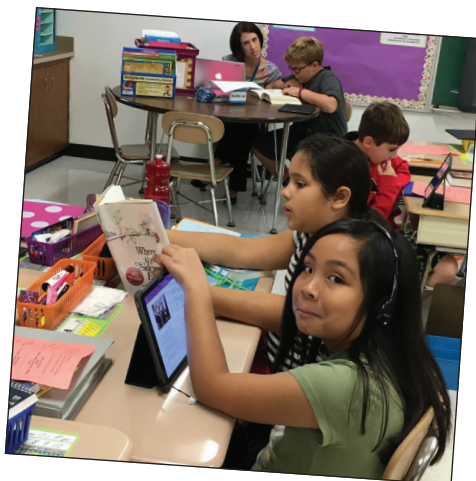


I-Pads issued to Sullivan students

Sullivan students and teachers are doing many things differently this year. It's all because of District 23's commitment to increasing and enhancing the use of technology as a tool to improve



engagement, elevate rigor, and transform instructional practices in the classroom and at home. For these reasons, the iPad was selected as the tool to improve teaching and learning.

Every student at Sullivan School received an iPad at the beginning of the school year. Much of September was spent prepping students on the use of a variety of applications, digital citizenship, and iPad care. Students started taking the devices home the first of October.

The iPads allow students to store notes, handouts,

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books, and instructional videos along with a large variety of applications designed to help students with mastery. The use of



these personal devices outside of school gives students access to all of their materials 24/7. The iPad is revolutionizing how our curriculum is delivered, how it is discussed among students and teachers, and how assignments are completed and submitted. As the year progresses, parents will continue to be offered insights into these changes. ■

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New Playground Equipment for Ike

New playground equipment will soon be installed at Eisenhower School. Although it can safely be used by all students in District 23, the colorful Playcraft Systems equipment is designed specifically for children in early childhood through first grade.

At the September meeting of the Board of Education, Business Manager Micheal DeBartolo presented a rendering of the equipment to be purchased for the project. The playground equipment,

as well as a portion of the cost of the installation, will be paid for with impact fees of approximately \$10,500 received from the Village of Arlington Heights. This one-time fee is charged to developers for the purpose of helping to pay for infrastructure required by new housing projects.

A rendering of the new playground equipment is pictured below.

Thank you to the Village of Arlington Heights for this donation and to the District 23 Board of Education! ■



District 23 Welcomes Brian Rominski

Say hello to Brian Rominski, District 23's new Director of Buildings and Grounds. Mr. Rominski brings a wide range of experience to the position having served in Burbank School District 111 and as a project manager for an architecture firm. His extensive knowledge of preventative maintenance along with life-safety planning and professional management skills will serve our school community well.



Since coming on board, Brian has made it his priority to get to know the custodial and maintenance department while familiarizing himself with building systems and collaborating with the administrative staff.

"I look forward to working with the faculty, students and school community," said Mr. Rominski. "It's great to be part of the District 23 family." ■

New District Architect to Conduct 10 Year Life Safety Survey

In May 2016, the Board of Education chose ARCON Associates to serve as the District's architect. The firm was directed to perform the mandatory 10-year life-safety survey for District 23. Illinois school building code requires that all schools hire an architect or engineer licensed in the state of Illinois to complete a comprehensive survey every 10 years to ensure that high levels of safety and health are being maintained.

Located in Lombard, Illinois, ARCON Associates has been planning, programming and designing educational facilities since 1979 and offers a comprehensive array of services and support to their clients. The ARCON staff is currently in the process of conducting the District's life-safety survey and anticipates making a preliminary report to the School Board early in 2017. ■



Welcome New Staff

Twenty teachers and special education assistants were welcomed into the District 23 family at the orientation program on Monday, August 15, at the Grodsky administration building. Superintendent Deb Wilson kicked off the session and introduced the administrative team and support departments. The goal was to provide the information and resources necessary to begin a successful career in District 23.

An ongoing series of after-school mentoring workshops also are offered for first- and second-year teachers throughout the year. These sessions cover a variety of topics from curriculum and instruction to technology.

Welcome new staff to the District 23 family and congratulations to those who took on a new position this year! ■

NAME	POSITION	GRADE
Amy Banas	Technology Integration Specialist	PreK - 2
Nicole Baran	Early Childhood Teacher	PreK
Ioannis (Yianni) Bertso	Network Manager	Administration
Gail Biagini	Program Assistant	PreK-1
Crystalyn Boyer	Music Teacher	4-5
Jonathan Boyer	Orchestra Teacher	6-8
Michelle Broms	Building Assistant	PreK-1
Eva Cegielski	Teacher	2
Anna De Frenza	Program Assistant	PreK-1
Laura Ducharme	PE Teacher	PreK-1
Claire Flood	Social Work Intern	4-5
Michelle Ginsberg	Teacher	3
Elizabeth Guza	Program Assistant	PreK-1
Briana Harris	Program Assistant	4-5
Sam Keopraseuth	Technology Support Technician	Administration
Kaitlin Kolka	Bilingual Speech and Language	Pathologist
Sylvia Legowski	Teacher	3
Erin Lim	School Psychologist	4-5
Alison Mahoney	Technology Integration Specialist	3-5
Kelsey Paeth	Reading Support Teacher	4-5
Kathleen Retsky	Program Assistant	PreK-1
Brian Rominski	Director Buildings and Grounds	Administration
June Seelig	Program Assistant	PreK-1
Samuel Simpson	Band/Music Teacher	6-8
Hannah Sutter	Technology Integration Specialist	6-8
Barbara Whiteside	Program Assistant	2-3
Demetra Zarafonitis	Teacher	3
Temunuga Zhekova	Program Assistant	PreK-1



Approval of the 2016-2017 School Budget

The Board of Education approved a balanced budget for the 2016-2017 school year at the regular meeting on September 14. The overall increase in the budget was 3.274%, the largest increase being in the Education fund at 3.87%. Salaries and benefits account for the largest expense in this fund. The budget also reflects a decrease in the Transportation and Tort funds. Revenues are expected to increase by 3%.

