

SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

May 8, 2020 (Updated)

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 1750 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.

Teacher Appreciation & Nurses Day Celebrated

This was a special week set aside to acknowledge and thank our teachers who devote themselves to helping students grow and succeed. Also, our nurses whose medical expertise coupled with their compassionate character provide great care for our students. SD 308 is such an awesome place thanks to each of you!!

Retirement and 25-Years in SD 308

The Retirement and 25-Year Retirement Celebration Dinner has unfortunately been cancelled for this year. ***If you have already RSVP'd and paid, please note that your check will not be cashed and will be shredded on Wednesday, May 13th, unless you email Ursula Coan at ucoan@sd308.org requesting she return the check to you.***

We again CONGRATULATE our retirees and those celebrating 25 years with the District.

Celebration Flyer: [click here](#).

Retirees: Jodi Ancel-District Administration Center, Cathleen Anderson-Prairie Point Elementary School, Vickie Baier-Oswego High School, Suzan Brostowitz-Wolf's Crossing Elementary School, Jesse Burgess-Transportation Department, Debra Carter-Churchill Elementary School, Janet DeMont-Fox Chase Elementary School, Madeleine Dermott-Wolf's Crossing Elementary School, Dimitrios Dravillas-The Wheatlands Elementary School, Donna Fangman-Thompson Junior High School, Laurene Gatlin-Oswego High School, Bethany Heimsoth-Wolf's Crossing Elementary School, Sandra Iverson-Old Post Elementary School, Max Knoecklein, Jr-Oswego High School, Kathleen Kovach, Transportation Department, Julie Kreitzer-Fox Chase Elementary School, Linda Kulovitz-Prairie Point Elementary School, Karen Lansky-District Administration Center, Ana Lepe-Oswego East High School, Dinah Meyers-Long Beach Elementary School, Alfredo Palomo-Maintenance Department, Jennifer Volpe-District Administration Center, Susan Warren-Prairie Point Elementary School, Michael Wayne-Oswego High School.

Celebrating 25 Years with SD 308: Collette Campasano-Murphy Junior High School, Lisa Devol-Southbury Elementary School, Robert Lawrence-Maintenance Department, Michelle Monti-Southbury Elementary School, James Nichols Fox Chase Elementary School, Jennifer Pergler-Southbury Elementary School, Christine Smith-Traugher Junior High School, Laura Waibel-Oswego East High School, Wendi Whowell-Traugher Junior High School, Todd Winders-Maintenance Department.

Graduation Plans Announced

The graduating Class of 2020 will be celebrated in a new way! A modified virtual ceremony for each school will include footage of students walking across the stage, recorded student and staff speeches, music and more. Students will be filmed over the course of three days in mid-June, each will receive a professional cap-gown photo as well. Please join with us in encouraging and celebrating these graduates who have had a very different end to their high school career!

Free Face Mask Giveaway #2

Huntington Learning Center and the Character Counts! Coalition of Oswego and Montgomery will again be handing out face masks this Saturday, May 9th (10a-12p) at the Huntington Learning Center (until supplies run out). [Click here for details](#). At last week's handout, 200 masks were handed out, \$300 was raised for the non-profits who made the masks. There is a limit of two masks per person and they are free of charge. Donations are being accepted to support their efforts. Please pull up curbside and volunteers will give you the masks in a sealed Ziploc bag for your safety.

Events Cancelled or Modified Online

Governor Pritzker recently announced guidelines of a phased plan, [Restore Illinois](#), for opening the state, which includes restrictions on gatherings and direction for the use of face masks. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions, we will not be able to host prom, school dances, awards nights, banquets and any other gatherings. Some recognitions have moved to virtual events, schools will communicate these plans directly with parents and students.

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](#).

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 resources are 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, and more! [Click for the toolkit.](#)

Remote Learning & COVID-19 Resource Pages

There is a page on the district site: www.sd308.org/remotetelearning that has links and videos to help guide everyone through remote learning. The page www.sd308.org/COVID19 has links to current health guidance, local resources and more!

Huntington Learning Center ... says [Thank you, Teachers!](#)

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