

2016-2017 District Budget

The budget process begins by estimating enrollment for the upcoming school year. The projections for the 2016-2017 school year were presented at the November 2015 Board of Education meeting.

By following the Board guidelines for classroom sizes, the administration is able to establish the number of sections required for each grade level, taking into account classroom needs for bilingual and special education. With this information, the staffing requirements for the school year are determined

based on number of classrooms and specific student needs. More than half the budget work is completed once enrollment and classroom and staffing projections have been ascertained.

In early spring, the administration meets with various teams and departments to focus on their specific needs in regard to curriculum, technology, building and grounds, transportation and

other services that support the instructional program. All budgeted items must fit within the Board's policy of maintaining a sound financial fund balance.

The Board of Education will approve a tentative budget for the 2016-2017 school year at the June meeting. Once approved, the budget will be posted on the District website under the Business Office; a hard copy will be available at the Administration offices.

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Revenue and expenditures will continue to be refined as local, state and government sources release additional information. The final budget will be adopted at the August Board of Education meeting. ●

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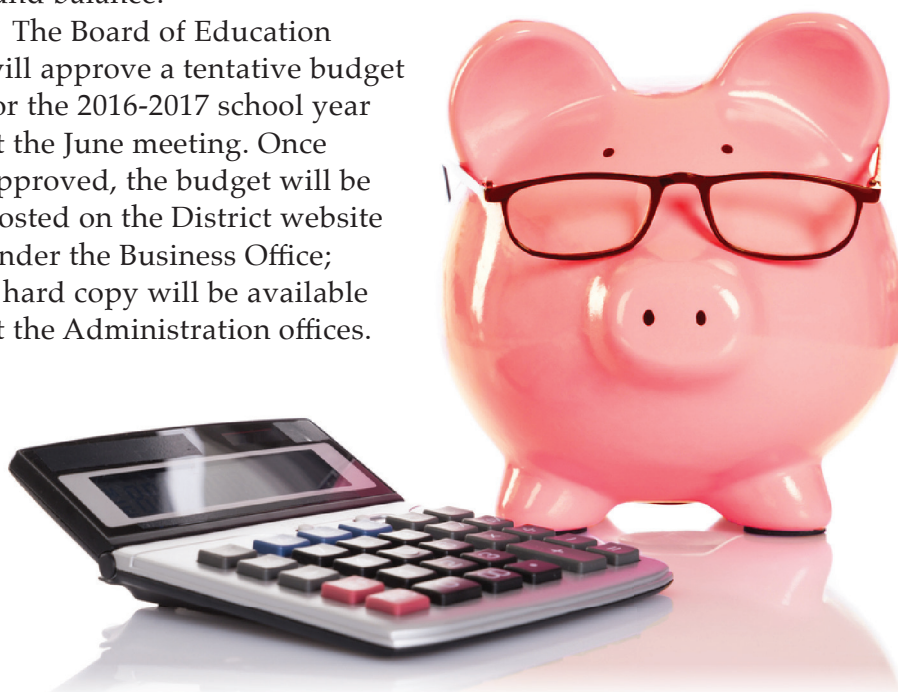
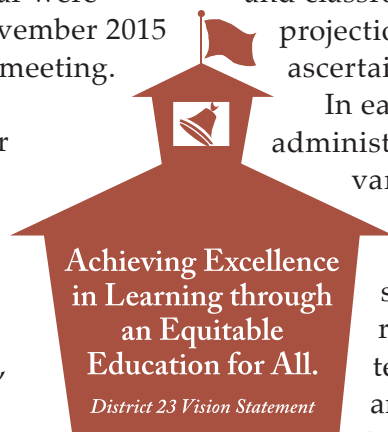
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Summertime Learning!

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 returning to school in the fall. Research suggests that even simple learning activities can help students maintain their functioning over the long break. As you plan your child’s summer, consider some of the following activities.

Sign up for the summer reading program at the Prospect Heights Library or the Indian Trails Library. (Your child is preregistered at the Prospect Heights Library.)



- **Go for walks to explore your neighborhood.**
- **Visit zoos, museums, or free exhibits and engage your child in discussion by asking questions and motivating them to ask you questions as well.**
- **Read with your child, or have them read to you. This is one of the simplest, yet most effective, activities for skill development.**
- **Engage your child in simple math activities at the grocery store.**

For more summer activities, visit the following websites:

- **www.phpl.info**
- **www.indiantrailslibrary.org**
- **www.educationworld.com/a_curr/profdev073.shtml**
- **www.wonderopolis.org**
- **www.readingrockets.org/article/get-ready-summer-ideas-teachers-share-families** ●



Curriculum Corner

by Dr. Don Angelaccio
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Sullivan Tech Initiative

When the fourth and fifth graders return to Anne Sullivan School this fall, they will join the MacArthur middle-school students in transforming their education through the use of technology.

