



Prospect Heights School District 23

March 16, 2018

Measuring What's Important

My wife and I recently repainted our basement with the exception of one post. The other three and all of the walls are now a beautiful shade of slate blue, or whatever color my wife says it is; but one post remains in the former beige. That post has the markings made each year for each of my four children's birthdays as we measured their height.

You may have a similar collection of measurements taken over time to mark the growth, progress, or change of significant events in your family's story. Pictures, videos, and other reminders help us to look back at the past and compare to our current condition. (When I look at photos of my younger self I often think, "what happened to that skinny kid?")

Each Spring, we assess growth and change across many dimensions of our organization: individual student performance, group or grade level performance, progress toward building or District goals, and reflection professional practice. Some of these assessments are formalized into State or standardized tests like PARCC or MAP while some of them build upon survey or reflective data.

We know that our testing data only reflects one portion of growth, just as height is only one measure of physical growth. We encourage you to remind your children to try their best on these tests and show everyone what they know; but also support them and praise them for being good and kind people, creative and collaborative thinkers, and always willing to keep trying, even when things are difficult.

While it is certainly important to see our student make progress academically, it is equally important to celebrate their growth as individuals.

Dr. Angelaccio

Upcoming Events



No School Tuesday,
3/20;

SPRING BREAK 3/26-3/30
Classes Resume Monday 4/2



2018-2019
Registration
Opens
April 9, 2018



Early Childhood Parent
Night @ Ike: March 10
6:00-7:00pm



Board of
Education
Meeting
Eisenhower School
April 11 - 7:00pm



Spanish Bilingual
Registration Night

Eisenhower School
4/12 3:00-7:00pm



Early Childhood
Screenings @ Ike: April
14
8:00am-3:00pm



Volunteer
Appreciation event @
MacArthur April 18 -
2:30pm

It is that time
of year!



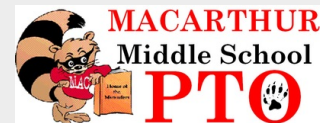
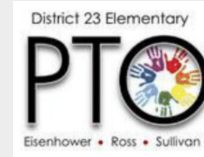
**Registration for
NEXT school year
opens
April 9, 2018**

Current D23 families will receive a letter
with a "snapcode" and the link to our
online registration right after spring
break!

Quick Links



[Visit the D23 website](#)



Board of Education - Meeting Highlights March 14, 2018

Congrats MacArthur IESA State Wrestlers

The Pledge of Allegiance was led this month by MacArthur wrestlers who competed in the IESA State Tournament this past week end. Congratulations to Alex Lucas, Breyden Smith, Jimmy Finnegan, Vincent Lazzara and Matthew Ilinykh.



Safety Review



Dr. Angelaccio provided an overview of current safety procedures and plans for ongoing enhancements. All District 23 schools participate in required Fire, Shelter-in-place (Tornado), and Intruder drills. In conjunction with the Prospect Heights Police and Fire Departments, these drills are monitored and performance is reviewed. Our buildings are secured with all access limited to the main offices, which are equipped with remote access and emergency response alarms. Heightened awareness of unusual or suspicious behavior can help to reduce risk. Compliance and patience with safety procedures, including showing ID and signing in at the office, helps us to build a culture of security and vigilance.

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.
- The Board discussed options for changes to the Student Activity fees and family "cap" for those who participate in extracurricular athletics and Vocal/Instrumental Music programs.



LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

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.

[Click here for the updated 2017-18 Calendar](#)

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 9th 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.

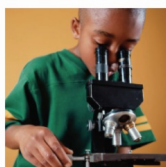
Step 2 - Payment of Fees: An invoice for fees related to registration and other selected items will be sent directly to all families in late June with a window for payment between July 1st - July 31st. A "Late Charge" for payments received outside of this window will be assessed to encourage timely payment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

NEXT REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.
Eisenhower Elementary School

Building Briefs

Science Showcase & Lurie's Fundraiser

Two exciting events are on the horizon at MacArthur. The D23 Science Showcase is open to all families and is a great way to engage in some fun learning experiences. Also, the MacArthur Student Senate has again organized a fund raiser to benefit Lurie's Children's Hospital and is hosting an Elementary vs. Middle School STAFF volleyball game. We hope you'll be able to join us for these events.



- Open to all families in D23
- Fun activities and demos
- Photo booth
- Win fabulous prizes
- Take home creations
- Drop in anytime you wish*

*elementary students with an adult



D23 Science Showcase



Hosted by MacArthur Middle School
In the Gym and Little Theater
Tuesday, April 3, 6:30-8:00 PM

The MacArthur science teachers invite all families from the district to come for an evening of fun for all ages. Special guests include the River Trails Nature Center, Wheeling High School Stellar Girls, The Wildstang Robotics Club, and Prospect Heights Natural Resource Commission.

MacArthur Student Senate's Sixth Annual Elementary vs. Middle School Staff Volleyball Game



Help us raise money for Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago!

Who: All District 23 families and friends

What: Watch as the elementary and middle school staff compete in a friendly volleyball game to raise money for a great cause!

When: Friday, April 27, 2018 from 7 to 9 pm
Doors open at 6:30 pm

Where: MacArthur Middle School

Activities: Staff Volleyball Game, Face Painting, Food, Photo Booth, Music, Raffles, Volleyball Challenges with Prizes, and more!!

*DJ, FOOD,
RAFFLES!*

Look for more information to come!!!
Questions, contact Melissa Joffe (mjoffe@d23.org)
or Meghan Kevil (mkevil@d23.org).



#Kindness @D23Sullivan

Sullivan teachers and students focus on actions and words that reflect kindness. They held an assembly and participated in activities in their classes to raise awareness of and practice the #kindness. [Read more here.](#)

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Art on Display at PHPL

Here's a look at some of the Ross students' artwork that was showcased at the Prospect Heights Public Library Youth Artist Reception. Students from all of the District 23 schools were selected to share samples of their work for display. Many thanks to our art teachers Mrs. Stoken, Mrs. Matthews, and Mrs. Hendricks.



Full STEAM Ahead...

Teachers at Eisenhower have been investigating new strategies and activities to introduce Science Technology Engineering Art and Math (STEAM) to our young learners.

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