



**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](mailto:communications@sd308.org) or through this [link](#)....thank you!

**March 12, 2021**  
**#TogetherWeGotThis**

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### **March is National Athletic Training Month (NATM)**

**ATs are Essential to Health Care.** Athletic Trainers are first responders for our student athletes injuries, the primary health care professional to work with the student-athlete from injury to recovery and the final check off before they return to play. Please take a moment this month to recognize the hard work our Athletic Trainers do for our Athletic Department, our student-athletes, and our school community. Thank you for your time and dedication in serving our school community OEHS: Shay Brown, David Robinson, and Brittany Whaley; and OHS: Brian Cronin, Laura Veverka and Emily Dierking. They have influenced many students to go on to careers in the Athletic Training Profession or other Health Care Professions, Brittany Whaley is an OEHS Alumna and Laura Veverka is an OHS Alumna, both took the Introduction to Athletic Training Class at their respective high schools.

**SPRING FORWARD! Daylight Savings is THIS SUNDAY-** set your clocks forward one hour when you head to bed on Saturday night! We're gearing up for longer days of sunshine and warmer weather!

### **Spring Break is March 29- April 5**

Tuesday, April 6 is Election day and Teacher Institute Day, with no student attendance.

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

### **Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year**

Our district is filled with amazing educators, support personnel, and others that make our schools GREAT! **Consider nominating someone today** for The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Teacher of the Year / Those Who Excel Award Programs! Teacher of the Year will recognize teachers with 5+ years of experience; Outstanding Early Educators, teachers with 1-4 years of experience; and Those Who Excel will recognize individuals in the following five (5) categories: Administrator, Team, Community Volunteer, Student Support Personnel (school nurse, psychologist, social worker, school counselor, media/librarian/audio visual, or speech/language therapist who spends more than 50 percent of time in indicated field), and Educational Service Personnel (aides, cafeteria workers, custodians, secretaries, bus drivers, crossing guards, bus drivers, resource officers and others).

Please click on the links below to submit someone from SD308 for consideration as a nominee to be recognized by ISBE. The submissions will be reviewed and considered by the district for submission to ISBE. Please fill out a new form for each individual nomination you would like to submit.

**Teacher:** <https://forms.gle/rtCyKfsPR5kKzPpy6>

**Those Who Excel:** <https://forms.gle/nsCTiPd1UJXHcQaUA>

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE ON: Wednesday, April 7 @ 4:00pm**

### **Oswego Robotics Meets with State Superintendent**

State Superintendent Dr. Carmen Ayala invited several members of the Oswego Robotic Team to meet with her on March 10 to discuss their efforts with the US House of Representatives and Illinois House, advocating resolutions for a National FIRST Robotics Day. Dr. Ayala also wanted to hear from the group on their efforts in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. State Representative Stephanie Kifowit joined in the meeting. Students and staff were excited to participate while learning about government in action. Stay tuned for more information about the group's great accomplishments!

### **COVID-19 Information**

- **ISBE/IDPH released revised guidance this week. The district is working on revisions to our processes/procedures and will share them out as soon as they are finalized.**
- **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 March Teacher and Employee PRIDE winners took place on Wednesday, Feb. 10 on the district's facebook page. Congratulations to the following individuals for having been selected, **TEACHERS:** Brenda Farries (BH), Julia Stoeckel (LC), Maureen Dehler (PT), Diane Johnson (LB); **EMPLOYEES:** Asusena Montes-Mijarez (PL), Noelle Fahey (PT). Results and "WheelofNames" can be found on the district's [PRIDE Recognition page](#). Winner's will be announced at this Monday's Board meeting (03.15.21) and will be receiving gifts from our generous program sponsors: Allied First Bank, Huntington Learning Center, Chick-Fil-A, and Culver's.

### **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. [Click here](#) for a complete listing of individuals being recognized..

### **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](#)). For a complete listing of all positions open in the district, please visit [www.sd308.orgs/jobs](http://www.sd308.orgs/jobs).

### **5Essentials is Underway**

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is open 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 Support**

The technology department will continue to offer Google Meet sessions on Mondays (7:45-9:00am) and Wednesdays (1:45-3:00pm) to answer any technical questions for issues you might encounter with regards to your hardware and software used for teaching. [Click here](#) to access: Call: 321-351-6712 / Pin: 122-023-605#

## **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](#).

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**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://www.sd308.org).

*“I know you got mountains to climb but, always stay humble and kind.*

*When the dreams you're dreamin' come to you, when the work you put in is realized,  
let yourself feel the pride but always stay humble and kind.”*

*-Lyrics from Tim McGraw’s [Always Stay Humble and Kind](#)*

(The video contains a number of beautiful images of people from around the world and the universal importance of kindness)