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Good Morning SD 308 Family!

Each Friday we will provide you with a quick list of important announcements, personnel information, awards, and shout outs! You can review past editions on the intranet under the Communications tab. **Thank you for sending in article ideas...**submit content for future Friday Updates to: communications@sd308.org.

Stories@sd308.org

So many great things are happening across our district and we want to keep the community's mind on the positive. Please share awesome student and staff accomplishments, celebrations, awards, and events - big or small. You can send photos (cell phone photos are perfect), announcements, and story ideas to stories@sd308.org. We'll take the lead on putting together the stories and posting them out on the web, social media, newsletters, press releases, etc.

Community Unit School District 308 Facebook Page

Do you follow the school district's [facebook page](#)? If you don't currently follow the district's facebook page, please take a moment to do so now. We currently reach over 6,500 people through our page and are hoping to reach 7,000 by the end of this school year. Facebook allows for users to recommend a business, we encourage you to do so, and to help spread the word about this feature. Our district has a lot of fans and great things to be proud of, but unfortunately people don't usually speak up unless they're upset. We know our current score isn't reflective of our student, staff, and community sentiment. You can recommend the district by clicking on the numerical score in the top right of the district facebook page, which opens the review page; look to the left and you can select YES, and leave comments if desired. Thanks for your help!

A Thank You From Homestead

The Homestead staff would like to thank Culver's, the Homestead Community, the SD 308 Community, and Greater Oswego Community for their support of Homestead's Fourth Grade teacher, Mrs. Julie Wilson, as she is undergoing treatment for leukemia. The fundraiser at Culver's Oswego raised over \$1,700 in sales and tips. Mrs. Julie Wilson is so grateful for the community that she works and resides in.

PRIDE Program- Volunteer Nominations Needed!

The PRIDE nomination period for January has been extended until end-of-day on Tuesday, January 22 for SD 308 volunteers **ONLY**. It only takes a few minutes to [submit a nomination](#). Nominate a volunteer from your building today, we know there are many that deserve to be recognized!

Communities vs. Cancer Hoops for Hope

This event raises money and awareness for pediatric cancer. All proceeds benefit [Cal's Angels](#). Mark your calendar for the 9th Annual Communities vs. Cancer event hosted by Oswego High School, featuring games between Oswego and Yorkville High Schools, raffles, bake sale, silent auction, games and activities, a blood drive ([click here to make an appointment](#)), and more. The event is January 26, 9am-6pm at Oswego High School. For more information, [click here](#). Raffle items are being accepted until January 24 (Door 1 @ OHS). [Click here](#) to sign up to volunteer. To sign up to make your favorite treat for the bake sale, [click here](#).

Ignite 308 - Call for Presenters

Interested in leading a workshop session for this year's Ignite 308 conference? We are looking to showcase the talent and leadership we have within our district of either individuals or teams to present topics they are passionate about. Presenters will receive: an event t-shirt for the day, a name badge, hourly curriculum payment of \$30/hour for up to two (2) hours of planning/preparation time for each workshop, reserved parking, and separate check-in area. All proposed workshops will be considered. Deadline to submit workshop information is Monday, Feb. 4. Please fill out a [presenter form](#) to create and submit your workshop for consideration. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Podjasek at hpodjasek@sd308.org or x3667.

Kindergarten & First Grade Teachers Can Get a Free Colgate Toothbrush Kit for their Students

February 2019 is National Children's Dental Health month. In the U.S., one of the most common chronic children's disease is tooth decay. More than 40 percent of children have tooth decay by the time they arrive in kindergarten.

Each teacher who signs up online will receive Colgate toothpaste and toothbrush samples for 25 students. Colgate also offers educational material on dental health on their website.

To sign up for the kits, visit: <https://smiles.colgate.com/page/content/2019-classroom-kits>

11th Annual International Fest 2019

This annual event is sponsored by M.O.S.A.I.C. (Many Outstanding Students Appreciating Individuality and Culture). International Fest is a yearly event celebrating various cultures through a themed reception, cultural performances, and interactive fun. Everyone in the community is welcome to attend with the purpose of sharing culture and language with the students, families and members of SD 308. For information, [click here](#).

H&R Block Coupon Flyer

H&R Block is offering special offers for SD 308 Employees and Staff. Take a look at the available offers [here](#) that are available.

Office Depot - We ♥ Rewarding Teachers Like You

Office Depot is offering special savings just for you -- 20% back on your qualifying purchase (in store only). Present coupon ([located here](#)), teacher ID card & member # at checkout (join the free rewards program online). Expires 2/28/19.

Google Docs - Keyboard Shortcuts

- Ctrl + c Copy
- Ctrl + x Cut
- Ctrl + v Paste
- Ctrl + Shift + v Paste without formatting

Website Accessibility - Alternative text for images, drawing and other graphics

Many documents include images, drawings and other graphics. It is important that these items contain an alternative description; otherwise, screen reader users just hear “image” read to them.

Google Docs:

- Select an image, drawing or graphic
- Right click > **Alt text**
- Enter a title and description
- Click **Ok**

Word Docs:

- Right click on image, drawing or graphic > **Format picture**
- Choose: **Layout & Properties** option
- Type your **alt text** in the **Description** text box

Interesting School Fact

The largest school in the world in terms of number of students is CMS: [City Montessori School](#) in Lucknow, India. The school currently has 55,000 registered pupils and 4,500 staff across 18 campuses. They entered the Guinness Book of World Records in 2013 as the largest school, at the time with 39,437 pupils. The school was awarded the 2002 UNESCO Prize for Peace Education.