



March 1, 2019

Good Afternoon 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!

268 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 & Town Hall Meeting for 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). The Board of Education is hosting a special Town Hall Meeting on March 11, at Oswego East Community Room, beginning at 6:30pm, and will include a presentation on the referendum and opportunity for comments and questions. [More information.](#)

New Professional Development System Login

This new system is replacing My Learning Plan and is ready for initial login. This system will be used by ALL admin, Certified Staff, Teacher Assistants, Technology staff, Nurses, and Secretarial staff to register for professional development, request attendance at outside conferences/workshops, and to track PD credit. This system is being launched now with the in-district professional development feature first so that it is ready for you to register for IGNITE308 (which takes place the week of March 11-15). During the summer, other features will open and historical PD credit will be uploaded to your account from My Learning Plan.

Please click on this [user guide](#) to get started with the SD308 Professional Development System which should take approximately 15 minutes, and walks you through the following three steps: 1) logging in 2) familiarizing yourself with the main menu and 3) registering for a TEST Workshop to practice signing up for PD. (You will receive CPDU credit of 1 hour for your time.) If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Podjasek at hpodjasek@sd308.org.

OEA School Board Candidate Public Forum

The Oswego Education Association will host a School Board Candidate Public Forum on Wednesday, March 20 from 7-8:30 pm. Each candidate will have the opportunity to present a prepared statement and will receive a list of prepared questions prior to the forum. The forum

will include opportunities for the public to submit questions. The evening will conclude with each candidate making a one-minute closing statement. If you have any questions, please contact David Mattes, legislative chair of the OEA, dmattes@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.

Running of the Wolves

The Wheatlands Elementary School invites all staff and their families to join their 10th annual Running of the Wolves 5K. The event is May 5, and includes the race, a DJ, bounce houses and a taco truck! A special \$20 registration fee is valid for all SD 308 employees. [For more information.](#)

Choose Kind spirit wear

Long Beach Elementary is selling Choose Kind spirit wear to raise funds to support the building ACES/Resilience team. The team works to meet the needs of students and their families in various ways. Most recently, a Family and Community Night took place where parents were introduced to de-escalation techniques. If interested in purchasing a Choose Kind spirit wear item, please [click here](#). All orders are due by March 18th. Shirts will be delivered to your school. If you have any questions, please contact cday@sd308.org or epalatine@sd308.org.

This Sunday! 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.](#)

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](#).

Early Voting in Underway

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.

Living Well

[Click here](#) to view the Living Well March 2019 Employee Health Bulletin.

Family Travel Survey

Earn \$50 for your household and \$10 for the school district by taking a detailed survey about your daily travel: how you get around, how much time you spend in transit, the purpose of your trips. The Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) is conducting this survey to better understand Chicago-area residents' travel habits and needs, which will help determine how to use limited resources for future transportation investments. The survey is open until May 2019.

To take the survey, go to <https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080>, en español [https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080 ES](https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080_ES), or call 1-855-981-7286 to sign up by phone.

Employee Discount: Free Tutoring Session

[Club Z Tutoring of Plainfield](#) and the surrounding areas is offering a free tutoring session for all SD 308 employees with K - 12 students. If interested please contact Brian Rogus at 815.999.2627.