

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 26, 2021 #TogetherWeGotThis

March 26 - Today is retired attorney, politician and the first woman associate justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, Sandra Day O'Connor's birthday. She held this position from 1981 until her retirement in 2006. She was the first woman nominated and confirmed on the Supreme Court.

Spring Break March 29- April 5

Tuesday, April 6 is Election day and Teacher Institute Day, with no student attendance, students resume attending on April 7. In order to realize significant energy savings, most school buildings will be closed March 29 - April 6 (including the District Administrative Center from 4/2 - 4/5). **Please remember to power down all computers and electronic equipment.**

Phase 3 Begins April 7: Click here to view the Safety Plan summary document for this phase which was sent out on March 22, 2021 via email.

Curbside Meals

Spring Break Curbside Pick-up Schedule: OHS (Door 11) on Monday, March 29th, Thursday, April 1st, and Monday, April 5th (10am-1:30pm & 4-6pm).

International Travel

- The SD 308 <u>Safety Plan</u> aligns with the CDC and IDPH travel guidance and requirements. When arriving in the United States from a foreign country, individuals should get tested 3-5 days after travel <u>and</u> stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days after travel. Even if the test is negative, individuals should stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days. If individuals opt to not get tested, they should stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Additionally, the CDC order requires all passengers flying into the US on an international flight get tested no more than 3 days before travel and show the negative result to the airline before boarding the flight, or be prepared to show documentation of recovery (proof of a recent positive viral test and a letter from your healthcare provider or a public health official stating the individual is cleared to travel).
- The school district requires that all students and staff who travel internationally disclose this information to the district and abide by the required self-quarantine. Failure to comply with this or any other component of the district's Safety Plan may result in disciplinary action.

IDPH Press Release: Action to Address First Signs of Possible Resurgence

IDPH authorized certain areas to vaccinate residents 16+ as doses become available. The State is sending Rapid Response Vaccination Teams to areas seeing upticks to accelerate vaccine administration. The State has not yet met the metrics for Bridge Phase Reopening. Read more here.

Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year

Nominate someone today- nominations close on Wednesday, April 7 at 4pm.

Please click on the links below to submit someone from SD308 for consideration as a nominee to be recognized by ISBE in either the Teacher of the Year or the Those Who Excel program.

Teacher Of The Year Nomination and Those Who Excel Nomination

2021 OFEE Grant Form

In keeping with OFEE's philosophy and goals, the foundation will present grants to selected programs, activities, and expenditures which enhance and support educational opportunities for students in SD 308 schools. Requests should be submitted electronically to danielle_paul_ofee@yahoo.com and be submitted with the cover sheet of OFEE Grant Proposal Form along with the Proposed Grant Budget Form. Proposals must be submitted by Monday, May 1.

Retirement and 25-Year Recognition

Please congratulate our 2020-2021 Retirees and 25-Year Recognition Honorees! Combined, these individuals have dedicated 619 years with SD 308. For a complete listing of individuals being recognized, please <u>click here</u>.

5Essentials is Underway

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey is open through April 2. The <u>Parent Survey Supplement</u> 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.

FSA Navia Update

The last day for participants enrolled in the 2019 FSA plan year to submit claims is March 31. If you still have FSA claims from 2019, now is the last time to submit them. If you have questions regarding this information please email Naia at customerservice@naviabenefits.com or call at 425-452-3500 for help.

Spring into Reading with Congresswoman Lauren Underwood

Rep. Underwood has launched a new reading program for K-5 students who live or go to school in the 14th District of Illinois—*Spring into Reading with Congresswoman Underwood.* Students will have until the end of June to read at least 10 books. All participants will be invited to a special celebration with the Congresswoman in the summer and receive a small prize for their participation. The student in each grade who reads the most books will receive a special recognition from the Congresswoman! Click here for the Spring into Reading Program Page. Please feel free to share this opportunity with anyone you think might be interested in participating.

Employee Specials

T-Mobile is offering a State of Illinois/Public Education rate for SD 308 staff, details can be found here.

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

Friday Updates: All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the Communications Tab.

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

Facebook....Follow and "like" the <u>Community Unit School District 308</u> page on Facebook. If you have any great happenings you would like to share on the district's fb page, please email <u>communications@sd308.org</u> (with a picture) and we will do our best to post it!

BOE Meeting....The next Board of Education Meeting will be on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

"We don't accomplish anything in this world alone... and whatever happens is the result of the whole tapestry of one's life and all the weavings of individual threads form one to another that creates something."

~ Sandra Day O'Connor



SD 308 Wishes you a Happy and Healthy Spring Break!