

# SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

May 22, 2020 (Distributed 5/26- we were waiting on a few important things to include!)

## **HAPPY END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR SD 308 FAMILY!**

Congratulations on a great and unexpected year full of new and challenging experiences! Friday Update will slow to once every few weeks over the summer, when there is important information to share. You can always review past editions on the intranet under the Communications tab.

*"Thank you for all that you do! You are appreciated! SD308 is a special place because of all of you! Remember.....We Got This!" Superintendent Dr. John W. Sparlin*

## **SD 308 Family! We Got This!**

**Please submit** content for Friday Updates to: [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org).....*thank you!*

## **Pass It On! .....Has Gone VIRTUAL!**

Thank you to all those who sent a note of gratitude, a shout out, or a thank you to a SD 308 staff member. Our staff members sent out over 1900 notes to each other this school year! We look forward to keeping this electronic platform going next year and sending out even more!!! Until next year, remember that you are each an integral part to someone's day!

## **Online Student Registration is Open**

Online registration for returning students is open for the 2020/21 school year. The registration is accessed through Tyler SIS 360.

## **ISBE Those Who Excel and Teacher of the Year/Outstanding Early Educator**

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. This year, ISBE has placed the Teacher of the Year/Outstanding Early Educators into their own category for better clarity. Teacher of the Year are for teachers with 5+ years of experience and Outstanding Early Educators are for teachers with 1-4 years of experience; Those Who Excel will honor and recognize the following five (5) categories: Administrator, Team, Community Volunteer, Student Support Personnel, and Educational Service Personnel.

This year our district has submitted the following nominations to ISBE for its consideration: Teacher of the Year: Alexandra Wooden (BH); Outstanding Early Educator: Joshua Johnson (TR); Administrator: Tyler Haymond (PL); Student Support Personnel: Kathleen Lund (PT); Community Member: Jacquie Bucher (PL); and Team: OEHS Wolf Parents (OE). Congratulations to all!

## **Departments and Programs Moving in SD308**

The Transition Center will be moving into DAC in the hallway where Dr. Sparlin, Finance, SpEd, Communications, and Faith Dahlquist were previously located for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Sparlin, Faith their support personnel, and the SpEd Department will remain at DAC in re-located positions in the building. Communications, Registration, Student Services,

Health Services, and Development will be moving to the Transition Center; and the Finance Department will be moving to the Operations Department.

### **Teacher - Remote Learning Feedback**

It is important that we learn from our successes, mistakes and challenges during remote learning. Please complete this [survey](#) for SD308 teachers that was created in collaboration with the OEA in order for us to gain insight into how to move forward if in fact Remote Learning is in place during next school year.

### **Technology Annual Summer Clean-out**

The Technology Department performs its yearly cleanup of devices and files to assure continued availability of device usage and storage space for the coming school year. Please see the email sent to you Friday morning for a full list of instructions.

### **Summer Hours**

Summer hours will begin Monday, June 1. A four-day workweek will be in place, with employees working ten-hour days Mondays through Thursdays. Specific hours will be posted at each building location.

### **BCBS COVID-19 Update**

Starting March 18, 2020, BCBSIL began covering testing services related to the COVID-19 at no cost share to members. In addition, PPO or HCA members whose own provider offers telehealth service, will now have that service covered as a regular office visit. 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 June 30, 2020.](#)

### **Employee Self Service (ESS) Portal**

If you need to do any of the following: view/print direct deposit receipts or pay stubs for current and past pay periods beginning with January 15, 2020; use the Pay Check calculator feature for planning purposes; view your W-4 information and submit changes as needed; view your leave balances and history; view/change contact and emergency information, then [click here](#) to be directed to the Employee Self Service (ESS) portal in Infinite Visions, as the Employee Access Center (EAC) will be disabled. [Click here](#) for a flyer.

Reminder from the Payroll Department - During the Summer pay dates, some changes can't be made, such as direct deposit destinations, tax withholding changes or changes in 403b / 457 contributions. Please submit any or all changes for direct deposit, tax withholding changes, or 403b / 457 contributions by Wednesday - June 17, 2020. Thank you for your assistance and have a great summer, and stay healthy!

### **Student Meal Service Update**

#### **June 1 - 30:**

Meals will continue to be distributed through the month of June for a Monday (2-days of meals) and Wednesday (3-days of meals) pick-up. Meal distribution will be at Oswego High School only at Door 11 at 8:30 - 10:00 AM.

**Naturally Slim Program – New Classes Beginning**

If you've been waiting to enroll in Naturally Slim, NOW IS TIME. Naturally Slim will be accepting applications for a new class starting June 15. With Naturally Slim, you will learn skills to help you reach a healthy weight, relieve stress, manage anxiety, and focus on self-care. Employees, spouses and covered dependents over age 18 enrolled on the BCBSIL PPO or HRA medical plan are eligible to participate in the program. To be considered, you must complete the online application by May 29, 2020. Please visit [www.naturallyslim.com/CUSD308](http://www.naturallyslim.com/CUSD308) to apply and learn more.

**Facebook...Do you Follow?**

Do you follow the district's Facebook page? The page is updated with many great stories, pictures, videos, announcements and information during urgent situations. It's a great way to stay up to date with the happening around SD 308! Like the [Community Unit School District 308](#) page on Facebook!

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

**"Summertime is always the best of what might be." - Charles Bowden**