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Good Morning SD 308 Family!

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.

OFEE Grant Applications Now Accepted

Each year, the Oswego Foundation For Educational Excellence (OFEE) provides educational grants to be used to enhance the educational opportunities of SD 308 students. Staff apply for grants used for educational items for students, outside of what is provided for by the district. The foundation requests that each grant winner provide pictures, and a story if possible, of the grant in use and acknowledge OFEE while using the item(s) purchased with the grant.

OFEE has opened the 2019 grant applications. Please [download the application packet](#) and submit your application no later than **April 1, 2019**. All applications must be submitted online. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Paul, OFEE president, at 630.370.1966 or email: danielle_paul_ofee@yahoo.com.

Free Course for Coaching Special Needs Athletes

Interested in learning more about how to coach special needs athletes? This course is the perfect introduction for new coaches and volunteers. Anyone is welcome to attend. The event is free, but requires registration to receive certification. TOPSoccer Coaching is offering the Certification Course on March 3, 3-5pm. [For more information.](#)

National Board Certified and Recertified Teachers

The following teachers have completed the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS's) National Board Certification process which signifies certified teachers have developed and demonstrated the skills required of an educational professional. Congratulations to Joyce Shumate, Bednarcik Junior High School (new); Michelle Schmit, Fox Chase Elementary (renewed); Andrea Praught, Prairie Point Elementary (renewed); and Mary Struve, Prairie Point Elementary (renewed).

Character Counts! T-Shirt Sale

The Wheatlands is currently taking orders for Character Counts! Merchandise: T-Shirts, long-sleeves, hoodies and zip-hoodies ([see design](#)). Orders can be placed online until February 24th at this link: charactercounts.itemorder.com/sale. For more information, contact Susan Rost at 630.636.3524 or srost@sd308.org.

Retirement and 25-Year Recognition Dinner.

Consider joining us in congratulating our 2018-19 Retirees and 25-Year Recognition Honorees on Thursday, April 25 at White Eagle Golf Club, Naperville. For a complete listing of individuals being recognized and the RSVP form, [click here](#).

SD308 District Staff Volleyball Tournament

It's that time of year again.....the SD308 district staff volleyball tournament is coming! This year there will be a competitive and non-competitive "fun" bracket! Everyone is welcome to either form a team and join in the fun or simply come out and cheer on your favorite team. Tournament is being held at Oswego High School (enter through Athletic Door #35) on Friday, April 5 at 4:30 pm. If you want to register a team, please [register here](#). Teams need to be registered by March 22. For more information, contact Amanda Wozniak (awozniak@sd308.org) and/or Kari Acuff (kacuff@sd308.org).

NEW SD308 Spirit Wear Store With School Options

Our new and improved Spirit Wear store is open! The store is filled with all new items, colors and styles! Orders will be fulfilled on a monthly basis. Choose to either have your order shipped to you, or pick up at your school's office. New to the Spirit Wear store are five (5) items which can **now be ordered with school logos!** Proceeds from these items will benefit your school. Here is the link to start shopping: sd308.itemorder.com

Kindness is Contagious...Pass It On!

208 cards have already been created, keep the kindness coming!!

Pass It On is a new way to send a shout out or thank you to any SD 308 staff member. To send a Pass It On, visit www.sd308.org/PassItOn

Community Conversations: SD 308 Operating Referendum

Join Superintendent Dr. John Sparlin and leaders from SD 308 to hear more about a proposed operating referendum and ask questions. Tuesday, March 5, 5:30-7pm at Oswego Public Library (32 Jefferson Street, Oswego); Wednesday, March 13, 5:30-7pm at Oswego Fire Protection District Station 1 (3511 Woolley Rd, Oswego); and Thursday, March 21, 10:30am-12pm at Oswegoland Park District Civic Center (5 Ashlawn Ave, Montgomery). [More information.](#)

Operating Rate Referendum for Oswego Community Unit School District 308 Early Voting

A referendum will appear on the ballot in Kendall, Kane and Will Counties on April 2, 2019. For more information regarding the referendum visit www.sd308.org/referendum.

Early voting began February 21, 2019

Kendall Co: Kendall County Clerk's Voter Registration Office: 111 W Fox St., Room 103, Yorkville.

Will Co: Please follow this [link](#) for early voting sites in Will County

Kane Co: Kane County Clerk's Office, 719 S Batavia Ave, Bldg. B, Geneva or Clerk's Aurora Satellite Office, 5 E Downer Place, Aurora.

"Hard work spotlights the character of people: some turn up their sleeves, some turn up their noses, and some don't turn up at all."

– Sam Ewing