



Welcome to our district's Employee Newsletter!
These bits of quick information, announcements and links will help keep you informed!

SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

Please submit content for Friday Updates to:
communications@sd308.org or through this [link](#)....thank you!

February 5, 2021
#TogetherWeGotThis

Black History Month (February)

History is often reduced to a handful of memorable moments and events. In Black history, those events often include courageous stories like those of The Underground Railroad and historic moments like the famous "I Have a Dream" speech by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. But these are only a few of the significant and important events to know and remember.

In an effort to honor this expansive and growing history, Black History Month was established by way of a weekly celebration in February known as "Negro History Week" by historian Carter G. Woodson. But just as Black history is more than a month, so too are the numerous events and figures that are often overlooked during it. Check out [this list of some of those "lesser known" moments and facts](#) in Black history.

American Heart Month (February)

If you missed the tee shirt deadline, but would still like to donate to the American Heart Association, you can do so by clicking [here](#). Cardiovascular disease claims the lives of **1 in 3** women. Nearly 80% of cardiac events can be prevented. Cardiovascular diseases continue to be women's greatest health threat. That is why we **#GoRed**.

KCCFP - Oswego Satellite Food Pantry

The Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Oswego Satellite Location (61 Franklin Street, Oswego) will again be open to those who have a need for supplemental food who live in the SD 308 boundaries or have a Kendall County Zip Code **tonight, Friday, February 5th** (6:00pm-7:30pm). Please enter off Franklin Street.

COVID-19 Information

- **All staff members are expected to socially distance at least six feet from each other.**
- **Report! (Step 1)** - Staff or students reporting symptoms, exposure, or a positive case must use the District [COVID Reporting Form](#) to communicate this information to the district.
- **Vaccine** - This Sunday more than 1,200 staff members from SD308 are taking part in a vaccine clinic offered by the Kendall Co Health Department. There are several shifts still open for [volunteering at this important community event](#).

Phase 2

The next phase of our Reopening Plan begins on Feb.16. Schedule information can be found on the [district website](#). For a summary of this phase, [click here](#).

5Essentials is Underway

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey for students and [teachers](#) will be conducted February 3 through April 2. The [Parent Survey Supplement](#) will be conducted during that same timeframe. For more

information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, or to view previous years' Reports, please visit <https://www.5-essentials.org/illinois>.

PRIDE

The PRIDE "WheelofName" random drawings for our February Teacher and Employee PRIDE winners will take place on Wednesday, February 17th at 4:00pm on the district's facebook page. Congratulations to the following **teachers** who were submitted as their buildings February PRIDE nominees:

Amy Truemper (BE), Ali Wooden (BH), Kim Rasich (BR), Tom Clason (CH), William Confiliano (EVA), Samantha England (FC), Ashley Porras (GP), Karen Jordan (HM), Gina Gordey (HC), Kris Murgas (LC), Mindy Albrecht (LB), Brian Falli (MU), Renee Retterer (OP), Amy Regas (OE), Colleen Predl (OH), Stan Brown (PL), Lisa Bartik (PT), Amanda Jungels (SB), Suzie Randazzo (TW), Kristin Harper (TH), Lisa Hrouda (Transition), Shannon Minneci (TR), Amanda Wozniak (WC).

The employees who were nominated last month by their buildings in January (and were not drawn) will be again on the "WheelofName" for February for a second chance at winning.

Our February **employees** are: Rosa Restivo (BE), Maria Latuzsek (BH), Zelijka Borosa-Rajcevic (CH), Rahmon Ruffin (EVA), Pam Mazzaferro-Niederkorn (FC), Jennifer Corbel (GP), Margarita Landeros (HM), Paige Leigh (HC), Merritt Heinrich (LB), Sarah Iovino (MU), Susan Bliss (OP), Laura Augenstine (OE), Laurie Williams (PL), Dominique Acuff (PT), Krista Rodino (SB), Amy Bevilacqua (TW), Sandy Ingersoll (TH), Kathleen Maza (Transition), Amanda McGreevy (TR), Jeff Rainaldi (WC).

