



February 8, 2019

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.

Kindness is Contagious...Pass It On!

Many 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. Every day there are staff members doing great things for students, co-workers, parents, and our community, let's start recognizing these acts of kindness, big or small!

With the Pass It On system, you can take a few seconds to submit a note of recognition to someone in your SD 308 family. These notes will be printed on a note card and delivered twice a month to the main office at the building the recipient works in. Notes can be signed from an individual, team, or left anonymous.

Kindness is contagious, so we encourage you to Pass It On!

To send a Pass It On, visit www.sd308.org/PassItOn

Congratulations to our December and January PRIDE Winners

These individuals will be recognized at the upcoming BOE meeting this Monday, February 1.

December Winners: Rebecca Schumacher (PT) and Mary Soto (CH), Teachers of the Month; Kimberly Manna (PT), Employee of the Month; Kathy Tollaksen (LB), Volunteer of the Month. **January Winners:** Zenaida Lopez (BH) and Gary Mosley (OH), Teachers of the Month; Kelissa Ponce (TH), Employee of the Month; Sandy Ramirez (LB), Volunteer of the Month.

November Winner: George Bailey (OH), Volunteer of the Month.

Congratulations also to the following individuals for having been nominated during the months of December and January: Jill Bean (PL), Hana Bridge (JL), Mike Cavello (LB), Michael Everson (PL), Rachel Fitzgerald (GP), Cristina Hernandez (BH), Lsa Hrouda (Transition), Christine Kirkwood (Transition), Frank Tieri (OH), Brian Fauth (GP), Maureen Dehler (PT), James Johnson (PL), Abby Campbell (WC), Tyler Haymond (PL), Christine Victorin (SB), Staci Mardsen (EVA), Corie Folley (TH).

Nominate a colleague or volunteer! Nominations are open for February [PRIDE winners!](#)

IGNITE - Presenter Form (Final Deadline Extended to Monday, Feb. 11)

The deadline to submit a presenter form for the IGNITE 308 conference has been extended to Monday, Feb. 11. SESSIONS WILL NOT BE ADDED AFTER THIS DATE. The catalog of sessions to be offered is scheduled to be released the week of February 25. If you are interested in leading a workshop, please fill out a [presenter form](#) to create your workshop. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Podjasek at hpodjasek@sd308.org

School Calendar

Due to the winter weather cancellations we have had up to this point, the last day of school is scheduled to be May 31, 2019, which is a SIP day, 3.5 hour attendance. However, this date could change if we use another emergency day between now and then.

We will make-up a maximum of five emergency days, meaning that even if we close for one or more emergency days this year, our final day of school will be June 3, 2019, which would then become the SIP day.

Our calendars are kept up-to-date on the district website, we encourage you to reference these for all updates to the school year. The page can be found at www.sd308.org/calendars.

Homebound Student Tutors Needed

Certified teachers.....we need your assistance! Are you interested in providing home instruction to students that are unable to attend school? We are looking for teachers that can provide instruction at all levels: elementary, junior high, high school and specialty subjects. Please provide your information [here](#) if interested. When there is a student that matches your certification and location, you will be contacted, provided the student's information, and the opportunity to accept the job. You will then contact the student's parent/custodian and set up a time to meet the student in their home or other mutually agreed upon location to provide the instruction needed. If you have any questions, you can reach out to Debbie Miller, director of health services at dmiller@sd308.org.

Chicago Cubs Teacher Appreciation Night- Group Ticket Sales

On Wednesday, May 8 the Cubs are offering teachers a special ticket offer to watch the Cubs-Marlins game at Wrigley Field. If you have a group of 15 or more, you can purchase tickets now, by contacting Andy Barrett at abarrett@cubs.com or phone 773-404-4767.

By purchasing these special tickets, you'll get a Cubs-themed desk calendar block set.

[Click here](#) for the flyer.

Individual tickets for the game will go on sale at a later date. For details about all the promotional games offered by the Cubs, visit www.cubs.com/specialticketoffers.

Huntington Learning Center - Hiring Part-Time Teachers

Huntington Learning Center currently has openings for part-time teachers (special education, elementary school and high school). Please [click here](#) for flyer. They offer flexible hours, competitive hourly rate, and paid training! Four-year degree required. Recent grads, current teachers and retired professionals are encouraged to apply by email at oswego@hlcmail.com.

Website Accessibility - Links

In order for a link to be readable by screen reader users, links must all contain either plain text, or in the case of a linked image, alt text describing where the link goes. If the linked image contains text, a good general rule is to make the alt text the same or similar to the text in the image.

How do you add alternate text to a link?

1. Make the word/phrase a link the normal way (by using the "Create hyperlink" button)
2. Right click on the link and select "Link" option
3. In the "Title" field, type description for screen reader to read
 - a. i.e., for the Friday Updates, "February 1, 2019 Friday Update" is typed into this field
4. Then select "ok"

Fun Valentine's Day Facts:

- Every year, more than 36 million heart shaped boxes of chocolates are sold across the country.
- Every year, around 9 million people buy their pets a Valentine's Day gift.
- February 14th is the second largest card giving day of the year, just after Christmas. This year, it's expected that 1 billion cards will be exchanged around the world.
- Teachers receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by kids, mothers, wives and girlfriends.
- Hallmark was one of the first to mass produce a Valentine's Day card, all the way back in 1913.