



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!*

May 14, 2021

#TogetherWeGotThis

Speech/Language Pathologist (SLP) Appreciation Day (05.18.21)

The field of speech pathology began to grow in interest in the early 1920s as soldiers with traumatic brain injuries returned from the war. Today, school settings are one of the top three work environments for SLPs. SLPs study both aspects of speech, which includes verbal means of communication, and language, which includes the social aspects and understanding of communication. Please thank the Speech and Language Pathologist working in your buildings for the role that they play.

Mask Guidance

At this time, IDPH and ISBE have not changed their guidance regarding face coverings in the school setting. The school district is accountable to both agencies and will continue to monitor the situation for any changes. Students and staff must continue to wear face coverings at all times other than the following:

- When Eating;
- When outdoors and physical distancing of at least 6 feet can be maintained;
- When playing a musical instrument outdoors with at least 6 feet social distancing;
- If using a face shield when other methods of protection are not available or appropriate;
- When staff is alone in a classroom or office with the door closed; and/or
- When there is an approved mask exemption form on file indicating a medical need.

In-Person and Remote Instruction - Fall Plans

To view a nine-minute video explaining some of the plans to in-person and remote instruction, please [click here](#); to view the slide deck, [click here](#). If you have questions that you would like to ask, please [click here](#).

Welcome to SD 308

Dr. John T. Petzke has been approved as the new Chief Financial Officer/CSBO effective July 1, 2021. Dr. Petzke previously worked for SD 308 from 2007-2012 in the role as Executive Director of Technology. To read more about Dr. Petzke, [click here](#).

Congratulations - Marcus Lewis!

Congratulations to Marcus Lewis who was approved by the Board of Education as Thompson's new principal. Mr. Lewis is currently serving as Plank's Assistant Principal. To read more about Mr. Lewis, [click here](#)

Retirees/25-Year Celebration

To view a video from the celebration event held on Thursday, May 6th and the program from the event, go to www.sd308.org/Retirement2021.

End of Year Procedures - Teaching Staff

Staff should plan on attending in person on Wednesday, May 26th to do the tasks such as inventory and turning in of materials that can't be done remotely. Please [click here](#) to view "End of Year Procedures" memo sent by Rob Allison on May 4, 2021.

Staff Chromebooks

If you received a 14" Acer Chromebook this year and are returning next year and/or transferring to another SD 308 building, please keep your device over the summer. If you are leaving the district, please make sure to turn in the Chromebook before you leave for summer break.

Summer Hours

Summer hours will be in effect Monday, June 7 - Friday, July 30. To view the memo sent out by Ken Miller, Executive Director of Human Resources, dated May 12, 2021 please [click here](#).

Student Online Personal Protection Act (SOPPA)

Our legal and ethical obligation to protect students and their data - by July 1, 2021. To view an introductory video on SOPPA, please [click here](#).

Oswego Honors Veterans - Middle East Conflicts Wall

The Oswego Honors Veterans is a tribute and an amazing way to remember all those who paid the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country. It will be hosting the Middle East Conflicts Wall of Honor from May 21 - May 31. [Click Here](#) for flyer and calendar of events to be held from May 21 - May 31.

Help Wanted - SD 308

The SPED is still looking for teaching assistants for the ESY program which runs from 6/14 - 7/22. To apply, please go to: www.sd308.org/jobs.

RUSH Health

This is a friendly reminder that SD 308 employees enrolled in the District's Preferred Provider Organization or Health Care Account benefit plan and who receive care from Rush Health providers can now be reimbursed for most out-of-pocket expenses, like co-pays and deductibles commonly incurred for treatments. For more information please visit: [Rush Healthcare Savings Program page](#) located on the Employee Intranet under Human Resources/Insurance Benefits.

Naturally SLIM - New Name: Wondr Health™

Naturally Slim changed its name to Wondr Health™ on May 13, 2021. Wondr Health is about much more than weight loss—developed and taught by leading scientists and doctors, the program also teaches skills that help people sleep better, move more, and stress less—no matter who you are, where you live or what you look like. Apply between May 17th – May 30th for the next class, and you'll be among the first to experience the new look of the Wondr Health program and learn the science-based skills to lose weight and improve your overall health. **You must be enrolled in either PPO plan to join.** Space may be limited! Visit www.wondrhealth.com/cusd308 to apply and learn more.

Pfizer Vaccine for Ages 12+

The Kendall County Health Department has [opened up appointments on May 20](#) for the first dose of Pfizer, all persons ages 12 and up are now eligible to receive the vaccine. Anyone under the age of 18 must have a parent present at the appointment.

Friday Updates: All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the [Communications Tab](#).

News Stories....Submit to: 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, May 10, 2021 at 7:30 pm at OEHS. Live stream@ www.sd308.org.

"The life in front of you is far more important than the life behind you."

~Joel Osteen