

January 17, 2020

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.

Referendum 2020

Did you know the last successful referendum was in 2005? We've had a 62% enrollment increase since then!

An operating referendum question will appear 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.

<u>Employee Resources for the Referendum</u> can be found on the intranet under the communications tab.

Volunteers for 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. Please help spread the word: 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.

Volunteers are needed to help sort food and carry for recipients. If you are interested in helping, please email Elizabeth Palatine epalatine@sd308.org.

iVision Help Email

Now that the transition to the new finance/human resource software is underway, please send any questions about using the software to ivhelp@sd308.org. This gives the team a way to respond quickly and organize issues.

In Remembrance Of Bill

OHS and the entire SD 308 family lost a genuine and loyal leader with the passing of Bill Nunamaker, OHS Assistant Principal. Our hearts are with his wife, family, friends and colleagues. Bill's obituary and service information can be found here.

District Closed Monday

Monday, January 20 is Martin Luther King Jr. Day, a federal holiday marking the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. It should not be seen as a day off, but rather a day on...an opportunity to give back to your community, in honor of the service and sacrifices of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:

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.

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

"Not everybody can be famous but everybody can be great because greatness is determined by service... You only need a heart full of grace and a soul generated by love."- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.