

# SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

May 1, 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! .....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 1672 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](http://www.sd308.org/PassItOn). These messages will now be sent directly to an individual's email on a weekly basis.

## A Message of Sympathy

It is with incredible sadness that we notify everyone of the sudden passing of Marysely Gomez, administrative assistant in Student Services at DAC. Marysely is remembered as a very kind, and helpful person. She leaves behind a husband, a five year old daughter and triplet two year olds. Her sister Yari is also part of the DAC team. Our sympathies to Marysely's family and friends at this very sad time.

## Welcome New Administrators to SD 308!

Kyle Olesen - Director Technology  
Jeremy Bell - Director Special Education  
Carol Marszalek - Special Education Coordinator  
Anne Marie Risen - Special Education Coordinator

## Free Face Mask Giveaway

Huntington Learning Center and the Character Counts! Coalition of Oswego and Montgomery are partnering to give away 150 face masks. [\(Click here for flyer\)](#) There is a limit of two masks per person and they are free of charge. The masks are being provided by a not-for-profit dance studio and a student service project. Donations are being accepted to support their efforts. Masks are being given away on a first come first serve basis until the supply runs out. Please pull up curbside and volunteers will give you the masks in a sealed Ziploc bag for your safety.

## Teacher Appreciation Week 2020

It's now May 1, and we have had many weeks of mandatory social distancing, which means we have been **teaching our students via remote learning**. Parents have now become "quasi" teachers and have a *deeper* appreciation for what our teachers deal with day-in and day-out. This year, our school PTOs will not be able to serve teacher lunches or fill up the staff lounges with snacks, which stinks. However, we want to give a **HUGE SHOUT OUT** to all teachers for doing all you do and let you know you are so appreciated! If there's a special SD308 teacher in your life, send them a note of appreciation, [click here](#).

### **Those Who Excel/Teacher of the Year**

Nomination period ends **TODAY** for:

- 1) Those Who Excel (Administrator, Team, Community Volunteer, Student Support Personnel, Educational Service Personnel): <https://forms.gle/BmseAHXRk4cBuQZFA>
- 2) Teacher of the Year (5+)/Outstanding Early Educators: <https://forms.gle/yaYYm4FWEsTgw5aC8>

### **Free Financial Consultation**

Having been a partner with School District 308 for over 82 years, KCT Credit Union recognizes that during these uncertain times, many are currently or will be soon facing financial difficulties. You don't have to go it alone. KCT would like to extend a special invitation to SD308 faculty and staff for a free, no obligation Financial Wellness Checkup, which can be done entirely over the phone. They'll examine your financial situation, and provide a step-by-step process to get you from where you are, to where you want to be. [Learn more.](#)

### **#LightsForTheFight**

Friday night lights in our stadiums are amazing experiences for our school communities, and while we cannot be together in person, we can be united in our hope! **#LightsForTheFight**

### **Fill Out the 2020 Census Today**

To fill out the 2020 Census, please [click here](#).

### **Modified Stay Home Directive Begins Today**

Governor Pritzker signed a new executive order Thursday that extends his directive for people to remain at home as much as possible through May 29, with changes including a requirement that people older than two wear face coverings in public when they can't maintain a safe distance from others. State parks will begin reopening, non-essential businesses may open for online or phone order pick-up, and golf courses can open with new guidelines. [Learn more here.](#)

### **New Coronavirus Support and Resources Hotline—for Employees!**

To provide additional support and peace of mind, ComPsych is now offering a special Support and Resources Hotline to provide Coronavirus Support. Please [click this link](#) for more information, or review the [Coronavirus Digital Toolkit](#).

### **Blue Cross Blue Shield - Quick and Understandable Videos Related to COVID-19**

[What is COVID-19?](#)

[Flattening the Curve](#)

[Social Distancing](#)

[Quarantine/Self-Isolation](#)

[Handwashing](#)

### **Physical and Mental Well-Being While Working from Home**

Uncertain times can come with anxiety, stress, and poor self-care habits. *Naturally Slim* developed a collection of resources through a toolkit that will help protect your mental and physical health during the COVID-19 outbreak. The toolkit will continue to evolve over the coming weeks, with resources offered in a variety of formats on topics like: stress and anxiety management, healthy sleep habits, staying physically active without access to a gym, creating structure while working from home, timely media articles that are in alignment with Naturally Slim's whole-health philosophy, and more! To access the toolkit, please go to:

<http://go.naturallyslim.com/now-is-the-time>

**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](http://www.sd308.org/remoteteaching) that has links and videos to help guide everyone through remote learning.

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

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