



# Prospect Heights School District 23 February 16, 2018

## Home and School Partnership

Depending on your age (no need for disclosure), when you hear the word "partners" you may think of different famous pairs:

- Abbott and Costello
- Sonny and Cher
- Simon and Garfunkel
- Hall and Oats
- Thelma and Louise
- Jordan and Pippen
- Wayne and Garth
- Ross and Rachel
- Beyonce and Jay-Z
- SpongeBob and Patrick

It is difficult to think of one of these individuals without their partner by their side. They are linked together!

The term "partnership" is often used in education to describe the relationship between home and school, as teachers and parents team up to support the social, emotional, and academic needs of children.

We thank you very much for your continued support and reinforcement of the learning experiences we provide students during the day. Your participation in our Parent/Teacher Conferences, concerts, plays, and other school events demonstrates the high value you place on education and your commitment to your child.

More important than these more structured events, however, are the many ways that you model problem solving, critical thinking, perseverance, and other skills for your child. Asking questions, encouraging exploration, and reading with your child are all significant ways that parents can help their children learn and grow.

Lastly, we want to reassure you as parents that we fully recognize the incredible responsibility we hold as educators to nurture, support and protect your children as we would our own. We continue to pledge to give our best each day and be great partners to you!

Dr. Angelaccio

Let's Grow Together - Video Series

## Upcoming Events



No School  
Friday, 2/16;

President's Day Monday 2/19



Kindergarten  
Registration  
9:00am - 8:00pm  
February 21 & 22



Sullivan  
Play Honk Jr.  
7:00pm  
February 22 & 23  
@ MacArthur Theater



ePTO  
STEM/STEAM  
Night @ Ike  
6:00-7:30pm  
February 23



Winter Concerts  
7:00-8:30pm

- 6th-8th Orchestra 2/27
- 6th-8th Band 2/28
- 4th-5th Orchestra 3/1
- 6th-8th Chorus 3/7
- 4th-5th Band and Chorus 3/8



Early Childhood  
Screenings @ Ike:  
March 2  
8:00am-3:00pm

ePTO Family  
Fun Night @

In an effort to enhance communication, increase transparency, and engage our community, we will be creating short video clips to summarize key information and important presentations made to our Board of Education. Below is the first video in this series and presents a summary of the ENGAGE phase of our Strategic Planning Process.

## Let's Grow Together!

Engage  
Envision  
Enact



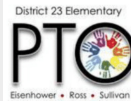
District 23's Board of Education adopts its school calendar a year and a half in advance in order to provide adequate time for planning, preparation, and adjustments for personnel, related services, and families. This survey seeks your input into preferences and options for building the 2019-2020 calendar.

**Please take a few moments to share your thoughts and preferences by clicking this link.**



**Board of Education - Meeting Highlights  
February 14, 2018**

**Congrats MacArthur Spelling Bee and Ross Ambassadors**



MacArthur  
5:30-8:00pm  
March 9



Board of Education Meeting  
Grotsky Admin Building  
March 14  
7:00pm

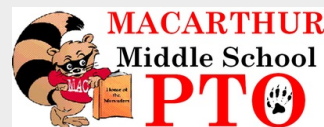
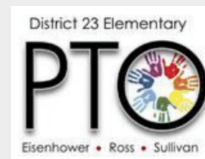


BPAC @ IKE  
Noche de Juegos  
March 15  
6:00-7:30pm

### Quick Links



**Visit the D23 website**



The Pledge of Allegiance was led this month by representatives of the Ross Student Ambassadors, sponsored by Megan Akhtebo, Amy Banas, Megan Rieger and Sandy Vasilakos. These students were chosen by their teachers and peers because of their Star Values and help plan school wide events to celebrate expected behavior. Also leading the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance were the winners of the MacArthur Spelling Bee Contest. These students competed in the Northwest Suburban Spelling Bee Contest as representative of MacArthur.



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## Extended Day Program (EDP) Review



Our new Director, Ms. Kris Lebrecht, shared registration data, program highlights, and plans for the future of our EDP program with the Board of Education.

These plans include an EXPANSION of services this Spring to reduce our waitlist and meet greater demand, improvement of games and activities, and goals for enhanced programming. For more information, please visit our [EDP web page](#).

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## District 23 Financial Matters

Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Micheal DeBartolo presented a review of student fees to be considered for 2018-19.

- At this time, no increases to student registration fees is being proposed, although potential action by the State of Illinois may impact that decision.
- District 23 does not currently charge a transportation fee as other local school districts do. At this time, there is no recommendation to create a charge for transportation, but this issue will be studied over the next year to determine if our current levels of service are financially sustainable without an additional fee.
- Recommended increases of \$5 to the 1:1 iPad protection plan and of up to \$0.20 on school lunches to meet increased costs in these areas.



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## Registration and Fee Payment Update



As we have done in the past, District 23 will utilize the INFOSNAP registration system. This year, however, in an effort to increase timely registration by ALL families, the Registration process will be completed in two steps.

Step 1 - Registration: This will occur for all returning K-7th grade students between April 1st and May 1st. NO FEES will be collected during this window; we simply ask that ALL families



provide their registration documents and updated contact information so that we can accurately place students and complete scheduling and transportation arrangements.

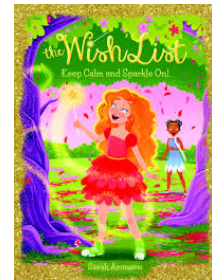
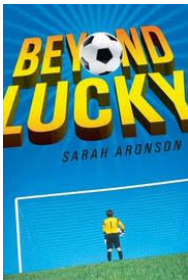
Step 2 - Payment of Fees: An invoice for fees related to registration and other selected items will be sent directly to all families in late June with a window for payment between July 1st - July 31st. The Board is considering a "Late Charge" for payments received outside of this window to encourage timely payment or completion of waiver forms.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, March 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Grodsky Administration Bldg.**

## Building Briefs

### Welcome Author - Sarah Aronson

Thanks to the generous support of our ePTO, students at Eisenhower, Ross and Sullivan were all treated to a special visit by author Sarah Aronson. She spoke with us about telling stories, sharing your ideas, creating and developing characters, and some of her books, Beyond Lucky and Wish List.



### Cosmic Bowling!!

Students at Ross and Sullivan enjoyed some COSMIC bowling during PE. Many thanks to Ms. Weadley for her creativity, extra set-up time, and commitment to making

PE a fun and accessible class for all of our students!



## 6th Grade Winter Olympics

6th grade Olympics kicked off this week with their opening ceremonies. It's awesome when the Ancient Greece unit matches up with the Winter Games!



## 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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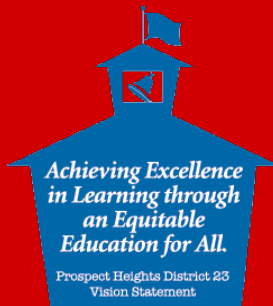


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