; and students in grades K-7 will be THURSDAY, June 7, 2018.

The Board also adopted a modified version of the 2018-19 calendar that clarified tentative last day of school and designated emergency days and the 2019-2020 calendar. These calendars can be found on the [District website](#).

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**  
WEDNESDAY, June 13, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.  
Grotsky Administration Bldg.



## **We need your help...**

District 23 is looking for a parent/community volunteer with Professional Photography experience to assist with a special project.

If you are interested and able to help, please contact Nancy Sorensen @ (847) 870-5554 or [nsorensen@d23.org](mailto:nsorensen@d23.org)

## **Building Briefs**

### **MacArthur Students Excel...**

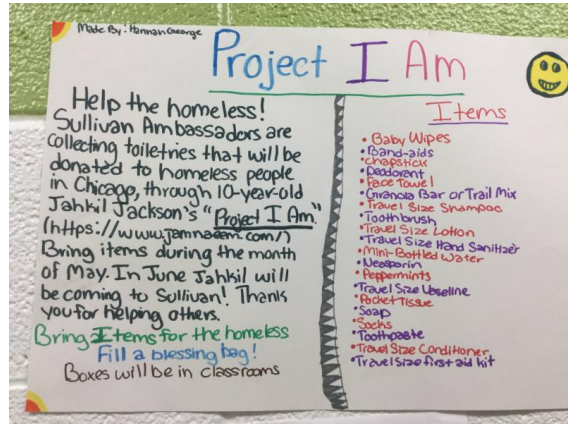
MacArthur students represented themselves and our community so well in a number of areas over the past few weeks. Our Vocal and Instrumental Music programs all competed in the IGSMMA Sectional competition and earned SUPERIOR Ratings; the Middle School Band travelled to Champaign to participate in SUPER State; and on the stage, their production of Willy Wonka was a smash success!

In athletics, our Track and Field team competed in conference and sectional meets with our students competing hard and earning many personal best scores. Also our students competed in Special Olympics Illinois and MacArthur hosted a Summit for Student Leaders and coordinators for Project Unify programs. So proud of all of our students for their time and dedication to becoming their best version of themselves and to support the needs of others.



## Project "I Am" Collections

Sullivan students are engaged in a service learning project developed by the Sullivan Ambassadors Club. They are collecting toiletries and personal care items to create kits to share with the homeless. So proud of our students' giving spirit and dedication to help others in need.



## Combining Science, Technology and Art at Ross

3rd graders at Ross used their iPads to take pictures of clouds, identify their scientific type, then create an artistic representation. Students had fun learning, creating, and sharing their images through SeeSaw.



## Earth Day Activities at Ike...

Students learned about recycling and responsibility in units of study centered around Earth and Arbor Days. A tree was planted thanks to the generous donation of the Prospect Heights Garden Club and a dedication ceremony was held to mark the occasion.

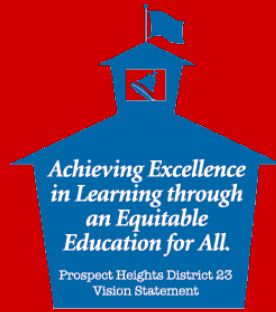


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