

2020-2021

Retirees &
25-Year Honorees
Celebration

May 6, 2021



BOARD OF EDUCATION



■ PROGRAM

3:30 PM

SOCIAL

3:45 PM

WELCOME

Dr. John W. Sparlin
Superintendent of Schools

President, Board of Education

PRESENTATION: 25 YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS & 2021 RETIREES

Dr. John W. Sparlin
Superintendent of Schools



APPETIZERS AND DESSERTS

Provided by the Culinary Department
under the leadership of Suzanne Van Der Merwe

ENTERTAINMENT

OEHS Jazz Band - Director Stevan Rexroat





ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



District 308 Board of Education

Lauri Doyle, Board Member
Eugene Gatewood, Board Member
Jennifer Johnson, Board Member
Ruth Kroner, Board Member
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Alison Swanson, Board Member

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Dr. John W. Sparlin, Superintendent of Schools
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OEAC Co-Presidents - Andrew Gothelf and Elizabeth Palatine
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OTA President - Ron Newcomer

“When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there.”

-Ziq Ziq



The Oswego Community Unit School District 308 Board of Education Honors:

2020-21 Retirees:

Karlene Anderson	Hunt Club Elementary
Debra Boyle	Oswego High School
Jenell Bumby	Wolf Crossing Elementary
Kathleen DeRose	Maintenance Department
Stacey Eucker	Oswego High School
Daniel Hallahan	Traughber Junior High School
Ruth Hanson Hale	Brokaw Early Learning Center
Rebecca Herbert	Brokaw Early Learning Center
Darlene Howell	Long Beach Elementary School
Terri Hughlett	Transportation Department
Richard Johanns	Fox Chase Elementary School
Sharon Kahl	Thompson Junior High School
Kathleen Kalous	Longbeach Elementary School
Julie Kirchner	Hunt Club Elementary School
Pamela Klick	Churchill Elementary School
Marcia McCarthy	Old Post Elementary School
Jacqueline Mecklenburg	Brokaw Early Learning Center
Debbie Miller	District Administration Center
Mary Murphy	Churchill Elementary School
Marianne Provow	Grande Park Elementary School
Frank Tieri	Oswego High School
Charles Wood	District Administration Center

25 Years Recognitions:

John Bachio	Thompson Junior High School
Lesli Barron	Oswego High School
Lauretta King	District Administration Center
Anna-Marie Kontos	Hunt Club Elementary School
Jennifer Kunsch	Murphy Junior High School
Rachel Maxwell	Traughber Junior High School
Debra Metcalf	Oswego High School
Joan Mundsinger	Fox Chase Elementary School
Dina Schnable	Oswego East High School

*A combined total of **660** years of service
and dedication to the students of District 308.*

Information in this program was provided prior to April 16, 2021.

25

YEAR HONOREES



JOHN BACHIO
Thompson Junior
High School



LESLI BARRON
Oswego High School



LAURETTA KING
District Administration
Center



ANNA-MARIE KONTOS
Hunt Club
Elementary School



JENNIFER KUNSCH
Murphy Junior High School



RACHEL MAXWELL
Traughber Junior
High School



DEBRA METCALF
Oswego High School



JOAN MUNDINGER
Fox Chase
Elementary School



DINA SCHNABLE
Oswego East High School

**"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand,
and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have
applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."**

-Vince Lombardi

■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 20 Years in Education

KARLENE ANDERSON | Hunt Club Elementary School
Teaching Assistant

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 20



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** My fondest memory was when I was creating fun computer projects for the students when I was working in the computer lab at East View. The students learned how to use the programs we had available and introducing "PAWS" to the 3rd graders was always rewarding. I also enjoyed the TA potluck buffets we used to have. The food was fantastic!

Retirement Plan(s): Once the Covid virus is under control, I would like to see more of the United States. We hope to travel to the Grand Canyon and see more of our National Parks. I also have lots of hobbies such as sewing, scrapbooking, cardmaking, and gardening that I will now have lots more time to enjoy. I will get to enjoy the things I WANT to do instead of all the things I HAVE to do.

"Karlene Anderson has a long history in SD 308 and Hunt Club. She was a valued team member who has a passion for teaching math. She was always willing to help out in a pinch and she will be greatly missed by our Hunt Club family."

- Elisabeth Stoffers, Hunt Club Elementary School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 26 Years in Education

DEBRA BOYLE | Oswego High School
Secretary to the Deans' Office

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 26



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** My 3 children went through the Oswego School District and graduated from OHS. All 3 have come back to either sub or teach. This is my proud moment!