"The Board and administration continue to spend taxpayer dollars in a responsible manner, while maintaining a high level of education for the students in District 23," said Business Manager Micheal DeBartolo. ■

Board Elections

Local elections will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. School board candidates are required to circulate and file nomination petitions for elected office. The State Board of Elections has prepared a guide for local candidates wishing to run for public office. Candidates should become familiar with the requirements for proper circulation and preparation of nominating petitions. See page 46 of the Candidate's Guide for details on the school board elections. ■

JOIN US





Anne Sullivan Elementary School

Grades 4th to 5th

Our students give back!

This year, all Sullivan students have the opportunity to take a field trip to Feed My Starving Children, an organization that helps to provide meals to children across the globe. Two 5th grade classes had the opportunity to attend on September 21, with the next group scheduled to attend on October 26. The students assisted in packing meals to be shipped to Nicaragua. We are excited to provide this important service opportunity to our students as a part of our Sullivan Ambassadors program. A special thanks to Mrs. Broms, Ms. Funk, Mrs. Yager, Mrs. Espinos, and Mrs. Paeth, our faculty advisors, for organizing these trips! ■



Dwight D. Eisenhower Elementary School

Grades Pre-K to 1st

Helping to heal!

Students at Eisenhower learned about the power they have to save lives and help kids around the world who need food, clean water, and medicine, or who are victims of natural disasters. Their efforts during Halloween to collect donations using the Trick or Treat for UNICEF box will buy lifesaving supplies for children in need. ■



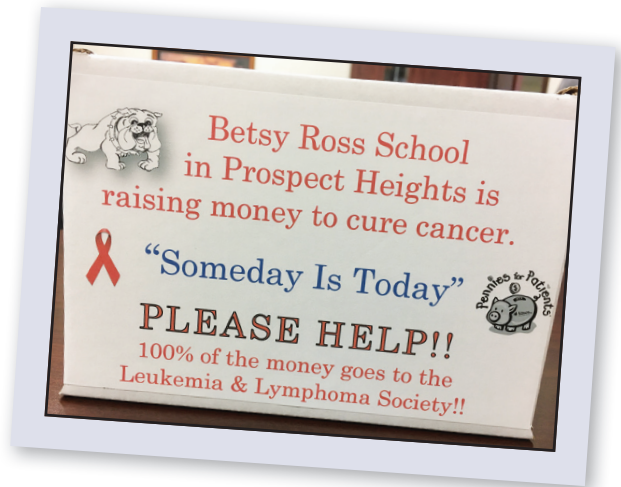


Betsy Ross Elementary School

Grades 2nd and 3rd

Pennies for Patients at Ross

Pennies for Patients, a fundraiser for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, is well underway at Betsy Ross. Look for the boxes that are placed throughout the District and in businesses in the area to make your donation. The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) is the world's largest voluntary health agency dedicated to blood cancer. The LLS mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. LLS funds lifesaving blood cancer research around the world and provides free information and support services. ■



Douglas MacArthur Middle School

Grades 6th to 8th

Veterans Day Celebration at MacArthur

MacArthur is hosting its annual Veteran's Day celebration on November 10. They expect approximately 90 veterans. Students will serve the veterans breakfast. Veterans will be treated to a program honoring the various branches of the service. The vocal and instrumental music groups will perform with student speakers focusing on the history of Veterans Day and the history of our flag. Presentation of colors will be presented by the ROTC Cadets from District 214. ■



Congratulations to the seven teachers who achieved tenure status with the start of the 2016-2017 school year.

New teachers serve a probationary period of four years before being considered for tenure. Non-tenured teachers are evaluated once a year and, through this process, receive instructive guidance, corrective action, or further development, all with the goal of helping them achieve excellence. ■



STAFF MEMBER	POSITION	GRADE
Mark Atkinson	Math/SS Teacher	7
Marianne Broms	Teacher	5
Sheena Emberton	Psychologist	2-3
Sherrie Grischow	Teacher	K
Angie Levato	Teacher	2
Melissa Mariconda	Teacher	3
Christine O'Brien	Sci/LA Teacher	6

Parent Communication Strategies Survey

In order to assess and enhance the effectiveness of parent communications, a mini audit of current communication strategies and tools will be conducted. The administration is working with Jasculca Terman Strategic Communications to develop a parent survey that will provide meaningful feedback regarding the use of print and digital media tools. Parents should receive the survey by mid February. An analysis of the findings along with recommendations for improving parent communications will be provided to the District. ■



Upcoming Events

- November 8 . . . **No School**, Institute Day
- November 9 . . . **Board of Education Meeting**, 7 pm
- November 10 . . . **Parent/Teacher Conference**, 4:30-8 pm
- November 17 . . . **Parent/Teacher Conference**, 4:30-8 pm
- November 22 . . . **No School**, Non-attendance Day
- November 23 . . . **No School**, Non-attendance Day
- November 24 . . . **No School**, Non-attendance Day
- November 25 . . . **No School**, Thanksgiving Day
- November 26 . . . **No School**, Non-attendance Day
- December 14 . . . **Board of Education Meeting**, 7 pm ■

The School Scene

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