

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

**April 23, 2021**

*#TogetherWeGotThis*

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## **April 23 - World Book Day**

World Book Day is the undertaking of UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization), a specialised agency of the United Nations aimed at promoting world peace and security through international cooperation in education, the sciences and culture. The first ever World Book Day was celebrated on April 23, 1995, which is also the death anniversary of William Shakespeare, as well as his presumed birthdate (in 1564). [Click here](#) to share what book you are currently reading/listening to- we can share ideas!

## **OEHS Pause**

The OEHS nurses and administration have been working tirelessly on contact tracing, testing, notifications and reports in response to the increase in cases of COVID-19 occurring in their school. We appreciate the flexibility of the OE staff and support of the entire SD 308 team as we work through this challenging time. The school will continue in remote learning this coming week.

## **Samsung Solve for Tomorrow National Finalists: Makes the News!!**

The Fox32 Chicago News team interviewed the students and teacher regarding The Viz Wiz this past Wednesday, April 21st! [Click here to watch!](#) To help the OE team win one of the Community Choice awards for their product, [please vote](#) 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!

## **Beginning Tuesday, April 27, 2021: All staff will resume reporting in person for full work days on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays**

For the complete email sent on April 14, please [click here](#).

## **PRIDE - April**

The PRIDE "WheelofName" random drawings for our April Teacher and Employee PRIDE winners took place on **Wednesday, April 21 at 4pm** on the district's facebook page. Congratulations to the following individuals for having been selected: **Teachers:** who were submitted as their buildings April PRIDE nominees: Sarah Walendzik (HM), Kerri Moran (PL), Andrea Praught (PT), Jolene Kamin (TW) and **Employees:** Dawn Seno (OH) and Jason Costa (TR). Results and "WheelofNames" can be found on the district's [PRIDE Recognition page](#). Winner's will be announced at this Monday's Board meeting (04.26.21) and will be receiving gifts from our generous program sponsors: Allied First Bank, Huntington Learning Center, Chick-Fil-A, and Culver's. Congratulations to both District winners and building nominees!

## **Summer School**

**Junior High Summer School:** held at Oswego East (June 7 - June 25). [Click here to view junior high information](#). **High School Summer School:** held at Oswego East (Session 1: June 7 - June 24 / Session 2: June 28 - July 15). Each day runs from 7:30am - 12:30pm. [Click here to view high](#)

[information](#). Summer School Contact Information: Daniel Arntzen, Secondary Summer School Coordinator ([darntzen@sd308.org](mailto:darntzen@sd308.org)), Karen O'Connor, Assistant Director - High School Education ([koconnor01@sd308.org](mailto:koconnor01@sd308.org)) and Dr. Eric Watt, Director of Summer School ([ewatt@sd308.org](mailto:ewatt@sd308.org)).

### **FSA Special Open Enrollment - Now Open**

Now through April 30, 2021, SD308 will be conducting a Special Open Enrollment for FSA only. During this special enrollment, benefit-eligible members will have the option to change the amount they have withheld for their 2021 health care FSA election. For Dependent Care, employees can increase their annual election to \$10,500 or \$5,250 for individuals. For those enrolling in the Medical FSA for the first time, only eligible expenses incurred after the effective date (May 1) will be reimbursable. For more information please visit <https://www.sd308.org/Page/7919>.

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**Friday Updates:** All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the [Communications Tab](#).  
**News Stories....**Submit to: [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!

**Facebook....**Follow and "like" [Community Unit School District 308](#) page on Facebook.

**BOE Meeting....**Next meeting: Monday, April 26, 2021 at 7:30 pm at OEHS. Live stream@ [www.sd308.org](http://www.sd308.org).

*"When I look back, I am so impressed again with the life-giving power of literature. If I were a young person today, trying to gain a sense of myself in the world, I would do that again by reading, just as I did when I was young." – Maya Angelou*