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Spring 2015

The Schools of Prospect Heights District 23

Transitioning into the Digital Age in Education

by Dr. Don Angelaccio, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

A new, exciting chapter in the history of District 23 began in April when the Board of Education approved the Apple iPad leases and Technology Plan 2.0. We now have a vision for the integration of technology as a tool to transform teaching and learning in our classrooms!

Over the past two years, parent, teacher, community, and student representatives have contributed

to the comprehensive plan to provide an iPad to every student at MacArthur for the 2015-2016 school year, and increase the



technology available to students in all of the other buildings. Being mindful of limited resources, the plan will be implemented in three stages paired with an increase in student fees to ensure program sustainability.

This fall, additional information and support will

be provided to parents of MacArthur students to help with their important role in assisting their children with school work at home. As we transition into a new digital age in education, teachers and students will utilize these tools to increase engagement, creativity, and individualization

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of instruction while enhancing communication, collaboration, and connections to the community.

We encourage you to review the District's Technology 2.0 and 1:1 Implementation plans found on the Teaching Learning and Technology web

page at www.d23.org/TLT.aspx •

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Education for All.**

District 23 Vision Statement

Save the Date

November 7, 2015 for a multi-district, **FREE** learning event to support parents as we transition to a digital teaching and learning environment. More information to come this fall! •



Learning does not get a summer vacation!

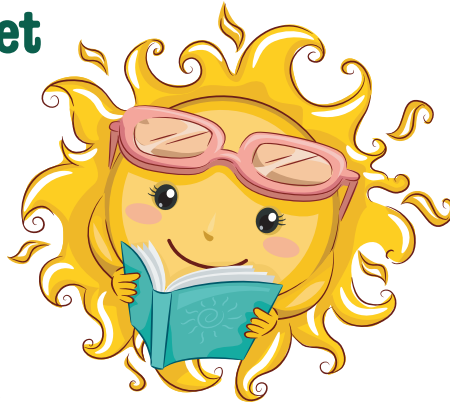
Again this summer, faculty from all four schools will be working with targeted students through a “Virtual Summer School” experience to continue their growth and learning. One of the greatest challenges at-risk students face is the “summer slide” or lost learning/skills from the previous school year. This often places them at a greater disadvantage when all students return to school in the fall. Research suggests that even simple learning activities can help students maintain their functioning over the summer break.

Students will be invited to participate in an online reading or math program that can be self-paced, but monitored by a faculty member. Through email and messaging within the system, teachers will support, encourage, and prompt students. Since the District already owns these subscriptions, putting them to good use over the summer is a value-added application.

We encourage all families to identify opportunities to cultivate your children’s learning over the summer months. Reading with your child, or having them read to you, is one of the simplest, yet most effective activities for skill development. If you are traveling or visiting zoos, museums, etc., engage your child in discussions by asking questions and motivating them to ask you some, too. Simple math in the grocery store is another way to keep your child’s skills sharp over the summer.

As adults we all remember and appreciate the fun that summer break provided and we certainly want our students and families to enjoy their time together. However, a few simple learning activities can really help to bridge these few months and reduce the “summer slide” effect.

Have a great summer! ●



Volunteer Appreciation

Volunteer Appreciation Week took place April 6th through April 12th this year. The Board of Education publicly recognized all the individuals who gave of their time and talents on behalf of the students and staff of School District 23 through a Board Resolution. Over the course of the school year, volunteers contribute to the success of our students. Without their help, many programs, events, and enrichment activities would not be possible. Their selflessness provides students with concrete examples of behavior that model service to community. Their efforts not only encourage and support the individuals they serve, but also motivate others to serve as well.

Thank you, volunteers!



Welcome, Micheal DeBartolo

As current Business Manager Luann Kolstad moves on to School District 64, Micheal DeBartolo will assume the responsibilities of Business Manager in District 23 beginning July 1. Micheal brings 15 years of school law experience to the position along with a reputation for being extremely bright, hard working, and personable.

“His unique experiences, skill sets, and personality will be an asset to the District,” said Superintendent Deb Wilson.

