



August 23, 2019

### **Good Afternoon 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! You can review past editions on the intranet under the Communications tab. **Thank you for sending in article ideas...**submit content for future Friday Updates to: [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org).

**Kindness is Contagious...You Matter Because...Pass It On!** Pass It On is a way to send a shout out or thank you to any SD 308 staff member, to send one visit [www.sd308.org/PassItOn](http://www.sd308.org/PassItOn).

### **Back-to-School Spirit Wear**

Visit our district's 2019-2020 **Back-to-School Spiritwear Store** and purchase this year's back-to-school design. This design is available in 5 fun colors for a limited time and can be purchased in a short-sleeve (\$10), long-sleeve (\$15), crew neck (\$20) and hooded sweatshirt (\$25) through September 2nd at: [sd308.org/shirts](http://sd308.org/shirts).

A variety of other merchandise featuring the SD 308 logo as well as all school logos can be found year-round at our regular Spiritwear Store, which is located at: [sd308.itemorder.com/sale](http://sd308.itemorder.com/sale).

### **Randy Craig (TH) - Illinois Art Education Association 2019 Middle Level Art Educator of the Year**

The IAEA has recognized Randy Craig as the 2019 Middle Level Art Educator of the Year and will recognize him at its annual conference on Friday, Nov. 22. The IAEA found Mr. Craig's professional performance, service, and leadership in the field to be exemplary in every regard. Congratulations, Mr. Craig, for this honor.

### **Welcome: Joshua Binder, Director of Development**

In a formal cooperative agreement between SD 308 and the Oswego Foundation for Educational Excellence (OFEE), Josh Binder will be supporting the foundation's efforts to fund and support specific educational expenses across the 22 schools in our district as well as expand opportunities for the community to be more actively involved with local education.

### **ABCs of Education**

Education is known for a wide variety of acronyms used to describe services, programs, regulations, and more! To assist with understanding commonly used acronyms, we've created a dictionary online, [click here](#). The list will be updated as acronyms are added or changed. If you

encounter an abbreviation you don't understand, please email [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org) so it can be explained and added to the dictionary.

### **Tyler SIS Update**

The parent portal on Tyler now shows schedule, grades, and attendance for secondary students, and schedule and attendance information for elementary students (elementary academic progress can be viewed in Mastery Connect). Parents can access this information using the link on the district website, the link in the SD 308 app, or through the Tyler SIS Student 360 app. The Student portal will not be opening until later this Fall.

As a reminder, if parents have not yet established a parent account on the Tyler Parent Portal, please direct them to email [TylerHelp@sd308.org](mailto:TylerHelp@sd308.org) for assistance.

### **Care Closet Directory**

A directory of contacts for the Care Closets at our schools can be found online, [click here](#).

### **NAACP College and Career Readiness Fair**

All area students and families are welcome to attend the 9th annual NAACP College and Career Readiness Fair being held at Oswego East High School on Saturday, Sept. 21. For more information [click here](#).

### **SD 308 Wellness Screenings and Flu Clinics**

The district is offering five locations over four dates for its annual Flu Shot Clinics and Wellness Screening Events this year. Flu Shots and Wellness Screenings are provided at **No Cost** to all employees and spouses currently enrolled in a SD 308 medical insurance plan who present their SD 308 medical insurance card. A cost of \$32 for Flu Shots and \$91 for Wellness Screenings is charged to all other employees and spouses, which must be paid at the time of service with cash, credit or check.

To secure your appointment, please register today: [sign up here](#).

Screenings will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 17 at Traughber Junior High School; Thursday, Sept. 19 at Oswego East High School and Oswego High School; Thursday, Sept. 26 at Bednarcik Junior High School; and Friday, Sept. 27 at DAC/Eastview. For times and complete program information, view the flyer [here](#).

### **A message of Safety and Prevention- Heatstroke/Sunstroke and Heat Exhaustion-**

Combining heat and humidity with physical activity can result in heat illness. **Heat exhaustion** is less serious than heatstroke, but may lead to heatstroke. While it is important to recognize the symptoms and know the treatment, it is even more important to **prevent** heat related illness. If you work outdoors, follow these tips: (1) Drink extra fluids. (2) Wear lightweight, light-colored clothing, loose-fitting clothing, and a wide-brimmed hat. (3) Use a sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more. (4) Avoid beverages with caffeine and alcohol. (5) If possible, shift your time outdoors to the coolest times of the day, either early morning or after sunset. (6) Take frequent breaks to sit in the shade.

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WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:

### **Required Staff Training**

The required GCN (Global Compliance Network) training tutorials are now live for the 2019-2020 school year. This year, tutorials must be completed by March 31, 2020. To access these tutorials, please visit [www.gcntraining.com](http://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](mailto:kodum@sd308.org).

### **Changes Coming to FSA (Flexible Spending Accounts)**

If you currently have a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) through the District, please know that Taben--the District's FSA provider--will be transitioning to a new platform "Navia" on September 9, 2019. In preparation for this transition, there will be a handful of important dates to keep in mind. Employees who opted into the FSA plan will receive communication from Taben throughout the process to help make the transition as easy as possible. If you have an FSA account, please review the [transition overview](#) and feel free to contact Glenn Campos, Benefits Coordinator, with any questions at [Gcampos@sd308.org](mailto:Gcampos@sd308.org).

### **The Meemic Foundation - Two (2) New Classroom Prize Opportunities**

Educators can apply for the following opportunities and all school personnel are eligible....simply login and nominate yourself or your school!

Meemic Classroom Resource Grant: Nominate a teacher or school to win a \$50 gift code to use with Teachers Pay Teachers; 1,500 winners will be selected; application deadline is September 30; visit [www.MeemicFoundation.org/TpT](http://www.MeemicFoundation.org/TpT) for more information.

August PopIn2Win Award: Nominate a teacher or school to win a Nasco Butterfly Hydroponics Kit; 100 winners will be selected; application deadline is August 31; visit [www.MeemicFoundation.org/Popin2Win](http://www.MeemicFoundation.org/Popin2Win)

***The goal of education is not to increase the amount of knowledge but to create the possibilities for a child to invent and discover, to create men who are capable of doing new things. ~ Jean Piaget***