

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

April 3, 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!Has Gone VIRTUAL!

Perhaps during this unprecedented time in education, there is no better opportunity to express a note of gratitude, a shout out, or a thank you to a SD 308 staff member. Our staff members have sent out over 1400 notes to each other this year! Let's keep this going. To send a Pass It On! to a peer..... visit www.sd308.org/PassItOn. These messages will now be sent directly to an individual's email on a weekly basis.

Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year

The Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) annually recognizes those who have made outstanding contributions to public and nonpublic elementary and secondary education through its Those Who Excel program/Teacher of the Year Program. This year, ISBE has divided it into two distinct nominating/recognition platforms:

- 1) Those Who Excel, which will recognize five (5) categories: Administrator, Team, Community Volunteer, Student Support Personnel, and Educational Service Personnel; and
- 2) Teacher of the Year (5+)/Outstanding Early Educators.

At this time, please nominate individual(s) deserving to be recognized from SD 308 by clicking on the following links: Those Who Excel: <https://forms.gle/BmseAHXRk4cBuQZFA>
Teacher/Outstanding Early Educators: <https://forms.gle/yaYYm4FWEsTqw5aC8>
Please fill out a new form for each nomination that you submit.
Nomination period will close on April 30th.

BCBS COVID-19 Update

Effective March 18, 2020, BCBSIL began covering testing services related to the COVID-19 at no cost share to members. In addition, expanded coverage of telehealth services provided through an already contracted vendor or physician will also be available, at no cost share to members, through April 30, 2020. This means qualified members whose own provider offers telehealth service will now have that service covered as a regular office visit. This coverage benefit is in addition to the telehealth benefits currently being offered to eligible members by MDLIVE. Covered telehealth visits currently include two-way, live interactive telephone communication and digital video consultations, which can allow concerned members to connect with their physicians while reducing the risk of exposure to contagious viruses or further illness. **This added service is currently only available for employees enrolled in either the PPO or HCA, through April 30, 2020.**

OMNI's Inside Edge Newsletter

The latest edition of OMNI's Inside Edge Newsletter includes new regulations starting January 1 and customer support during the COVID-19 outbreak. [Click Here](#) for Newsletter.

Hands-Only CPR Notification

State law requires the Ill. High School Association to post a hands-only cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and automated external defibrillators (AED) training video on its website. The law also requires the District to notify staff members and parents/guardians about the video. You are encouraged to view the video (which will take less than 15 minutes of your time) at the following website/link:

<http://www.ihsa.org/Resources/SportsMedicine/CPRTTraining.aspx>

Coronavirus Information

At this time, the best prevention is still to continue to use every day, common sense actions to reduce the spread of viruses, such as proper handwashing, and staying home when you're sick. Please visit the [SD 308 webpage](#) with numerous links to local, state and federal health authority sites that contain realtime information on the virus, recommendations, and prevalence.

Remote Learning Resource Page

There is a page on the district site: www.sd308.org/remoteteaching that has links and videos to help guide everyone through remote learning.

Long Beach Elementary's Assistant Principal

Our Board of Education has approved Ethan Buege as the assistant principal of Long Beach Elementary School at its March 16, 2020 board meeting. [Welcome Ethan!](#)

Google's Teach From Home Resource Page

A [temporary page for educators](#) was set up by Google to provide easy instructions, idea sharing and help for teachers amid the COVID-19 crisis.

BOE Meeting Monday, April 6

The Board of Education will meet on Monday evening. A select few people will be in person at the meeting at Oswego East High School, most members will participate virtually to protect the health and safety of everyone. Requests for Public Comment will need to be made ahead of time, more info can be found on the yellow banner on the district website. Live streaming will still be available online at www.sd308.org.

We Are Teachers Resources

Many educational resources online are free at this time. [We Are Teachers](#) has compiled a list of nearly 200 sources, along with a description of each resource and offer.

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.

Traugher Choir Invited to Carnegie Hall

Congratulations to Kimberly Moorman and the Traugher Jr. High School 8th Grade Panther Choir on being invited to New York City's Carnegie Hall to perform. Based on the Choir's DCINY Concert Series performance, the students were invited to participate in a performance of

The Music of Greg Gilpin on the DCINY Concert Series in New York City in April. While the group was unable to attend due to COVID-19, we are still so proud of Ms. Moorman and these students for this accomplishment.

Congratulations to our March 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 an upcoming BOE meeting. [Click here](#) to view building presentations with Dr. Sparlin.

Allied First Bank - Teachers of the Month:

Oswego High School: Darren Howard, Athletic Director; Mark Johnson, Assistant Athletic Director/Social Studies Teacher; and Maureen Terwelp, EL Support Teacher/EL TOSA
East View Academy: Sara Carson, Speech/Language Therapist
GOAL: Kim Hubble, Teacher.

Huntington Learning Center - Employees of the Month:

Oswego High School: Bill Queen, Building Engineer; Ann Reiswig, Building Services Evening Supervisor
GOAL: Marta Soto, Teacher Assistant
District Administration Center: Kris Odum, Receptionist

All In Illinois

Governor Pritzker launched a new effort to reinforce the message that we should all stay home and stay safe. The campaign is called "All in Illinois," to remind us that we're all in this together. "I've taken virtually every action available to me to protect our residents and slow the spread, and now, our strongest weapon against COVID-19 is you," the Governor said. "For everyone in Illinois, we as individuals must commit to stay home, stay safe and practice social distancing to stay healthy."

You can show your solidarity by updating your Facebook profile photo with the All in Illinois frame image, or by sharing messages on social media using the #AllinIllinois hashtag. If you'd like to download an "All In" sign to display in a window, you can download one [here](#).

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

"Adaptability is being able to adjust to any situation at any given time." -John Wooden