Welcome to the District 23 family, Micheal!



2015-2016 Budget

At the November 2014 Board of Education meeting, the administration presented the Enrollment Projections for the 2015-2016 school year. This marked the beginning of the administrations' work on the 2015-2016 budget. Following the Board's guidelines for classroom sizes, the administration developed the number of classrooms for each grade level also taking into account classroom needs for bilingual and special education self-contained classrooms. From this information, the administration is able to determine staffing requirements for the school year based on number of classrooms and specific student needs.

Once the enrollment, classroom and staffing projections are completed, more than half of the budget work is done. In early spring, administration is also working with different teams and departments on their specific needs ranging from curriculum, technology, building and grounds, transportation and other support services that all support the instructional program while staying within the Board's policy of maintaining a sound financial fund balance.

At the June 10, 2015 Board of the Education meeting, the Board will approve putting on display the 2015-2016 Tentative Budget. After approval, the budget will be posted on the District's website under the Business Office and a hard copy will be available to view at the District's Administration Offices. Work will continue on the budget refining revenue and expenditures as more information is received from local, state and government sources. The final budget adoption will occur at the September 9, 2015 Board of Education meeting. •



School Board Member Vacancy

The Prospect Heights District 23 Board of Education is seeking applications from individuals interested in filling a vacant seat on the Board. The individual selected will serve on the Board of Education until April 2017.

In accordance with the Illinois School Code, interested candidates must be United States citizens, at least 18 years of age, a resident of Illinois and District 23 for at least one year immediately preceding the appointment, and a registered voter. Those who are child sex offenders, hold another incompatible office, have a prohibited interest in any contract with the District, are a school trustee, or hold certain types of prohibited State or federal employment will not be considered.

Applications are available for download on the District website. Submit applications electronically to boe@d23.org or mail or deliver to Mari-Lynn Peters, School Board President, Prospect Heights School District 23, 700 Schoenbeck Road, Prospect Heights, IL 60070.

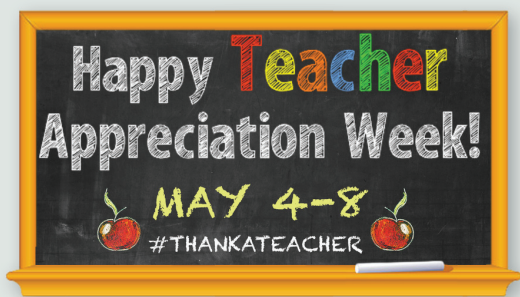
For more information, please call 847-870-5554. •



Professional Educators/ Staff Appreciation Week

As both a pillar of democracy and the cornerstone of American opportunity, education gives our children the tools to thrive in an increasingly competitive world. On May 5, the Board of Education recognized the importance of each member of our staff as part of Professional Educators / Staff Appreciation Week. These fine folks step up each and every day to fill a variety of roles that help our

students realize their full potential. We encourage the community to join us in celebrating our excellent staff members and taking time to acknowledge the positive role and impact they have on the lives of our students. •





Dwight D. Eisenhower School

Grades Pre-K to 1st

Earth Day

Eisenhower community members joined us on Wednesday, April 22nd for our Earth Day recycling craft projects. Staff, students, and community members donated a variety of recyclable materials to help teach our students the importance of caring for our community and reusing recyclable materials in artistic, meaningful, and useful ways. Learning to take care of our planet starts in our own community. More importantly, teaching our students to take an interest in their academic, social, and ecological future starts here and now. Helping them to examine new ways to problem-solve, collaborative, and be creative with recyclable materials will not only benefit their own generation, but all future generations. We hope you enjoy your child's classroom project and the knowledge that they are learning to care for their community.