Remote Instruction Day for ALL Students - Friday, Feb. 12

[Click here for Staff Schedule that was emailed on Monday, February 1.](#)

Reminder: District is Closed in Observance of President's Day on Monday, Feb. 15.

Technology Assistance (Staff)

The technology department now offers ongoing Google Meet sessions all week to assist with technical questions you might encounter with regard to hardware and software. The Live Meet sessions are held everyday Monday-Friday during the following times: 7:45-9:45am, 10:00-11:00am and 1:00-2:00pm. To access the Google Meet, go to: meet.google.com/qdr-ytzk-etd (Code: qdr-ytzk-etd / Call: 321-351-6712 / Pin: 122-023-605#)

TRS Offering Telephone Counseling Sessions

Telephone sessions are being offered to TRS members planning to retire within the next five years, those wishing to obtain information about retirement benefits, and/or receive answers to questions regarding individual TRS records may participate at no cost with no need to travel. To arrange a telephone conference, contact AnneMarie Calpin at acalpin@sd308.org to request a telephone conference form. Submit your form to AnneMarie Calpin by February 9th, to set up your 15-minute conference with a TRS benefits counselor. Conferences will be held on March 16th, from 9 AM to 4:15 PM. The district will notify you of your scheduled appointment time. TRS will mail a packet of information to you prior to the conference. A TRS counselor will call you to discuss this information at your scheduled appointment time. Please have your packet with you when the counselor calls.

Aurora University

Master of Arts in Educational Technology Cohort or Technology Specialists Endorsement

Aurora University will be working to combine both Graduate-Orchard Center and Woodstock Center campuses to deliver a cohort to enhance the use of technology in your current classroom or school-based setting by becoming a technology program teacher or specialist in March. [Click here for promotional flyer for this cohort.](#)

OMNI – 2021 Universal Availability Notice

Please take a moment to review the Universal Availability Notice ([click here for faq sheet](#)). A 403(b) plan is a tax deferred retirement plan provided for employees of certain tax-exempt organizations or public education institutions. Regulations require 403(b) plan sponsors to provide an effective opportunity to eligible employees to make 403(b) deferrals to the plan. To enroll in a plan or for additional questions regarding this information please visit <https://www.omni403b.com>.

Chick-fil-A Special for Staff

Heart-Shaped Chicken Biscuits for \$2.50! Chick-fil-A is offering this deal to staff next week (Monday, Feb 8 to Friday, Feb 12) as long as a bulk order is placed, delivery may be available (minimum of 20). Get together your teacher groups, office staff, etc., and call Chick-fil-A to place an order (630.554.8611) or email marketing.oswegocfa@gmail.com to place your order! The heart-shaped biscuits are available all week for regular orders at the normal price.

Summer Job Opportunities

RiverEdge Park is hiring for the 2021 Summer Season. Have fun and listen to music.....while getting paid! Available positions include: beverage server, bar-back, gatekeeper, greeter, janitorial staff, seating guide, summer crew, parking lot attendant, parking lot manager. [Click here to view flyer](#). To view full job descriptions, [click here](#).

OFEE Fundraiser:

[Nothing Bundt Cakes Fundraiser](#) for the Oswego Foundation for Educational Excellence, orders due Feb. 8.

Facebook....Follow and “like” the [Community Unit School District 308](#) page on Facebook. If you have any great happenings you would like to share on the district’s fb page, please email communications@sd308.org (with a picture) and we will do our best to post it!

News Stories....As a friendly reminder, we always welcome “good news” types of stories sent to us through www.sd308.org/Stories.

Pass It On!....**(FOR STAFF)**..[Click here](#) or visit the Intranet/Communication's tab to send a Pass It On!

Share A Smile :-)... Share A Smile is **FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS....**share this with your parents, students and community members. An electronic “smile” card from them to any staff member in the district.

Friday Updates: All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the [Communications Tab](#).

BOE Meeting....The next Board of Education Meeting will be on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

*“You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.”
~Rosa Parks*