

# SD308 | FRIDAY UPDATE

October 18, 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! **Please submit** content for Friday Updates to: [communications@sd308.org](mailto:communications@sd308.org).....thank you!

**Pass It On!** is a way to send a shout out, a thank you, or a note of gratitude to any SD 308 staff member. To send a Pass It On! to a peer..... visit [www.sd308.org/PassItOn](http://www.sd308.org/PassItOn).

## Open Enrollment 2020 for Benefits...Begins Oct. 21 and ends at Nov 1.

Open Enrollment is your annual opportunity to reflect upon your current benefit elections and make any needed changes for the upcoming year. During this period, you may add or remove eligible dependents, and change your benefit elections, with changes going into effect on January 1, 2020. If you choose not to take action, your existing coverage options will roll over into the next year with the exception of the Health Care Flexible Spending Account and Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account options, which require you to actively re-enroll each year. Please remember that changes requested outside of Open Enrollment must be accompanied by a Qualified Life Event. For more information, [click here](#).

## ISBE Those Who Excel

ISBE's Those Who Excel program annually recognizes and honors individuals who have made outstanding contributions to public and nonpublic elementary and secondary education. Tomorrow ISBE will be holding it's 45th Annual Those Who Excel Awards Banquet at the BloomingtonNormal Marriott Hotel where they will be honoring all of the state winners including the following winners from SD 308: **Bridget Bois (TH)**, Classroom Teacher-Award of Recognition; **Margaret Darnell (OE)**, School Administrator-Award of Recognition; **Robyn Schmidt (PT)**, Educational Service Personnel (Non-certificated)-Award of Meritorious; **Rebecca Wood (CH)**, Student Support Personnel (Licensed)-Award of Recognition; and **Murphy AVID Site Team** (Elizabeth Fell, Brian Falli, Kelly Waldron, Cynthia Miller, Sarah Vihnanek, Elizabeth Ramsbottom, Michael Gerl)-Award of Meritorious. Congratulations to all of our state winners on this huge accomplishment and honor. To see listings of past Those Who Excel Awardees, please [click here](#).

## National Bullying Prevention Month

October is National Bullying Prevention Month. There is a government website that contains many free resources and links! Visit <https://www.stopbullying.gov>

**Crosstown Challenge!** The Allied Bank Crosstown Challenge traveling trophy is presented to the school with the most regular season wins across all boys and girls varsity Crosstown competitions from the previous school year (2018-2019). The Crosstown Challenge winning school for the 2018-19 school year was presented to Oswego High School. Allied First Bank presented each school with a check for \$2,500 in celebration of their participation in the Crosstown Challenge and provided 3,000 Crosstown Challenge t-shirts for student fans in attendance.

**Sixth Annual Food Drive -** For the first time, the Oswego Police Department, Fire Department, Library, Park District and Village Hall all set out collection bins in an effort to help collect items from the community. Also stressed this year was the importance of the cash donation and the fact that for every one dollar the Kendall County Community Food Pantry (KCCFP) receives, they have the buying power of eight dollars. Therefore, every dollar donated was given credit for eight items. This year the district was able to more than double last year's collection with an impressive amount of 286,994 items for the Kendall County Community Food Pantry. This year's winners are Churchill Elementary School, which donated 48,983 items, Bednarcik Junior High School, which donated 12,763 items, and Oswego East High School which donated 26,321 items. The overall grand champion trophy winner is Churchill Elementary School, with the largest number of items collected by a single building over the past six years.

### **Contest Winners**

Oswego High School was the winner of both the Spirit Week at Chick-fil-A and The Test Drive Challenge by Ron Westphal Chevrolet, both businesses made donations to both high schools. A presentation was held during quarter breaks of the Crosstown Football Game.

### **Educator Discounts**

Many local and national businesses offer discounts for educators! Here are a few highlights:

[Michaels: 15% off Teacher Discount](#)

[J.Crew: 15% off in-store purchase with a valid ID](#)

[Adobe Creative Cloud: save over 60%](#)

### **Congressman Foster's STEM Fair**

Tomorrow is the free STEM fair hosted by Congressman Bill Foster at West Aurora High School, beginning at 10am. It is open to all teens, children and families with curious minds! To sign-up, [click here](#).

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*WORTH REPEATING FROM LAST FRIDAY UPDATE:*

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

### **IGNITE308**

For the past 2 years, the district's PD department has engaged us in fun learning and collaboration with IGNITE308 during our Spring Teachers' Institute Day. This spring, IGNITE308's theme is RELATIONSHIPS MATTER and will be held on Tuesday, March 17,

2020. Please consider sharing your skills and expertise by being an IGNITE308 presenter. Presenter information can be found by [clicking here](#). For more information, please contact Jodi Ancel, Interim Director of Professional Development at [jancel@sd308.org](mailto:jancel@sd308.org).

### **Annual Required Notices**

The following attached materials are being provided to you, as required by Federal and Illinois law:

[Children's Health Insurance Program \(CHIP\)](#)

[Women's Health and Cancer Rights Act \(WHCRA\) Notice](#)

[Medicare Part D Notice for CUSD 308 Active Employees](#)

### **The Paramount Presents Eddie B**

SD 308 District Partner The Paramount Theater invites all educators out to a show just for you! [Eddie B](#), "I'm Already Professionally Developed Tour" is at the Paramount Nov. 2 at 8pm. The teacher-turned-comedian will make you remember everything you hated about being a student and love about being a teacher, because he's seen it all. This is one parent-teacher conference you'll never forget! Group discounts available, call 630.723.2416.

### **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).

**"All you need is the plan, the road map, and the courage to press on to your destination." —Earl Nightingale**