After a successful launch and first year, we continue to reflect on and refine our implementation and use of the iPad as a tool to enhance teaching and learning. Over the past two years, our faculty and administrators have engaged in exploration, experimentation, and application of new strategies to help us improve instruction.

As we prepare for 1:1 devices at Anne Sullivan, the District 23 Teaching Learning and Technology Committee has been working to meet the unique developmental needs of our



intermediate students.

We have engaged in focus group conversations with parents, students and faculty, collected survey data, and reflected upon the day-to-day experiences of our students. We continue

to improve our process and are committed to providing the very best to the students and families of our learning community.

We believe that it is our responsibility to prepare students for THEIR future, not our past. We must help them become responsible citizens who use the tools and information that is at their fingertips in thoughtful and discerning ways. In a rapidly changing, highly engaging culture, this requires us to provide our students with the academic foundation, social empathy, and technology skills to lead throughout the 21st century. ●



We Appreciate Our Staff!

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 4, the Board of Education recognized the importance of each member of our staff as part of Professional Educators / Staff Appreciation Week. These dedicated individuals step up each and every day to fill a myriad of roles that help our students realize their full potential. We encourage the community to join us in celebrating our excellent staff; take time to acknowledge the positive role and impact they have on the lives of our students.

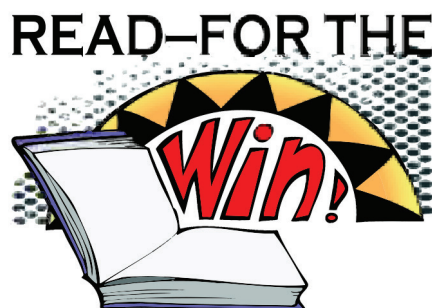
Thank you, District 23 staff members! ●

Ready for the Win!

District 23 is collaborating with the Prospect Heights Library to encourage and promote reading over the summer months. The library is working to automatically pre-register every student in District 23 for the summer reading program.

The Summer Reading Club "Read for the Win!" officially begins June 6 and continues through July 30. Every District 23 student will have a Reading Club card on file at the library. Visit the library each week to get your Reading Club card stamped at the Youth Services desk. Get free books, prizes, and coupons just for visiting the library.

Earn extra grand prize raffle tickets by completing bonus activities. On vacation? Snap a photo and email it to the library; the librarian will stamp your card. Get all the details at the Prospect Heights Library or go to www.phpl.info. ●



Thank You, Volunteers!

District 23 is extremely fortunate to have an outstanding group of individuals who give of their time and talents on behalf of the students and staff over the course of the school year. Without their help, many programs, events and enrichment activities would not be possible. In addition, their efforts provide an excellent example of community service for our students as well as motivate others to get involved.

Volunteer Appreciation Week took place April 10-16 to honor those who donate countless hours to help others. At the April Board meeting, the District 23 Board of Education publicly recognized the positive impact volunteers in our schools have on the success of the students. ●





Dwight D. Eisenhower School

Grades Pre-K to 1st

Special Olympics YOUNG ATHLETES

For the past six years, the early childhood, kindergarten, and first-grade classes at Eisenhower School have participated in the Young Athletes program offered through Special Olympics Illinois. This is the fourth year that MacArthur Middle School students have volunteered.

This all-inclusive sports-play program for children with developmental delays and their typically developing peers is designed to introduce those, ages 2-7 years, to the world of sports. The culmination of the program is Young Athletes Day, which, this year, will take place at Eisenhower School on Monday, May 23. The morning session runs from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.; the afternoon session is from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. This fun-filled, end-of-year event is an opportunity to showcase the program and the skills students have gained through their participation.

