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Happy New Year - SD 308 Family! We Got This!

Each Friday we will provide you with a quick list of important announcements, personnel information, awards, and shout outs! **Please submit** content for Friday Updates to: communications@sd308.org.....thank you!

Pass It On! is a way to send a shout out, a thank you, or a note of gratitude to any SD 308 staff member. To send a Pass It On! to a peer..... visit www.sd308.org/PassItOn.

Congratulations to our January PRIDE Winners

The PRIDE Recognition Program began in the fall of 2015 to Proudly Recognize Individuals Demonstrating Excellence. This year, a total of 78 teachers and employees will be recognized! The individuals listed below will be recognized at the upcoming BOE meeting this Monday, January 13th. [Click here](#) to view presentation with Dr. Sparlin.

Teachers: Jessica Roberts (BR), STARS Early Childhood Teacher; Gretchen Wheatley (BC), STARS Early Childhood Teacher; Conor Barry (TW), Physical Education Teacher; Sandra Ward (TW), 4th Grade Teacher; Rebecca Killam (OE), EL Coordinator; Collen Moran (OE), Special Education Co-Department Chair; Erik Aister (OE), Special Education, Co-Department Chair

Employees: Gaspar Arias (BR), Special Education Teacher Assistant; Larry Byrnes (TW), Building Engineer; (Enes Hettinger (OE), Athletic Director's Secretary; Kenneth Lesley (OE), Custodial Night Supervisor

Referendum 2020

The Board of Education voted to present voters with an operating referendum question on the March 17 ballot. Information regarding the referendum, a tax calculator, a link for asking questions and more can be found at www.sd308.org/referendum. More information specific to employees will be distributed soon.

IGNITE308: Relationships Matter

IGNITE308 is March 17th! Thank you to all who have volunteered to present. This is a last call for presenters. If you have a course to share, please sign up to present using [this link](#). Direct questions to Jodi Ancel at jancel@sd308.org or ext. 3664.

Mobile Food Pantry

Long Beach Elementary School will be hosting the Northern Illinois Food Bank's Mobile Food Pantry, sponsored by Caterpillar, on Wednesday, February 26th from 4:45-6:15pm. Food is free to low-income neighbors in need and distributed on a first-come, first served basis, while supplies last. Individuals are asked to bring bags or boxes to package their food in. [Click here for more information](#).

Staff Testimonials

Have you faced challenges and overcome obstacles that were a result of budget cuts and deferred spending over the past several years? If you are willing to share your story with us, please email it to communications@sd308.org.

KendallCounty NOW - Amazing Teacher of the Month Award

Is there a Teacher that's the "apple" of your eye? Nominate them to be a Record Newspapers Teacher of the Month! Each month until April 2020 you can nominate a teacher. Once a teacher has been nominated, he/she will remain in the pool for the duration of the contest. [Click here](#) to learn more and to nominate someone today!

TRS and SD 308 Offering Telephone Counseling Sessions

Telephone sessions are being offered to TRS members planning to retire within the next five years, those wishing to obtain information about retirement benefits, and/or receive answers to questions regarding individual TRS record may participate at no cost with no need to travel. To arrange a telephone conference, contact AnneMarie Calpin at acalpin@sd308.org to request a telephone conference form. Submit your form to AnneMarie Calpin by February 12, to set up your 15 minute conference with a TRS benefits counselor. Conferences will be held March 3, from 9 AM to 4:15 PM. The district will notify you of your scheduled appointment time. TRS will mail a packet of information to you prior to the conference. A TRS counselor will call you to discuss this information at your scheduled appointment time. Please have your packet with you when the counselor calls.

WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:

As a reminder - All Friday Updates can be found on the Intranet under the Communications Tab

Flannels and Fleece and Hoodies...OH MY!

Just in time for the cooler weather, check out the new fall/winter merchandise available to order on the SD 308 [Spiritwear site!!](#)

"Every moment is a fresh beginning." -T.S. Eliot