



Prospect Heights School District 23

December 15, 2017

New Year...New Goals

With the start of a New Year comes the opportunity to set new goals. The Administration and Board of Education are embarking on a Strategic Planning Process in 2018 that will help set new goals for our school communities and the students we serve.

Your participation and input are critical in this process and I invite you to share your thoughts about the strengths and needs of the District.

The 5Essentials Survey will remain open through the month of December. In January, we will send a different survey to our community to help set the strategic plan for the District. On January 18th or 19th, Community Forums will be held at MacArthur middle school. These are open meetings for all members of the community to hear about the current State of the District, then participate in conversations about the strengths and needs of the District.

On behalf of the District 23 family of staff, administration, and Board I wish you and your family a very blessed holiday season, a relaxing and happy winter break, and best wishes in the New Year.

Dr. Angelaccio

Upcoming Events



No School
Winter Break
No Classes Fri. Dec. 22
Sunday Jan. 7
Classes Resume Mon. Jan. 8

School Board Member
Appreciation Day
November 15



Board of
Education Meeting
@ Administration

Building
January 10



Early Childhood
Screenings
January 12



Special Needs
Parent Support
Night - 6:00pm @
Ross/Sullivan

Quick Links



Visit the D23
website

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMUNITY FORUMS

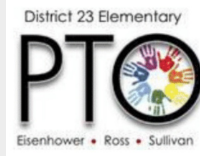
Join us January 17th or 18th, 7-8:30 p.m. @ MacArthur Theater

Let's Grow Together!

Engage
Envision
Enact



Please help the Strategic Planning Team by sharing your thoughts about community values, district strengths and challenges, significant issues you would like the District to address in the next three to five years, and your vision for the future of our school District.



Board of Education - Meeting Highlights December 13, 2017

Thank you Sullivan Tech Team

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by representatives of the Anne Sullivan Tech Team. These students volunteer their time to support the use of technology in their classrooms by trouble shooting and solving basic tech problems for their classmates and teachers!



Building and Grounds Plan for Spring/Summer 2018



Director of Buildings and Grounds, Mr. Brian Rominski, provided the Board with an update regarding construction, repairs and enhancements completed to date across the District. He then shared the targeted projects for spring/summer 2018 to include: playground enhancements, masonry work, painting, and renovations to a student restroom at MacArthur. Mr. Rominski shared projected costs and reviewed his allocated budget.

District 23 Financial Matters

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Micheal DeBartolo facilitated three important information and action items:

- The Board approved the 2017 Property Tax levy. In accordance with the law, District 23 will receive approximately 2.1% more in local revenue due to the increase in the consumer price index. The CPI for last year's levy was 0.7%.
- The Board approved the 2017 Supplemental Property Tax Levy. By reporting its outstanding bond issuances to Cook County, the Clerk sets the property tax rate necessary to pay for the principal and interest on this money owed. The District does not have any role in establishing this levy amount, but the Clerk ensures that only the monies necessary for payment of the bonds is collected.
- The Board discussed Extended Day Program Fees for 2018-19 School Year. The comparison of District 23 to neighboring districts was presented on issues including fees, expenditures, revenues and program offerings. The Board is considering the fees to be charged for the next school year.



Strategic Planning Update



Dr. Angelaccio provided the Board with an update regarding the Strategic Planning process including the launch of the 5Essential survey that will be open through December, 31, targeted focus group invitations being mailed out, and two Community Forums being held on January 17 and 18 at the MacArthur Little Theater.

5Essentials
School Surveys

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, January 10, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Grotsky Administration Center

Building Briefs

Beautiful Music..Outstanding Students!

Over the past two weeks, students from our Choir, Orchestra, and Band Programs shared their talents with gleeful crowds at their Winter Concerts. Their time and talent were evident throughout their performances. Thank you students for your hard work and dedication. Thanks also to our Vocal, Instrumental, and Music Directors, the students'

parents, and PHIL (Prospect Heights Instrumental League) for their ongoing support for and development of a passion for music in our schools and community.



Parent Support Night: Join us Jan. 11 - 6:00 p.m.

Come join other families with children with special needs to learn more about child behaviors and how to intervene. Please [return this FORM](#) to your child's homeroom teacher by Monday, Dec. 18.



**When: Thursday,
January 11, 2018
From 6:00-7:00p.m.**
**Where: Betsy Ross School
700 N. Schoenbeck Road
Prospect Heights, IL 60070**

Parent Support Night!

Topic: Managing Behaviors at Home

Come join other families with children with special needs as we meet as a group to learn more about child behaviors and how to intervene! There will be fun activities for all of your children run by staff, and a chance to meet other people and gather resources for addressing your child's behaviors!!

***Please return to your child's Homeroom Teacher/Advisory Teacher by Monday December 18th! Thank you!**

Name: _____ Child's Grade: _____

Number of Adults Attending: _____ Children Attending: _____

Do you need a translator? Y/N What Language? _____

Please check the behaviors that you would like to learn more about how to address at home

- ☐ Acting Out (hitting, kicking, temper tantrums)
- ☐ Negative Behaviors (refusing to do work, not listening, power struggles)
- ☐ Trouble Following Routines
- ☐ Being Anxious (nervousness, not wanting to come to school)
- ☐ Interacting with Others (sibling relationships, and friendships)
- ☐ Other _____



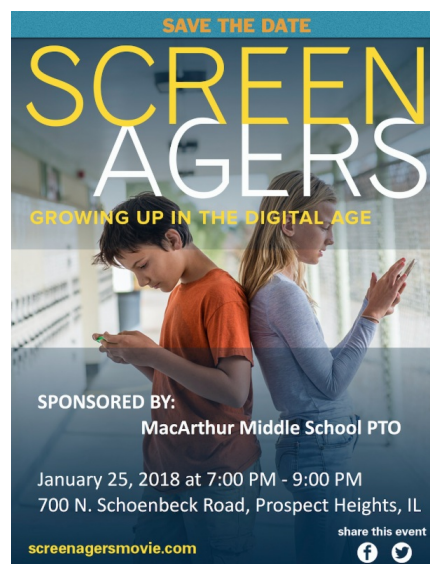
Congrats Sullivan Robotics Teams!

Two teams of Sullivan Students competed in the First Lego League Robotics Competition this Fall. Congrats to our students and coaches on a great season! ([Read More](#))



ScreenAgers movie - January 25

ScreenAgers - Growing up in the Digital Age will be shown on January 25, 2018 at the MacArthur Little Theater. This film is free to the public to view and is sponsored by the MacArthur PTO.



Know anyone enrolling in Kindergarten next Fall?

Kindergarten registration will take place at Eisenhower School on Wednesday, February 21, and Thursday, February 22, from 9:00 AM until 8:00 PM. ([Read More](#))

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