

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

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!

April 9, 2021
#TogetherWeGotThis

National Assistant Principal Week

Join us in thanking our assistant principals who are such a great group of hard working, inspirational leaders that we are so fortunate to have in our district!

April is Occupational Therapist Appreciation Month

We are so appreciative of the services and supports that the Occupational Therapists provide for our students with disabilities.

April 30 (Friday) - Regular Student Attendance Day

April 30th was scheduled to be a shortened day for school improvement. It will now be a regular student attendance day.

National Finalists: Vote Daily!!

A team of OE freshmen students, Jensen Coonradt, Ethan Ashcraft and Gavin Rommen, have been selected as one of ten National Finalists in Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Competition and are eligible for the grand prize of \$130,000 in classroom technology for their school. There will also be two Community Choice Winners who receive an additional \$15,000 for their school. The team was the only from Illinois to make the semi-finals, and to date have already won over \$65,000 in prizes for their school. To help the OE team win one of the Community Choice awards, [please vote for their product The Viz Whiz](#) and share with others! Voting is permitted once a day until Monday, May 3. [View the video](#) on their innovative product helping aid those who are visually impaired. Thank you!

2021-2022 Returning Student Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year is now open in Tyler for returning students. Some components of the registration process are not functional on a mobile device at this time. To register, please use a computer. When the mobile application is working without issue we will let you know.

Return to school in August will resume full-time, five days per week. Students who qualify for an exemption from in-person attendance based upon medical need of the student or a housemate will require a medical provider to complete an exemption request form and return it to the district. The form and instructions will be distributed in April, though registration should still be completed at this time.

Aramark - Shining Star Award Winner

On March 11 the SD 308 Food Service Team was presented the first-ever Aramark Shining Star Award from Aramark Senior Leadership for their continued commitment, work and dedication to

creatively nourish the children in our community during the pandemic. Congratulations! SD 308 is extremely honored and grateful for all the Food Service staff do for our students and families.

Tech Liaisons

Tech Liaisons are available if you need additional training with Chromebooks, Google Apps, or other tech tips. Please email techliaisons@sd308.org for assistance.

IDPH Press Release

IDPH authorized certain areas to vaccinate residents 16+ as doses become available. Our district is working with the Kendall County Health Department to request vaccinations for students ages 16+ who are interested in receiving it when available. Overall, the State has not yet met the metrics for Bridge Phase Reopening. [Read more from IDPH here.](#)

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 [click here](#).

FSA Special Open Enrollment Coming

SD 308 will be providing benefit-eligible employees with a special mid-year, FSA (Flexible Spending Account) Open Enrollment opportunity, April 15 – April 30, 2021, benefit effective May 1, 2021. During this special enrollment, Benefit-eligible members will have the option to increase or decrease the amount they have withheld for their 2021 health care FSA annual election. For Dependent Care, the maximum contribution will increase to \$10,500 or \$5,250 for individuals. Changes cannot be less than expenses paid or reimbursed by your FSA to date in 2021. For those enrolling in the Medical FSA for the first time, only eligible expenses incurred after the effective date will be reimbursable. To complete a midyear Open Enrollment or change, you will need to log into <https://enroll.benefitsconnect.net/Login/V2>, and complete a 'Life Event'. Please remember the effective date for this Midyear Special Enrollment is May 1. If you have questions or need assistance please contact Glenn Campos in Human Resources at 630-636-3680, or email gcampos@sd308.org.

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.

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 [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!

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.

*“An optimist is the human personification of spring.”
~ Susan J. Bissonette*