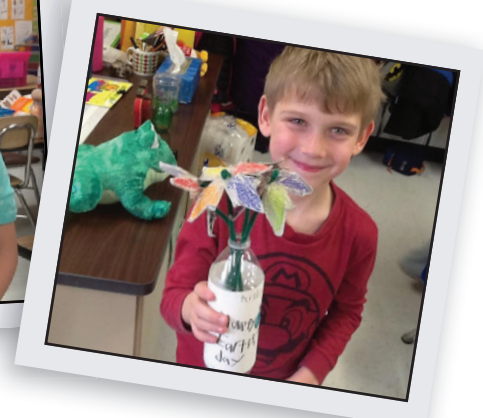
Young Athletes has proven to be enormously beneficial on multiple levels to our youngest students. The activities help children improve physically, developmentally and socially through two specific levels of play. Level 1 includes physical activities focused on developing fundamental motor tracking and hand-eye coordination. Level 2 concentrates on the application of these physical activities through a sports skills activity program.. Foundational skills like walking and running, balancing and jumping, trapping and catching, throwing, striking, and kicking as well as more advanced skills, are addressed. The curriculum provided with the program is aligned with the Illinois Early Learning Standards and the developing skills are consistent with Special Olympics sports play. Young Athletes also encourages the inclusion of students of all ability levels to work together and compete at their individual levels.

Young Athletes is coordinated by Chrystyna Sroka, District 23 Special Education Coordinator, Luke Lambatos, Eisenhower Principal, and Jenna Samp, Eisenhower P.E. Teacher. ●



Eisenhower Celebrates Earth Day

Eisenhower students participated in the school's annual Earth Day Recycling Project by bringing in a variety of cardboard and plastic materials. With the support of parent volunteers, each class developed their own projects and ideas. Mrs. Grischow's class relied on their imagination to utilize the recyclables, while Mrs. Tomasik's class turned paper-roll dowels into beautiful flowers and butterflies. Thank you to all the volunteers for making this a special day of creativity and innovation for our students. ●





Anne Sullivan School

Grades 4th and 5th

Representative Harris observes technology in our classes

Representative David Harris recently visited Sullivan School and toured fourth- and fifth-grade classrooms to see first hand how the students are using technology to improve the learning process. In one classroom, students were online in a video connection with a meteorologist from El Paso, Texas, and seven other classrooms around the nation learning about weather formations. Representative Harris was invited by Miss Funk and several of her Sullivan students when they visited the State Capitol last year to participate in Technology 2015, a display of how students from around the State employ technology in their learning.

"It was an informative and exciting visit," said Harris, "and I compliment the principal and teachers for their creative use of current technology as an important tool in students' learning." •



Douglas MacArthur School

Grades 6th, 7th and 8th

Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital

The third annual Charity Basketball Game between the MacArthur Middle School staff and the Eisenhower/Ross/Sullivan elementary school staffs was held on April 1 at Hersey High School. The friendly, yet competitive, game is always an entertaining event for the District 23 community. The Mac Student Senate, under the guidance of sponsors Mrs. Melissa Joffe and Mrs. Megan Kevil, organize and run all the family activities that take place before, during and after the game. This year, ticket sales, concessions, silent auctions and donations totaled approximately \$4000. All proceeds benefit the Ann and Robert Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago and their efforts to support children in serious medical need. •



St. Baldrick's Fundraising Event

This year, Mark Atkinson, MacArthur Grade 7 teacher, and Patti Walsh, Ross Grade 2 teacher, organized and ran the St. Baldrick's Fundraiser to include all the schools and children in District 23. T-shirts were sold and donations accepted in advance of the event. At the spring fundraiser, 35 students, 5 alumni, 15 staff members and 6 parents volunteered to shave their heads in solidarity with children who are going through cancer treatments. With the support of students, parents, and staff, the District donated \$14,000 to pediatric cancer research. •



Congratulations, Class of 2016!

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. •



Nikhil Roy

Nikhil Roy has lived in the area and attended D23 schools throughout his life; he is no stranger to District staff, teachers and many community members. Nikhil is active at his church, playing a critical role behind the scenes during the church play. He also has been taking TaeKwan-Do for the past six years. This year, Nikhil made the boys basketball team and also will be participating in track. While he excels at all these activities, what really makes Nikhil stand out is his demeanor in class and at school. Always one to exhibit a polite smile and a respectable presence, Nikhil actively participates in class, asking thoughtful questions and soaking up as much knowledge as possible. He craves learning! Nikhil is the type of student that makes teaching a pleasure. He will be attending John Hersey High School, where, amongst other studies, he will be taking AP History and AP Math. Nikhil also has his ambitions set high, as he plans to study and become a doctor of medicine! This will be a challenging dream, but if any one can do it, it will be Nikhil. Good luck and success, Nikhil, in your future studies, career and happiness. •



