

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

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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!*

Did A Co-Worker Go Above and Beyond? Thank them with a Pass It On!

This is an easy 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.

Coronavirus Information

Our district leaders are in close communication with the Kendall County Health Department and we are also receiving information from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) regarding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). At this time the IDPH is directing students and school personnel to protect themselves and others by taking every day common sense actions to reduce the spread of viruses, such as proper handwashing, and staying home when you're sick. A letter will go out today to all staff and parents that explains more about what we are doing as a district to be both educated and prepared. We have also created a [webpage](#) with numerous links to local, state and federal health authority sites that contain realtime information on the virus, recommendations, and prevalence.

Public Forum Tonight!

The Board of Education is hosting a Public Forum tonight, Monday, March 2, at 7pm at Lakewood Creek Elementary School (2301 Lakewood Creek Drive, Montgomery). The event is the second of two planned public forums that give parents and community members an opportunity to share input, comments, issues and concerns with the district and discuss the successes and challenges. Board members will answer questions and address concerns brought forward this evening.

Tough Questions...Important Answers- Free Program March 11

[A free program](#) is being offered for all parents and educators of students in grades 5th-12th. The program will discuss a number of challenging topics, including violence prevention, vaping, suicide prevention, emotional health and safety at school. A number of area guest speakers will offer short presentations on the topics and attendees will be offered the opportunity to ask questions of the panel. Speakers include: a School Resource Officer, Behavior Specialist, EMS/Paramedic, Teacher, Counselor and School Administrators.

Parents, guardians and educators are encouraged to attend, as an overview of many current topics will be discussed, as well as resources to use when more assistance is needed. The program is free, and will be held on Wednesday, March 11 from 6-8pm at the Oswego East High School Community Room. RSVP is requested: www.sd308.org/parents.

Referendum 2020

Early voting is underway! Election day is March 17, just 15 days from now.

Information regarding the referendum, a tax calculator, a link for asking questions and more can be found at www.sd308.org/referendum. [Employee Resources for the Referendum](#) can be found on the intranet under the communications tab.

Friendly Reminder - Required Staff Training Needs to be Completed by March 31st

The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials must be completed by March 31, 2020. To access these tutorials, please visit www.gcntraining.com. The organization ID is 58077d, and your user ID is your five digit employee ID number. If you have any questions or need any assistance accessing the GCN training tutorials, please contact Kris Odum at 630.636.3081 or kodum@sd308.org.

Music, Theater and Art Month

March is both National and Illinois Music, Theater, and Youth Art Month!

This is a perfect time to highlight all the incredible accomplishments that are exemplified in our Fine Arts Programs.

At SD 308 we are fortunate to provide our students comprehensive, sequential music, theater, & visual arts education taught by exemplary fine art educators! Please let our SD 308 fine arts students and staff know how grateful we are for them!

Grade Park Gives Back

The Grande Park Elementary LRC and students are thrilled to share about their successful service project. The school community gathered donated children's books and held a Used Book Sale. This was a great way to share wonderful books while raising money for a community organization. This year they donated just under \$900 to The Bike Bald Group in Oswego. The Bike Bald Group is committed to enriching the lives of children affected by cancer and rare illnesses.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

Why is Student Voice Important? In this [two minute video](#) on the importance of student voice, students, teachers, and administrators share their views on making education more personal, relevant, and engaging.

Census 2020

Census counting officially begins on April 1. That's one month away. Watch [this video](#) to learn why the Census is so important, and visit <http://ilcountmein2020.org> to learn more about what a complete count means for our state. #ILCountMeIn2020

Traughber Choir Invited to Carnegie Hall

Congratulations to Kimberly Moorman, Traughber Jr. High School Choir Instructor, who will be taking her 8th Grade Panther Choir students to New York City's Carnegie Hall to perform in April! Due to their DCINY Concert Series performance, an invitation was extended to the 8th Grade Panther Choir students to participate in a performance of The Music of Greg Gilpin on the DCINY Concert Series in New York City on April 5.

Texas Roadhouse Employee Special

Texas Roadhouse in Naperville is offering all SD 308 employees a free appetizer or dessert with the purchase of an entree through June 30. [Click here for the flyer](#).

IGNITE308: Relationships Matter!

Thank you to those who have registered for courses for IGNITE, which will be held on March 17 from 8am-1pm. If you have not yet registered, please note that registration closes on March 4th at 4pm. Room numbers can be found in [the catalog](#) and in the [Courses at a Glance](#). Register using TalentEd ([click here for directions](#)).

2020 Kendall County Juvenile Justice Council S.K.Y. 5K Run

The Kendall County Juvenile Justice Council has done extraordinary work in supporting our youth and community by giving out over \$10,000 to area schools for truancy programs as well as thousands of dollars to numerous other school programs such as: OEHS TALK and OHS BIONIC. The organization's 5K is one of the ways the Council is able to continue to work in supporting our schools and community. For each person who signs up and indicates they are running/walking for one of our school programs, they will give that program \$10. For more information on this S.K.Y. 5K Run, [click here](#).

WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:

Retirement and 25-Years in SD 308

Congratulations to individuals retiring and celebrating 25 years in SD 308. For more information, [click here](#).

Coming Soon... News From Tech!

In an effort to improve the way IT supports our district, Technology will soon be launching a new HELP system. More information to come...

Homebound Student Tutors Needed

PEL Certified teachers with the ROE.....we need your assistance! Are you interested in providing home instruction to students that are unable to attend school? We are looking for teachers that can provide instruction in math, science, and special education at all grade levels. Please provide your information [here](#) if interested. When there is a student that matches your certification and location, you will be contacted, provided the student's information, and the opportunity to accept the job. You will then contact the student's parent/custodian and set up a time to meet the student in their home or other mutually agreed upon location to provide the instruction needed. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Debbie Miller, director of health services at dmiller@sd308.org.

Chicago Blackhawks Experience for Educators

The Chicago Blackhawks have teamed up with Fifth Third Arena (practice home of the Blackhawks) to create a memorable pregame experience for educators and your family and friends! [Purchase a ticket through this offer](#) and you'll receive the following pregame experience at Fifth Third Arena: Tours of Blackhawks Locker Room and Training Facilities at Fifth Third Arena; Buffet with entrees, sides, desserts, soft drinks and water (cash bar available); Open Skate with Bud Light Ice Crew at Fifth Third Arena (skate rental included); Blackhawks Gift: Chalkboard Mug.

Tuesday, March 31 at the Blackhawks vs. Montreal Canadiens game at 7:30pm; Pregame Experience will be held from 5:00-7:00pm. For questions or to set up groups of 10 or more, please contact Kathleen Massolio at (312) 455-7020 or email kmassolio@blackhawks.com.

Raging Waves Waterpark - Summer Work Opportunities

It's not too early to start thinking about summer. If you are looking for a fun summer job to make some extra money.....look no further! Raging Waves Waterpark, one of our District Partners, is

currently looking for individuals interested in flexible hours for summer employment. ([Click Here](#) for flyer.) You can also apply online at ragingwaves.com/employment

Huntington Learning Center - Part-Time Teachers Needed

Immediate openings for Special Education, Elementary School and High School part-time teachers. For more information, [click here](#).

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

“Somewhere inside of all of us is the power to change the world.” - Roald Dahl