Young Athletes Day

On May 20, 2015, in conjunction with Special Olympics Illinois, Mrs. Chrystyna Sroka, District 23 special education coordinator, is organizing Eisenhower School's fourth year of celebrating the Young Athletes program. This outstanding program acknowledges and celebrates the physical fitness activities and skills Ms. Jenna Samp, Eisenhower physical education teacher, has incorporated into our students' learning. The social/emotional and physical development the children have learned comes out in this wonderful culminating activity. With help from Eisenhower parent volunteers and students from MacArthur Middle School, our little Eagles will experience and cherish a lifelong memory of developing pride in their social/emotional and physical skill growth. We look forward to sharing this very special day with the Eisenhower community. ●



Betsy Ross School

Grades 2nd and 3rd

American Heart Association

During the month of February, Betsy Ross School raised money to benefit the American Heart Association through our annual Jump Rope for Heart campaign. The three week long campaign promotes a healthy lifestyle, while raising money for an extremely worthwhile cause. This year, we raised \$3,748.68.

Arbor Day Celebration

On Friday, April 24, a pair of 2nd grade classes (Levato/Murray) and a pair of 3rd grade classes (Strachn/Walsh) will be teamed up to sing a song and a present a skit for the Arlington Heights Park District as a part of their Arbor Day Celebration. The celebration, which was held at Patriot Park, is intended to recognize the many benefits of our area parks, as well as nature in general. ●





Anne Sullivan School

Grades 4th and 5th

We Day Illinois

Sullivan School was selected to be a part of We Day Illinois to celebrate all of the ways that we have been making a difference in the world as a school. Our Sullivan School Ambassadors and Faculty Advisors attended the celebration at the Allstate Arena on April 30 with thousands of students across the state of Illinois. Inspirational speakers were Martin Luther King III, Nelson Mandela's grandson, and Jennifer Hudson. It was a fabulous time for all the students. We are so proud of what they are doing to contribute to our world in a positive way. ●



Douglas MacArthur School

Grades 6th, 7th and 8th

Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital

Student Senate just completed our fundraiser for Ann & Robert H Lurie Children's Hospital. Students donated money for specific opportunities for raffle prizes. The raffles were prizes donated by staff members. Overall, we raised \$2200.00 for the charity and the students had a great time.



American Heart Association

In February, the girl's PE classes at MacArthur participated in the Jump Rope for Heart/ American Heart Association. The girls raised over 1,000.00 this year (6th/7th grade)!

Earth Squad

The Earth Squad raised money to "adopt" an endangered species from the World Wildlife Fund, planted and maintained the flower beds around MacArthur, worked at the Chicago River Days on May 9 picking up trash and pulling invasive plants from their gardens, collected old pairs of gym shoes for Chicago Textile Recycling to send shoes to countries that need them. ●



MacArthur Alumni



PERFECT ACT: Left to right are Hersey Associate Principal Joe Krajacic, Board member Jim Perkins, Hersey student and District 23 graduate Alexander Lundgren, Board President Bill Dussling and Superintendent Dave Schuler.

Registration and Student Fees 2015 -2016 School Year

Registration is in full swing for the For the 2015-2016 school year. Families have received a letter along with their Infosnap code to complete the registration process online. Registration fees for students in grades 1 - 8 have increased this year. The increases this year will be used to offset the costs associated with the increase in technological devices that will be available for student use in 2015-2016.

In the 21st century, the role and purpose of technology have dramatically shifted toward a fully integrated and seamless presence. For our students, technology devices have become the equalizer that provides access to information; the ability to collaborate, create, and connect with people throughout the world; and the opportunity for differentiation and personalization of education.

Beginning with our students at MacArthur Middle School in the 2015-16 school year, every student will be issued an iPad for use at school and at home for educational purposes. All of our other schools will see increases in the number of computers, laptops, and tablet devices next year.

The registration fees for 2015-2016 are as follows:



Grades 1 - 3: \$150.00.

Grades 4 - 5: \$175.00.

Grades 6 - 8: \$250.00.

(Includes a \$30 student protection plan for iPad)



Kindergarten registration also continues during the month of May. Please call Eisenhower school at 847-870-3875 to inquire about the registration process. ●

Business Manager, Luann Kolstad, honored for service to IASBO.