Francesca Young

Francesca Young represents one of MacArthur's most outstanding students. She is a dedicated, trustworthy, responsible girl who is very involved in school life. She always goes the extra mile to achieve her potential. During her three years at Mac, she has been involved in many extra curricular activities including Club Unify, poms and track. She also plays viola and is an integral part of MacArthur's award-winning orchestra. Along with all her extracurricular activities, she has been able to maintain a high grade-point average and is a three-year member of the honor society. Outside of school, Francesca is an accomplished dancer and hopes to follow her passion as she moves into high school. We wish you the very best, Francesca, as you transition into high school and beyond. We know you will be successful. •



Bill Seagraves

Bill Seagraves can always be counted on to exceed expectations both in and out of the classroom. His internal drive encourages him to seek out knowledge through as many facets as possible.



Dedication to schoolwork has earned Bill a place in the Honor Society for sixth, seventh, and eighth grades. While Bill always has enjoyed a successful academic career, he also leads an active extracurricular life. Over the past three years, Bill has been involved in cross country as a three-year runner and a two-year player on the Mac basketball team. In addition to these activities, Bill also is very active in baseball. While successful in academics and activities, students and staff alike are drawn to his wonderful attitude. A serious student, he also knows how to kick back and have fun. Whether in big or small groups, Bill's sense of humor and humble approach have made him a welcome addition to the school community. As graduation approaches and high school looms, his teachers are sad to see Bill go but excited at the potential and possibilities that await him. Once Bill chooses a path, his character and work ethic will lead him to success. Bill is interested in exploring careers related to crime cases/investigation and sports broadcasting. At Hersey High School, he plans to continue with baseball and basketball, and possibly cross country. He will continue taking Spanish classes as well as trying an auto mechanic class. As he continues to explore new and diverse interests, we wish him the best of luck in the years to come. ●

Emily Torchalski

Emily Torchalski is the kind of student every teacher wants to have in class. A fun loving, positive and overall happy person, she goes above and beyond what is expected. Her quiet, yet charming, personality brings a fresh perspective to virtually every situation. Her smile radiates throughout the halls, and she truly is liked by all of her classmates and the school staff. Throughout her years at Mac, Emily has showcased her talents in multiple ways. One of Emily's most recognizable successes has been her vocal contributions to the MacArthur Chorus for the past two years. When not studying hard in her classes or contributing to the musical scene, Emily pursues many outside interests. She has been playing the piano since third grade and also has been a pivotal part of her travel soccer team, one passion she hopes to continue in high school. These extracurricular activities make Emily a very well-rounded individual and reflect in her outstanding class participation. Her teachers say she is a vital asset to classroom discussions and activities. She is open to suggestions and ideas and is always willing to lend a helping hand. She proved how capable she is of balancing all of her activities with academics by being a part of the Honor Society all three years. As excited as Emily is for high school, she is still grateful for her years in District 23. When asked what she will miss most of all, she replied, "I will miss all of the friends I have made. I will miss the teachers, too." Emily will attend Wheeling High School this fall where she hopes to continue her successful educational career as well as try out for various sports and explore classes that fuel her enjoyment of baking. All the best, Emily! ●



Molly McKavanagh

Molly McKavanagh is an individual who always strives to reach her goals, whether academic, musical, social or athletic. Throughout her tenure at MacArthur, Molly has participated in numerous activities. She was a member of choir, dance club, and both the seventh- and eighth-grade pom squads. Her determination and perseverance to always do her best allowed her to be an Honor Society member (her greatest accomplishment at Mac) all three of her middle-school years. When asked about her favorite memories at MacArthur, she responded by including the PARR assemblies always finding them to be fun and energetic; basketball games since she was able to perform with her friends on poms, and going to Great America with choir and spending the day in the park with all of her friends. Molly is going to miss her “exploratory classes the most because those are activities you don’t get a chance to do anywhere else.” Teachers and students alike look to Molly for her leadership skills. She is always one to go above and beyond what is expected of her, whether it is reading a new novel for pleasure, emailing teachers to clarify homework, helping a friend learn a new dance move for poms, or just listening to a friend’s problems. As she reflects on her time at Mac and District 23, she remembers an “environment where there is a lot of positivity and encouragement about things.” Molly’s advice to future Mac students is to not “be afraid to do a sport or club because you have to try out for it. You have a better chance than you think.” Molly is well respected by her teachers who say she was a pleasure to have in class and an honor to know. Best of luck in your future at Hersey and beyond, Molly. We know you will go far and do amazing things in life. ●



