



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!

March 5, 2021
#TogetherWeGotThis

March is Women's History Month

Women's History Month began when Congress proclaimed the week beginning March 7, 1982 as "Women's History Week." Throughout the next five years, Congress continued to pass joint resolutions designating a week in March as "Women's History Week." In 1987 after being petitioned by the National Women's History Project, Congress designated the entire month as "Women's History Month." Since 1995, presidents have issued annual proclamations designating the month as "Women's History Month" with the intent to celebrate the contributions women have made to the United States and recognize the specific achievements made over the course of American history in various fields. The Library of Congress hosts a special website for Women's History Month in coordination with other national resources to present events, articles and exhibits, [check it out here!](#)

March is Social Work Month

The theme this year is *"Social Workers are Essential"*.

"School Social Workers play a vital role in schools, providing services to students, families, staff, and the school community. School Social workers invest their time, training, and expertise to remedy barriers to learning. They work with teachers, administrators, parents, and other educators to provide coordinated interventions and consultation designed to keep students in school and offer hope. School Social Workers play a linking role, helping families access the supports and resources needed to promote student success. Social workers often are unsung heroes, but they play an essential role in helping people from all walks of life and backgrounds. During social work month we hope you will learn more about this amazing profession, say a kind word to the social workers in your lives, and advocate for policies and legislation that benefit the profession and the populations they serve." - Sarah Berning, Social Work Department Lead.

National School Social Work Week: March 7th - March 13th is National School Social Work Week. The theme this year is *"Beacon of Hope: School Social Workers – Lighting the Way"*. We are so appreciative of our social workers and all their hard work and dedication.

Phase 3 Begins April 7: [Click here](#) to view the summary document for this phase.

Food Pantry

The Kendall County Community Food Pantry, Oswego Satellite Location, located at 61 Franklin Street, will be **open tonight**, March 5th from 6-7:30 p.m. to those who have a need for supplemental food who live in the SD 308 boundaries or have a Kendall County Zip Code. Please note that next month's food pantry will be held on Friday, April 9th. For Volunteer Information and Donation Information, please go to www.sd308.org/foodpantry.

COVID-19 Information

- **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 Appointments:** Check on the Kendall Co Health Dept [website portal](#) for appointment openings as they become available.

PRIDE Program

The PRIDE "WheelofName" random drawings for our March Teacher and Employee PRIDE winners will take place on Wednesday, March 10 at 4pm on the district's facebook page. Congratulations to the following **teachers** who were submitted as their buildings March PRIDE nominees: Jason Blankenburg (BE), Brenda Farries (BH), Mary Beth Patrick (BR), Kelly Schultz (CH), Michael Folsom (EVA), Kirbie Poss (FC), Pamela Hranka (GP), Tara Stortz (HM), Chris Whiteford (HC), Julia Stoeckel (LC), Diane Johnson (LB), Colette Campasano (MU), Sara Weber (OP), OE ED Program Teachers: Stephanie Knutson, Amy O'Campo, Sean O'Neill, Nicole Perry (OE), Alejandro Rodriguez (OH), Caitlin Gannon (PL), Maureen Dehler (PT), Christina Langenfeld (SB), Megan Mann (TW), Teresa Buan (TH), Susan Benson (Transition), Pam Campbell (TR), Sara Turner (WC). Our March **employees** are: Laura DeCapua (BE), Stacy Smith (BH), Jennifer Bellanca (BR), Donna Green (CH), Tracy Riskus (EVA), Laura Fu (FC), Atakora Agoro (GP), Kerry Sewruk (HM), Randi Spinelli (HC), Nicolle Comperda (LC), Beth Orlik (LB), Tammie McCauley (MU), Joanne Trakszelis (OP), Lynette Wilhem and Elyssa Schwass (OE), Dawn Seno (OH), Asusena Montes-Mijarez (PL), Noelle Fahey (PT), Brooke Howes (SB), Larry Byrnes (TW), Kathy Struve (TH), Denise Baker (Transition), Jason Costa (TR), Laura Weir (WC).

Retirement and 25-Year Recognition

Please congratulate our 2020-2021 Retirees and 25-Year Recognition Honorees! Combined, these individuals have dedicated 587 years with SD 308. For a complete listing of individuals being recognized, please [click here](#). "People will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."~Maya Angelou

Update on Equity

24 district and secondary administrators participated in the first of four equity workshops sponsored by an AVID grant from Panda Cares (the philanthropic branch of Panda Restaurant Group, Inc.) The professional development titled Leading Change for Educational Equity will discuss, analyze, and collaborate on systems districtwide to prepare all students for their future. The half day training will be held over the following four dates (2/18, 3/11, 4/8, and 4/27).

We're Hiring!

Elementary schools throughout the district have various positions open for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year ([Click here for flyer](#)). If someone you know is interested and would like more information on any of the following positions, please click on the position you are interested in: [Teaching Assistant](#), [Custodian](#), [Recess Supervisor](#), [Dedicated Building Substitute](#). For a complete listing of all positions open in the district, please visit www.sd308.orgs/jobs.

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>.

Tech Tip for Tyler Users

If you are experiencing a long application start time or a distorted display when you open Tyler, clear your Chrome history and cache to fix the issue. Please follow the directions below:

Clear out history In Chrome:

1. On your computer, open Chrome.
2. At the top right, click the Chrome Menu (three dots in upper right.)
3. Click More tools Clear browsing data.
4. At the top, choose a time range. To delete everything, select All time.
5. Next to "Cookies and other site data" and "Cached images and files," check the boxes.
6. Click Clear data.

NIU Summer Reading Programs

Northern Illinois University is offering a number of reading programs this summer for children ages 4years through 11th grade. Learn more [here](#).

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, March 15, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

Grit is that 'extra something' that separates the most successful people from the rest. It's the passion, perseverance, and stamina that we must channel in order to stick with our dreams until they become a reality.

Travis Bradberry