Mrs. Luann Kolstad, business manager for Prospect Heights District 23 and the Prospect Heights School Board, were recently honored by IASBO, the Illinois Association of School Business Officials. Mrs. Kolstad has served on the IASBO Board for the past three years. IASBO presented a \$1,000 donation to the Bill Caputo scholarship foundation made in her name, as well as Prospect Heights School District 23.

Dr. Jacoby, the Director of IASBO presented the check to Mrs. Kolstad on behalf of the scholarship at the May 13th School Board meeting. ●



Summer Reading

Indian Trails Library

Get ready to test your "superhero" powers with the Summer Reading Program. Complete a level and earn great prizes.

Even the littlest heroes can participate when a parent or caregiver reads with or to them. Register in Person at Indian Trails Library, 355 Schoenbeck Rd., beginning June 13. For all ages, residency not required.



Kick-Off Day

Saturday, June 13, 10-4

Register for the Summer Reading Program and stay for a day of fun activities. Visit www.itpld.org to begin your adventure! ●

Prospect Hts. Library

The Prospect Heights Library is working to pre-register every student in District 23 for the summer reading program.

Complete different activities to receive stamps. Collect stamps to exchange for free books and raffle tickets.

Paws to Read

Preregistration June 1 through June 8. Program begins June 9

We are excited to support and collaborate with the Prospect Heights Library to encourage and promote summer reading. ●

Congratulations, Class of 2015!

By providing diverse opportunities in academics, fine arts, and athletics, we strive to guide the students who travel the hallways of our schools on a path to becoming lifelong learners and leaders. District 23 is a better place because of the outstanding contributions of these young people. The six students highlighted here represent the true heart and soul of our District through their varied accomplishments and special memories of their time with us. As you move on to high school, we wish all our graduates continued success. ●



Nubia Denekeew

Nubia Denekeew has all of the qualities an outstanding student should possess. She is polite, trustworthy, responsible, and heavily involved in MacArthur life. During her three years with us she has been involved in many extracurricular activities including participation as a percussionist in the band and orchestra. Nubia is an achiever, and this is demonstrated by her membership in the Mac Allies. This leadership group presented various times throughout the year and Nubia's presence and dedication was invaluable. She was also a two-year member of the MacArthur volleyball team and a key contributor in the team's achievements during both her 7th and 8th grade years. Nubia is a wonderful young woman. Her dedication is also demonstrated in academics by her three-year membership in the "Honor Society". When her teachers were asked to describe her, phrases such as well informed, always volunteers, a natural leader were commonly heard. It is true. Nubia is a thoughtful, conscientious young woman who brings a smile to everyone's face. Her high school teachers and coaches will certainly smile when they discover what a rare and wonderful young person they have in their mist. Nubia plans to continue playing volleyball in high school. She also is looking forward to taking debate which will help her as she plans to move toward a career in law. ●



Natalia Janiszewski

Try to pick one word to define Natalia Janiszewski. It's a hard thing to do. Instead it is a lot easier to describe her infectious personality by saying that she is positive, friendly, outgoing, studious, involved, and a leader. She always strives to be the best that she can be whether it is in any of her activities or in the classroom. She was a member of track all three years at Mac, basketball in 7th grade, Poms in 8th grade and the leadership group, Mac Allies in 8th grade. Natalia is very proud of her good grades and graduating from middle school. As she should be since she was a member of Honor Society all three years at MacArthur. When Natalia leaves the halls of District 23 and heads off to Hersey High School, she said that she will miss her class since they have been together for so long. Natalia describes her favorite aspect of Mac as "being able to be so comfortable around everyone" since it is such a "cheerful environment." At Hersey, Natalia strives to be successful in obtaining a scholarship for college and hopes to be a member of the cheer squad for all four years. Teachers will miss her leadership, determination and hard working attitude. We wish Natalia Janiszewski the best of luck in her high school career and beyond. ●



