

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

SD 308 Family! Together, We Got This!

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

December 11, 2020

20 Days Until The End of 2020

On This Date in History:

Economist & Professor, Sir W. Arthur Lewis

41 years ago, on December 10, economist and professor [Sir W. Arthur Lewis](#) was awarded the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences. Lewis was the first Black faculty member at the London School of Economics.

Hanukkah Dec. 10 through Dec. 18

[Hanukkah](#) is a Jewish festival commemorating the rededication of the Second Temple in Jerusalem at the time of the Maccabean Revolt against the Seleucid Empire. It is also known as the Festival of Lights.

6 Feet Apart - At ALL Times!

All adults should be at least six feet apart while at work. It might be hard to visualize what six feet looks like. Some common items that are six feet or further are: a king size bed, an adult bike from front to back, a three cushion sofa, and the length of a yoga mat.

COVID-19 Information (PLEASE READ)

- **All staff members are expected to socially distance at least six feet from each other.** School buildings are large with plenty of available space to spread out. Consider virtual meetings whenever possible, and when in-person with others use large spaces to allow for at least six feet of distance between individuals.
- **Step 1- Report!** Remember any staff or student reporting symptoms, exposure, or a positive case must use the District [COVID Reporting Form](#) to communicate this information to the district.
- **COVID 19 Resources** -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.

Happy Feet NEW Sock Donation Drive

Students at Pathways Transition Center are collecting new socks to benefit the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. All types/sizes of NEW pairs of socks are welcomed. Socks can be dropped off at: Pathways Transition Center, 4175 Route 71, Door 6 (Monday-Friday from 8:30am-3:00pm) through Friday, December 18th. Please [click here](#) for flyer.

Help BIONIC Club Spread Holiday Cheer

Do you want to help spread some holiday cheer? Well the BIONIC (Believe it Or Not I Care) club at Oswego High School is ready to give you the opportunity! Five families in District 308 have been

nominated for our giving trees. Please see this [link](#) for more information. Email cpredl@sd308.org with any questions.

PD Mini-Grant Process

The Professional Development Alliance (PDA) has mini-grant funds available for groups of three or more teachers to attend professional development. The SEL related options will be offered to teachers. Staff who are interested, should complete [this form](#) prior to December 18th. Heidi Podjasek will work with the PDA to get funds applied. Availability will be on a first come-first-serve basis.

FREE SEL PD from ISBE

ISBE has partnered with the Center for Childhood Resilience (CCR) at Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital and Peoria County Regional Office of Education 48 to bring the CCR Virtual Learning Community. This online portal features universal training on the impact of trauma on children and adolescents, the intersection between race and trauma, crisis response strategies, and schoolwide trauma-responsive policies and classroom practices to build resilience among students. Critically, the virtual training also supports educators' own personal and professional well-being and self-care during COVID-19 and beyond. Illinois educators who complete the virtual, on-demand training will have the opportunity to receive training credits/Professional Development Hours. [Click here to access Virtual Learning Community from The Center for Childhood Resilience.](#)

American College of Education (ACE) - Making the Holidays Brighter

In a year that has upended norms in education, the ACE wants to make the holidays a little brighter by giving away 15 Amazon gift cards worth \$250 each! In addition to the opportunity to entering the raffle, you will have the chance to request more information about the programs the American College of Education has to offer. Individuals can enter the gift card drawing through December 16 by filling out a short form at ace.edu/holidaygiveaway.

National Wear RED Day

Each year, the first Friday in February (02/05/21) is celebrated as **National Wear Red Day** to bring greater attention to heart disease awareness as the leading cause of death for Americans. Once again, SD 308 will join in the cause! The American Heart Association (AHA) is offering a free t-shirt for every \$20 donation made. To receive your shirt, donations must be made by Wednesday, January 13th. Simply text 308GIVES to 41444. You will immediately receive a link to a quick donation form - or click [HERE](#) to order online. All t-shirts will be shipped to the district office and then delivered to your school through inner-office mail. Let's band together and **GoRed** on February 5th to help fight heart disease.

Toys For Tots 13th Annual Toy Drive

Oswego Fire Protection District has been working side by side with SD 308, the Marine Corps Reserves and many community organizations/businesses to provide toys for LOCAL families in need. You can support the effort this holiday season by donating a new, unwrapped toy or gift. Donations are accepted at all stations of the Oswego Fire Protection District until December 16th. For more information, click [here](#).

GCN (Global Compliance Network) Training

The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials are now live for the 2020-2021 school year. **This year, tutorials must be completed by December 31, 2020.** To access these tutorials,

please visit www.gcctraining.com. The organization ID is 58077d, and your User ID is your five digit employee ID number. If you do not recall your employee ID number, please click the button titled "I was not given a User ID" and follow the prompts. Your user ID will be emailed to your District 308 email. Please note, the DCFS Mandated Reporter training link has been updated and should be completed within the GCN platform (if previously completed through the Illinois DCFS website for this school year, no need to resubmit). If you have any questions or need assistance accessing the GCN training tutorials, please contact Kris Odum at 630.636.3081 or kodum@sd308.org.

Winter Break - Buildings Closed

In order to realize significant energy savings, most district buildings, including the District Administrative Center, will be closed December 23, 2020 - January 1, 2021. Specific questions regarding work from home during these dates should be discussed with your immediate supervisor. As is the case when buildings are shut down for extended periods of time, please remember to power down all computers and electronic equipment.

Winter Break - Staff Access to Buildings

For energy conservation, buildings are closed during break, however if access is required or directed per leadership, please adhere to the following staff access schedule; access authorization subject to change at leadership's discretion. 12/23 Access Permitted (6am - 4pm) / NO Access after 4pm (6 hour day for Operations staff); 12/24 & 25: NO Access; 12/26- 29: Access Permitted (6am - 4pm); 12/30: Access Permitted (6am - 4pm) / NO Access after 4pm (6 hour day for Operations staff); 12/31 & 1/1/21: NO Access; 1/2- 5: Access Permitted (6am - 4pm); 1/6: Resume regular school year schedule.

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!

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

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

Share A Smile :-)... ~~(FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS)~~..share this with your parents, students and community members. An electronic "smile" card from them to any staff member in the district.

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

BOE Meeting....The next Board of Education Meeting will be on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm at Oswego East High School. You can live stream the meeting from home at www.sd308.org.

Subscribers Needed on BOE youtube Stream....*In order for the BOE meetings to be closed captioned live, youtube requires 1000 subscribers; otherwise, the captioning is not added until the video is later uploaded. Please go to our [BOE youtube stream](#) and "subscribe" so that our hearing impaired visitors are able to view the board meetings live. Thank you.*

*"As we look to the new year, hold on to what is Good.
Let go of what is bad. It really is that simple."
~Mandy Hale*