



SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

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November 13, 2020

Friday, November 13..... is World Kindness Day!

Created in 1998 by the World Kindness Movement, a conglomeration of kindness organizations around the world, this unofficial holiday encourages people to be kind to each other and spread happiness, joy and peace through kindness. Kindness is the act of being considerate, compassionate and empathetic towards other people and living beings. Kindness is contagious....pass it on!

Share A Smile :-)

"Share A Smile" is a new program for our parents, students and community members (similar to our employee "Pass It On!") to share an electronic "smile" card to any staff member in the district. The program helps to spread gratitude and cheer....."Share A Smile"! The link will be provided to the community in the Weekly Parent Update as well as being sent out through FB and posted on the district website. The "Pass It On" program is still our way of thanking and sending a shout out to each other as staff across SD308. **Pass It On!....**[Click here](#) or visit the Communication's tab on the Intranet to send a Pass It On!

Open Enrollment ends TODAY!! Current elections will carry over if you don't make a change, with the exception of flexible spending accounts. It's easy to enroll: 1) Go to enroll.benefitsconnect.net/cusd; 2) Enter your username and password (**username:** up to first 6 characters of your last name, first character of your first name, and last 4 digits of your SSN; **password:** your full SSN without dashes); 3) Follow the prompts to review your existing benefit selections; 4) review your selections, dependent elections, and then click "Finish" to enroll.

COVID-19 Information (PLEASE READ)

On Wednesday of this week (November 11), all staff received an email containing a flyer with important **"Reminders & Reporting"** regarding COVID-19. **1)Daily Self-Certification:** When working in an SD 308 building, employees should review posted certification statements and scan ID if true; if statements are false, employees should not remain at the building. This is only required once daily. **2)Face Covering:** ALL individuals in school buildings should wear face coverings that cover the mouth and nose, fit snug against the cheeks (not a gaiter/athletic warm-up and no masks with filters). The only time it is safe to remove the covering is briefly when eating or drinking (maintaining 6 feet or more from others) or while alone in a room. For those with approved medical exemptions, additional protections should be put in place. **3)Social Distancing:** It is required that all individuals maintain at least 6 feet of space between themselves and others AT ALL TIMES! Encounters closer than 6 feet should be brief (no more than 15 minutes cumulative/daily) and avoided when possible. **4)Reporting:** Use COVID Reporting Form (found on district intranet or at www.sd308.org/covidreport) to report any student or staff member who is symptomatic, exposed to a known case, or positive for COVID-19. This is STEP ONE! Designated district health officials will fully investigate the report and notify all close contacts. Health information is private and protected. Together we can help control the spread of COVID-19.

COVID 19 Employee Resources - INTRANET

Visit the [SD 308 Remote Learning Resources](#) link on the Intranet for valuable information including links to the district's Safety Plan, reporting a COVID case/exposure/symptoms, and more! Visit the [Advanced](#)

[SD 308 Remote Learning Resources](#) for tips and ideas on using technology in the remote setting. Visit the [metrics](#) link on the Intranet to keep up-to-date on the measurements from the four (4) zip codes that help inform our decisions to safely move between stages of reopening.

Food Drive - “Fill the Bus to Stock the Pantry”

We are so proud and excited to announce that this year’s Annual Food Drive collected **139,152** items for the Kendall County Community Food Pantry and that over the last 7 years, the district has collected 953,259 total items (next year we will break the 1 million mark)! Once the winning schools have been notified, we will make that information public. Thanks for all your help!

DEI Updates

Student equity ambassadors participated in an equity workshop with the Superintendent’s office to address equity issues impacting students at school and in their community. Students participated in activities to capture the needs to create a safe place to learn and express their ideas, and on effective forms of communication to students and by students. Our students continue to affirm our belief that the student voice is a critical tool in school improvement, and their voices will be incorporated into the work of the newly formed Equity Board Advisory Committee (EBAC).

OMNI Updates

The 2020 4th quarter edition of the OMNI Updates newsletter is available, “Providing a Better Understanding of Your Tax Deferred Retirement Benefit”.....[click here](#). If you should have any questions related to their services, please contact the Omni Group at www.omni403b.com.

Elementary / November 23 & November 24 Conferences

November 23 -- This is a “Remote for All Day” (5-hour student attendance day). **No students** will be attending in person on this day, this includes students in self-contained special education classes. Student remote attendance day will be from 9:00-2:00, and students/teachers will follow the current “Remote for All” schedule so there is consistency for students, staff and parents.

November 24 -- This is a non-student attendance day / **no** live or remote sessions on this day.

Remote Parent/Teacher Conferences: November 23 (4:00-8:00) and November 24 (8:00-1:00).

Brokaw Early Learning Center: November 23 and 24 are non-student attendance days for our students participating in our early childhood programs.

Country Financial Special

Please [click here](#) for information regarding savings from Country Financial as well as a promotion being offered to staff to win prizes and school supplies for getting a quote.

Facebook...Do you Follow?

Do you follow the district’s Facebook page? The page is updated with many great stories, pictures, videos, announcements and information during urgent situations. It’s a great way to stay up to date with the happening around SD 308! Like the [Community Unit School District 308](#) page on Facebook!

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

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*“You cannot do kindness too soon for you never know how soon it will be too late.”
~Ralph Waldo Emerson*