

# SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

**January 24, 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](mailto: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](http://www.sd308.org/PassItOn).

## **Referendum 2020**

What is the timing if the referendum on March 17 passes? It will be included on the levy presented December 2020. It would then be included on property tax bills sent out spring of 2021. The school district would begin receiving payments May 2021 through December 2021. Information regarding the referendum, a tax calculator, a link for asking questions and more can be found at [www.sd308.org/referendum](http://www.sd308.org/referendum). [Employee Resources for the Referendum](#) can be found on the intranet under the communications tab.

## **Welcome to SD 308**

[Mr. Sean Flauter](#), Thompson Junior High School, Interim Assistant Principal.

## **Kindergarten Registration Begins Soon**

Please help share the news that incoming kindergarten registration begins Feb. 5!  
For more information, visit the [registration page](#).

## **Congratulations to our Newest - National Board Certified Teachers**

Joan Mundsinger, Fox Chase Elementary School; Cynthia Vick, Oswego High School; and Shannon Zaininger, Murphy Junior High School. Being a National Board Certified Teacher is one of the most prestigious credentials a teacher can earn and can take up to three years to complete. These teachers have met rigorous standards through intensive study, expert evaluation, self assessment and peer review.

Congratulations to the following teachers who have re-certified: Shandra Apple, Bednarcik Junior High School; Janie Mcbrayer, Prairie Point Elementary School; and Kimberley Von Kaenel, Churchill Elementary School. For the full story, [click here](#).

### **Retirement and 25-Years in SD 308**

Congratulations to the following individuals who are celebrating their retirement from SD 308 this year: Jodi Ancel, DAC; Cathleen Anderson, PT; Vickie Baier, OH; Suzan Brostowitz, WC; Jesse Burgess, Transportation; Debra Carter, CH; Madeleine Dermott, WC; Dimitrios Dravillas, TW; Donna Fangman, TH; Laurene Gatlin, OH; Bethany Heimsoth, WC; Sandra Iverson, OP; Julie Kreitzer, FC; Linda Kulovitz, PT; Karen Lansky, DAC; Ana Lepe, OE; Dinah Meyers, LB; Alfredo Palomo, Maintenance; Jennifer Volpe, DAC; Susan Warren, PT; and Michael Wayne, OH. Congratulations also to the following individuals who are celebrating 25 years: Collette Campasano, MU; Lisa Devol, SB; Robert Lawrence, Maintenance; Michelle Monti, SB; James Nichols, FC; Jennifer Pergler, SB; Christine Smith, TR; Laura Waibel, OE; Wendi Whowell, TR; and Todd Winders, Maintenance. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Oswego Special Olympics Fundraiser at Culvers**

The Oswego Special Olympics Teams would appreciate your support by visiting Culver's of Oswego on Wednesday, Jan. 29. 10% of all sales on that day will be donated to the Special Olympics in Oswego. [Click to view flyer](#).

### **BlueCross BlueShield of Illinois - New Member Special: Join the Fitness Program and Pay No Fee in February**

To snag your free enrollment, log in to [bcbsil.com](http://bcbsil.com) and search for the Fitness Program under Quick Links. You will need to enter the code "fit4feb" during enrollment to join for free before February 29. No long-term contract. Pay only \$25 per member per month thereafter. For more information, [click here](#).

### **Discounted Tickets to Terry Fator at Paramount Theater**

The Voice of Entertainment, [Terry Fator](#), is coming to Paramount's stage with a group of his puppet friends. Simon Cowell said he one of the top entertainers on the planet, he won "America's Got Talent", he headlines one of the most popular shows in Las Vegas history – and he is coming to Aurora for two shows on January 25. An online only promo code will unlock a 30% discount on tickets:

HOW TO REDEEM:

[Click here](#); Enter promotional code: FATOR30 and click "GO"; Click on the seating map, and select where you would like to sit; Choose up to 8 seats, selecting "PROMO 30%" for each; Click Add to Order, and proceed through checkout.

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*WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:*

### **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](mailto:epalatine@sd308.org).

## **iVision**

Information to assist you with logging into iVision, filling out expense reimbursements, Pcard Coding procedures, Purchasing Procedures and more can be found on the Intranet under the Finance tab. Any questions regarding using the software is to be directed to [ivhelp@sd308.org](mailto:ivhelp@sd308.org).

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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

***Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.***  
***~Winston Churchill***