Anna Markevych

Anna has flourished during her academic career in District 23. Her journey began in preschool at Betsy Ross and progressed through Eisenhower, Sullivan, and MacArthur. She has collected many fond memories with her classmates throughout the years, but most memorable are the fun field trips, outdoor field days, and just hanging out with friends. Anna is a well-rounded individual who shows dedication and amazing work ethic. She works hard to achieve the high level of expectations that she sets for herself. All of her hard work has definitely paid off. Not only has Anna been a member of the Honor Society since sixth grade, she has also achieved success in the Arts and Athletics. A few of the activities that Anna enjoys include: band, poms, volleyball, and art. Anna is excited for her new adventure at Hersey. She hopes to expand her horizons and discover new interests while continuing to develop her current ones. Anna plans on joining the Hersey band and is interested in joining badminton. Although she is not certain the exact career she would like to pursue, she is interested in exploring careers in the medical field. We wish her much success in her future endeavors and know that she will achieve great things ahead. ●



Sarah Meierdirks

Sarah always has a smile on her face and a book in her hand. Her teachers consider her a polite, respectful and honest student who tries her best in all that she does. Not only does Sarah have a kind heart, but she is also an outstanding student who prides herself on putting forth effort on all her schoolwork. This dedication has earned Sarah a place in the Honor Society for 6th, 7th and 8th grade. On top of all these things, Sarah has been active in extracurricular activities throughout her years at MacArthur. She has been a member of orchestra, choir, Poms, earth squad, the school play, the school newspaper, and creativity club. Sarah will be attending Wheeling High School in the fall and is looking forward to participating in the orchesis program and getting a chance to try all the other extra curricular activities that are offered. She will miss all the teachers at MacArthur because they have been so supportive and helpful to her these past three years. Sarah exemplifies all the qualities of a "MAC"nificant Marauder, and we are all sad to see her leave but have no doubt she will do great things in high school and beyond. ●



Jakub Migus

The best way to describe Jakub's involvement within MacArthur Middle School is as a leader. Every day in the classroom, Jakub's positive demeanor shines through. He always greets people with a smile, and is very excited and ready to start each class period. Jakub always thinks of the good in every situation. His determination and work ethic is shown through his work both in and out of the classroom. Not only does Jakub work well with his peers, but he also builds positive relationships with them outside the classroom. He is not afraid to meet new friends, and is attentive to others' ideas. His peers often see Jakub as the student they can turn to when they have a question. While Jakub has always enjoyed a successful academic career, he also leads an active extracurricular life. Over the past three years, Jakub has been involved in the Cross Country Team, the Volleyball Team, the Basketball Team, and Band. Both in and out of the classroom, Jakub has involved himself with MacArthur. He has also been involved with MacArthur's Honor Society for all three years. Without a doubt, Jakub is a great student leader at MacArthur Middle School. His drive will lead to great success, and I know he will continue to be a high achiever with anything he is involved in. ●



Ryan Szymanski


Having spent his entire education in District 23, Ryan Szymanski has had quite a polished experience. While back in elementary school, Ryan was your typical young boy playing soccer at recess, hockey outside of school and starting his band career by learning to play the trombone. As the years progressed, and he entered middle school, Ryan expanded his list of activities to such areas as theater, participating in the performances of "Little Mermaid" and "Wonderland". He has been a member of the wrestling team for three years and he has also participated in cross-country. Ryan's shining moments have also been in band, where he has quite the stellar resume. He has been a member of the jazz band for both his 7th and 8th grade years. He participated in the District IMEA competition making the 1st band, 1st chair. He participated in the Solo Ensemble ranking "One Plus" during 7th grade and ranking "One" in 8th grade. Ryan has also been a member of the Honor Society for all three of his years at MacArthur Middle School. These accomplishments are wonderful and extensive, but Ryan's best attributes are his warm personality, his captivating smile and humor and his eagerness to learn and excel academically. Ryan is an outstanding young man who will flourish in high school and most certainly succeed in life. ●




Employee Awards

At the end of each school year, the Board of Education recognizes service milestones and honors retirees. In 2015, we salute the following dedicated individuals for their important contributions to the success of our schools

 **40 Years:** Katy Crowley Bauman

 **20 Years:** Amy Caspari

 **10 Years:** Kim Basile, Larry Czarkowski, Gwen Fialkowski, Melissa Joffe, Susan Koepke, Mary Beth McWilliams, Susan Peckworth, Stephanie Ritter, Gail Rollefson, Amy Rozner, Maria Stavropoulos, Nadine Ubert •

Congratulations, Principal Lee!

