

March 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!

# Keep the kindness coming!!

Pass It On is a fun way to send a shout out or thank you to any SD 308 staff member. To send a Pass It On, visit <a href="www.sd308.org/PassItOn">www.sd308.org/PassItOn</a> or you can also find the link on the intranet under the Communications tab.

# With Sympathies

Oswego East senior, Hailey Carlson, lost her battle with cancer and passed away yesterday at home surrounded by her family and friends. Please keep her family, friends, teachers, coaches, and the entire OE community in your thoughts at this sad and difficult time.

#### **Leadership Changes at SD308**

Several leadership changes have been announced for both the district and building levels. Jodi Ancel, previous Principal at Lakewood Creek, will be filling the role of Interim Director of Professional Development for the next school year (at DAC starting March 6th). To support Lakewood Creek, Kelley Budd, the current Assistant Principal at Fox Chase, will fill the position as Interim Principal at Lakewood Creek (started March 6th). Filling the Assistant Principal role for the remainder of the year at Fox Chase will be Joan Mundsinger, a current teacher at Fox Chase.

# Community Conversations & Town Hall Meeting for SD 308 Operating Referendum

The Board of Education is hosting a special **Town Hall Meeting on Monday, March 11**, at Oswego East Community Room, beginning at 6:30pm. The meeting will include a presentation on the referendum and opportunity for comments and questions. The meeting will be live streamed from our website. More information.

Dr. Sparlin and leaders from SD 308 will host two more Community Conversations; attend for an opportunity to hear more about the proposed operating referendum and ask questions: **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).

# **New Professional Development System Login**

A 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. If you have not yet done so, please ensure that your login works for the new PD System prior to the end of the day today, Friday, March 8th. It is important to make sure that you can log in to the system prior to IGNITE308 sign up starting next week. Please see the directions here to log on and view the system. In the document, there is a link to the form you will use if you are not able to log in. If you have any questions, please contact Heidi Podjasek at hpodjasek@sd308.org.

# **IGNITE308** (Preliminary Catalog)

To view the preliminary catalog for the IGNITE308 Professional Learning Day, please <u>click here</u>. A **FINAL** catalog will be published with any changes and/or updates by the end of the day today, Friday, March 8th. Registration for sessions begin on Monday, March 11th at 5:00 pm.

#### **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 at Oswego East High School. 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, <a href="mailto:dmattes@sd308.org">dmattes@sd308.org</a>.

# **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.

#### **Paramount Theater Performances for Students**

Paramount Theater announces Broadway musicals Newsies and Beauty and the Beast coming to Paramount next season, with special 10:00 AM performances specifically for student groups! Click HERE for more info.

# **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.

# Retirement and 25-Year Recognition Dinner.

RSVP due by March 15!! 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, <u>click here</u>.

# Early Voting is 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 <a href="www.sd308.org/referendum">www.sd308.org/referendum</a>. **Early voting began February 21, 2019** 

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

Will Co: Please follow this link for early voting sites in Will County

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

# Raging Waves Waterpark - Summer Work Opportunities

If you are looking for a fun summer job to make some extra money.....look no further! Raging Waves Waterpark, one of our District Partners, is currently looking for individuals interested in flexible hours for summer employment. (Click here for flyer.) You can also save time and apply online at www.ragingwaves.com.

# **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 <a href="https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080">https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080</a>, en español <a href="https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080">https://mydailytravel.com/signup/4240473080</a> ES, or call 1-855-981-7286 to sign up.

#### Blue Cross Blue Shield (BCBS) Discounts

BCBS subscribers can take advantage of many different discounts! Featured now is a 41% discount on Brevena® Skin Care Creams and Balms.

"Where there is a will, there is a way. If there is a chance in a million that you can do something, anything, to keep what you want from ending, do it. Pry the door open or, if need be, wedge your foot in that door and keep it open." —Pauline Kael