Ria Patel

Ria Patel has explored many interests and discovered her passion for athletics during her journey through District 23. Starting kindergarten at Ross, Ria was excited to make new friends some of whom she has been with all nine years. Looking back on her adventures, Ria fondly recalls the fun times she’s had with her classmates, including the Heritage project in fifth grade, the rock climbing field trip in seventh grade, and the State fair booths in eighth grade. Ria’s dedication to her education is apparent in her work ethic and high level of expectations she sets for herself. All of her hard work paid off as evidenced by her membership in the Honor Society since sixth grade and her tremendous success in extra curricular athletics. Not only did she join volleyball, basketball, track, and cross-country at MacArthur, Ria also participated in an outside volleyball club and travel softball team. Ria’s interest in extracurricular activities may have begun in kindergarten when she joined the Girl Scouts, but she plans on continuing her involvement next year at Hersey. She is interested in joining the debate club along with softball and volleyball. In addition, she hopes to pursue a career as a lawyer and is interested in taking Hersey’s American Law and Personal Finance classes. Ria has demonstrated that she possesses the necessary skills to face the challenges of the future. Her teachers are proud of her determination and achievements and know great things are ahead for her! ●



Retirees

This year, District 23 honors three very special people whose combined service totals 59 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.



Karen Bell, Ross Teacher, 24 years

Karen was hired in 1992 as an LD Resource teacher. A year later, she became a third-grade classroom teacher at Sullivan. When the District transitioned to grade level centers, Karen continued teaching third graders but moved her classroom to Ross School. Thank you for 24 years of dedication to the District, Karen!

Luis Ibarra, Sullivan Custodian, 24 years

Luis joined the custodial staff in 1991 working nights at Eisenhower until 2000 when he switched to days. During 2006, Luis worked at both Eisenhower and Sullivan. The following year, he became the day custodian at Sullivan until he retired in December 2015. Thank you for your 24 years of service to District 23, Luis!

Carolyn Ranieri, Senior Technology Specialist, 11 years

Carolyn came to District 23 from Wheeling High School in 2004. She was the Technology Coordinator for five years before she moved to an administrative position as Director of Technology. When the department was revamped in 2014, Carolyn served as Senior Technology Specialist. Thank you for all you have done for District 23, Carolyn! ●

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.



35 Years: Marlys Jenkins, Cathy Weadley



20 Years: Gail Anderson, Betsy Yager



10 Years: Rick Ewanio Jr., Ana Guerra, Meghan Kevil, Carly Kolometz, Cheryl Kreiman, Ani Magid, Julie Mullaney, Dan Perillo, Jeni Teramoto, Margaret Tomasik ●



Register your child today!

It's time to register your child for the 2016-2017 school year. To complete the process online, please refer to the registration letter for your Infosnap code.

The role and purpose of technology have dramatically shifted toward a fully integrated and seamless presence in our lives. 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.

At MacArthur Middle School, every student in grades six through eight is issued an iPad for use at school and at home; this allows us to continue to provide a one-on-one learning environment that is available 24/7. Anne Sullivan students are provided with iPads for educational purposes at the beginning of the school year. As the year progresses and routines and rules are established, students in grades four and five also will be permitted to take the devices home.

Kindergarten registration also continues through



the month of May. Please call Eisenhower School at 847-870-3875 to inquire about the registration process. For questions regarding registration during the summer, or if you wish to make an appointment to register your child, please call 847-870-5554 and speak with Nancy Sorensen.

Registration fees for 2016-2017 are:

Grades 1 - 3: \$150

Grades 4 - 5: \$225

(Includes \$30 student protection plan for 1:1 iPads.)

Grades 6 - 8: \$280

(Includes \$30 student protection plan for 1:1 iPads.) ●

Upcoming Events

June 3... **Last Day** of Early Childhood Classes

June 8... **8th Grade Promotion**, 7 pm, Hersey H. S.

June 10... **Last Day** of Classes

June 15... Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm

July 13... Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm

Aug. 10... Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm

Aug. 22... **No School**, Teacher Institute Day

Aug. 23... **First Day** of Classes

Aug. 30... **First Day** of Kindergarten & Early Childhood

Sept. 5... **No School**, Labor Day

Sept. 14... Board of Education Meeting, 7 pm

Oct. 3... **No School**, Non-attendance Day

Oct. 10... **No School**, Columbus Day

Oct. 11... **No School**, Teacher Institute Day

Oct. 12... **No School**, Non-attendance Day ●

The School Scene

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