District 23's very own

Steve Lee was named 2015-2016 Middle School Principal of the Year by

Horace Mann and the Illinois Principals Association (IPA).

The award acknowledges Lee's outstanding contributions to his students and learning community.

"I believe my ability to recognize a need and then work collaboratively to resolve the need has been one of my biggest strengths as an administrator," said Lee.

Criteria for the award includes demonstrating a positive impact on education and advocacy for children, ensuring the school climate is positive and reflects high staff and student morale, and showing creativity and imagination in bringing about positive change.

An active member of the IPA for 25 years, Lee has served as principal for 14 years. He will be recognized for his accomplishment at the association's annual fall conference in Peoria in October and will receive a \$1,000 honorarium. •



Retirees

This year, District 23 honors three very special people whose combined service totals 106 years! We are forever grateful for the positive impact you have had on our staff and students. We wish you all the best in your retirement.



Katy Crowley Bauman, Eisenhower Teacher, 40 years
Katy was hired in August 1975 as a first-grade teacher at Ross. When the District transitioned to grade level centers, Katy moved to Eisenhower School. Katy received her Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Illinois University and earned a Master of Arts from Northeastern Illinois University. Thank you for 40 years of dedication to the District, Katy!

Jamie Morris, MacArthur Special Education Teacher, 34 years — Jamie was hired in August 1981 as a Special Education teacher at MacArthur. Jamie received her Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts degrees from Illinois State University. She spent her entire career at Mac! Thank you for your 34 years of service to District 23, Jamie!

Julie Ryan, Bookkeeping/Payroll, 33 years
Julie was hired in June 1982 as the District's bookkeeper in charge of payroll. Thank you for all you have done for District 23, Julie! •



Summer Construction at Eisenhower:

At the February 23, 2015 Board of Education Meeting contracts were awarded for the summer 2015 Eisenhower Geothermal Construction Project. The following contracts were awarded:

- Mechanical **F.E. Moran**
- Electrical **Richmond Electric**
- Flooring **Superior Corporation**
- General **Frontier Construction**
- Controls **Honeywell International**
- Asbestos Abatement **Environmental Assurance, LLC (EA)**

Studio GC, the District's architect of record, will provide construction management services for the project. United Analytical will provide project management and air sampling services for the



asbestos abatement project. Overhead mechanical work in the gymnasium took place over spring break 2015 which will allow the District to use most of the gym floor space for storage of classroom and office items during construction.

Contractors will begin disassembling mechanical units such as the boiler as soon as the heat can safely be turned off. Removal of the chiller and classroom unit ventilators will begin after students are dismissed for the summer. Asbestos abatement will begin on Sunday, June 7, 2015 to be completed by

Sunday, June 14, 2015, turning the building then back over to the other contractors to

complete their work with substantial completion scheduled for August 14, 2015.

As always with school summer construction, we have a very short window to complete the project before staff and students return in August. •

Upcoming Events

- May 25 . . . **No School**, Memorial Day
- May 29 . . . **Last Day of Early Childhood Classes**
- June 3 . . . **8th Grade Promotion**, 7 pm, Wheeling High School
- June 5 . . . **Last Day of Classes**
- June 10 . . Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm
- July 8 . . . Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm
- Aug. 12 . . Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm
- Aug. 24 . . **No School**, Teacher Institute Day
- Aug. 25 . . **No School**, Teacher Institute Day
- Aug. 26 . . **First Day of Classes**
- Sept. 2 . . . **First Day of Kindergarten & Early Childhood**
- Sept. 7 . . . **No School**, Labor Day
- Sept. 9 . . . Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm
- Sept. 23 . . **No School**, Non-attendance Day
- Oct. 7 . . . Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm
- Oct. 12 . . . **No School**, Columbus Day •

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