



Dwight D Eisenhower

Betsy Ross

Anna Sullivan

Douglas MacArthur

The School Scene

Prospect Heights School District 23 January 12, 2018

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 Strategic Planning Survey is available for you to complete by [clicking this link](#). On January 17th or 18th, 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.

We are so proud of the work of our students and staff and also look forward to meeting with parents during the February Parent Teacher Conferences. We appreciate your partnership and continued support of your child's growth and learning.

Dr. Angelaccio

Upcoming Events



No School
Martin
Luther King
Jr. Day
Monday Jan. 15



Strategic
Planning
Community
Forums -
MacArthur Theater 7:00-8:30
January 17 and 18



District 23
Job Fair

Grodsky
Administration
Building
January 24 8:30-11:30a.m.



Screenagers
Film and
conversation
January 25
MacArthur -
7:00pm



Early Childhood
Screenings
February 9



Parent
Teacher
Conferences
February
8 & 15



Board of
Education
Meeting
Betsy Ross Elementary LMC
January 14
7:00 p.m.

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.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

February 8 & 15, 2018



Board of Education - Meeting Highlights January 10, 2018

Congrats MacArthur Musicians and Singers

The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by representatives of the MacArthur Band and

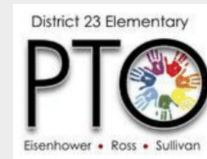


No School
February
16 & 19

Quick Links



Visit the D23
website



Chorus who have been selected for ILMEA District 7 Junior Concert Band, Junior Jazz Band, All-Illinois Junior Band, and the District 8 Festival Chorus, as well as directors Megan Murray and Sam Simpson.



D23 Partners with Harper College and ECDEC to serve at risk students



The Board of Education approved the partnership between District 23 and the Early Childhood Developmental Enrichment Center (ECDEC) and between District 23 and Harper College. This partnership of a Preschool for All Expansion classroom would allow District 23 to provide a full day preschool opportunity for 20 students who are considered at-risk of Kindergarten failure. These opportunities are awaiting approval of a Preschool for All Grant through the State of Illinois.

District 23 Financial Matters

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Micheal DeBartolo presented a five-year financial projection that will inform the Board's planning and options for the future:

- Revenues and Expenditures over time are negatively impacted in all areas of the budget due to capped taxes, stagnant state and federal funding and the increasing costs of personnel, benefits, transportation and services.
- Capital Improvement and repairs have been identified in our long range facilities plan, but are unable to be completed with current funding levels.
- The Board approved an increase in Student Extended Day Program fees for the 2018 – 2019 school year. This increase will help to maintain a quality program while maintaining fiscally responsible practices. The District EDP fees will remain the lowest public option in our area. Participants in the program will receive details as we open registration.



Strategic Planing Update

Dr. Angelaccio provided the Board with an update regarding the Strategic Planning process including the launch of the Strategic Planning Survey, targeted focus groups, and two Community Forums being held on January 17 and 18 at the MacArthur Little Theater.

The Board also reviewed an 18 Month Planning timeline that outlined decisions to be made in the areas of Strategic Planning, Finances,



NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Betsy Ross Elementary School, LMC

Building Briefs

Happy Holiday Parties thanks to our PTO and guests

Many thanks to our PTO volunteers and all who helped to make our Winter Holiday parties fun for our students. We were also excited to welcome guests from Greenbriar to celebrate with students at Anne Sullivan.



Students set goals too!

Ross Star Value Ambassadors wrote announcements about reminding our school about how to be safe, respectful, and responsible in our hallways in order to meet our January goal for expected behavior in the hallways.



Many parents struggle with exactly how much screen time is OK for their kids. Is a half-hour show OK but a full-length movie "bad"? How much gaming should you allow when your kids also use their device for homework?

[Follow this link](#) to read an article by Caroline Knorr from Common Sense Media.

[Ver en Español Click here.](#)

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.

5 SIMPLE STEPS TO A HEALTHY FAMILY MEDIA DIET

YOU BALANCE THEIR MEALS, SO WHY NOT THEIR MEDIA? BY CAROLINE KNORR



CHOOSE THE GOOD STUFF

Check ratings and choose age-appropriate media and tech for your kids.



WATCH, LISTEN & PLAY TOGETHER

Great way to talk to your kids about what they see and hear.



WALK THE WALK

Use devices the way you want kids to use them. Put devices away while driving, and during meal time.



KEEP A BALANCE

Aim for a balance between schoolwork, activities, chores, reading, family time, and TV or gaming.



WATCH THE CLOCK


Establish time limits and tech-free zones in your home. Set rules that fit your family, such as "all screens off before bedtime."

English - <https://goo.gl/Of7oqg>
Ver en español - <https://goo.gl/K53KMi>

SAVE THE DATE

SCREEN AGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE




SPONSORED BY:
MacArthur Middle School PTO

January 25, 2018 at 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM
700 N. Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights, IL

screenagersmovie.com

share this event



Weather Related Closing Guidelines



While we all hope for a mild winter, as residents of the Chicagoland area, we know that we might not be so lucky. [To read the full letter, click here.](#) Prospect Heights 23 will follow these general guidelines when closing schools for winter-related closings:

* Schools will be closed if there is a forecasted **sustained wind chill of -30 degrees** Fahrenheit or colder, or when the **actual**

temperature is a sustained -15 degrees Fahrenheit or colder between the travel times of 5:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. and/or 2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The District will use forecasts provided by the National Weather Service.



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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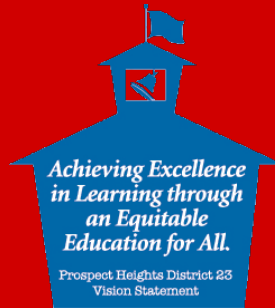


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