I have many fond memories because of all the wonderful subs and staff members I have been blessed to work with over the years. I'm excited to continue these friendships with so many. The Attendance and Deans' offices were always busy with staff members and students coming in. It was a pleasure to work with so many awesome students. It was important to me to always make connections, offering help and finding something positive to say to everyone who entered. I feel honored that the staff and students felt that they could come in and talk with me. My fondest memories will always be the stories, smiles and tears we shared.

Educational Experience: I worked out of my home as the Oswego School District Sub Caller from 1995-2002. I started at Bednarcik Junior High in 2002 in the Attendance office for 2 years, then to OHS in 2004. I worked in the Attendance office for 11 years and then Deans' Secretary for the past 6 years.

Extra-Curriculars: I have enjoyed working all different athletic events over the past 15 years. It is so exciting to see the student athletes excel inside and outside of the classroom. I have met so many wonderful fans and parents over the years.

Retirement Plan(s): We can't wait to spend more time with our family and adorable grandchildren! We have always wanted to visit all the National Parks. I look forward to lunches and outings with my friends who I have met in the district. I want to travel and visit old friends and also plan on subbing in the district.

"Deb Boyle has provided a caring and positive energy to all the staff and students at Oswego High School for years. She has had an amazingly positive impact on anyone she encountered at Oswego High School. She always seemed to be having the best day, and more importantly, she wanted everyone else to have their best day. Deb took a lot of pride in her work and her attention to detail was amazing. It didn't matter if she was working on a state report, or her fun Deans' Office calendar --perfection was her goal. More important than Deb's work ethic was her charming and pleasant demeanor. She welcomed students and staff into our office like it was her home. She is truly missed each and every day."

- Chris Grays, Oswego High School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 16 Years in Education

JENELL BUMBY | Wolf's Crossing Elementary School
LRC/Computer Lab Teaching Assistant

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 16



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** There have been so many great times and memories working with my fellow coworkers. What started off as something to do while my kids were in school turned into something I loved. I have met some wonderful people over the years while working in this district and have created lasting friendships I will have the rest of my life.

Retirement Plan(s): Moving and building a home on the shores of Kentucky Lake to enjoy boating, biking and traveling, and, of course, spending lots of time with our family and grandkids.

"Jenell Bumby has worked in the SD 308 school district for 16 years. During her time in the district she worked as a Teacher's Assistant at Long Beach Elementary School for 6 years before joining the Wolf's Crossing Elementary team as the Library Teacher Assistant for the past 10 years. During her time in this position, she has helped so many students find books that they love to read and connected with students through her love of books. She looks forward to relaxing and spending time with her grandchildren at their new home in Kentucky Lake, KY."

- Cortnye J. Russel, Wolf's Crossing Elementary School, principal



WE RECOGNIZE

KATHLEEN DEROSE

Maintenance Department
Secretary

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 28



"Kathy is such a joy to work with! She always has the most cheery disposition, even in the most difficult of times! Quick to laugh and smile, she brought so much sunshine to the Operations Department! Her knowledge of District processes and the functions of the Operations Department kept the wheels of progress going. Her dedication to the students, staff and community were evident in how she conducted herself on a daily basis. We will miss her "peachy" personality and talents but wish her nothing but happiness in her future endeavours!"
- Rob Allison, Director of Operations



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 17 Years in Education

STACEY EUCKER | Oswego High School
Secretary

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 17



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** All the fun secretary dinners spent with my amazing co-workers.

Educational Experience: Graduated B.A. Bowling Green State University (1980).

Retirement Plan(s): Travel and spend time with family.

"Stacey has been an invaluable member of OHS for many years. Stacey has been a model of consistency for years at Oswego High School, doing a difficult job extremely well. Her work in the attendance office often goes unnoticed by many but its impact is wide and appreciated by all. Her last year was certainly one for the books and she took it in stride- always willing to try something new and have a great attitude about it. We will all miss Stacey's work ethic, visits down to the Deans' Office and her smiling face for our students entering and leaving the building! Enjoy retirement, Stacey, you've earned it!"
- Chris Grays, Oswego High School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 22.5 Years in Education

DANIEL HALLAHAN | Traughber Junior High School
History Teacher - 8th Grade

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 22



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** The many students I have been able to stay in touch with over the years. However, the most vivid memory while being a teacher has been on 9-11.

Educational Experience: Spent a semester substituting in various districts prior to beginning at Traughber Junior High School to student teach.

Awards/Recognitions: Distinguish Citizen Society Most Inspirational Teacher (2004), Who's Who Among America's Teachers (2002, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007), DAR History Teacher of the Year (2004).

Extra-Curriculars: 8th grade girls and boys basketball for 21 years, Flag football sponsor for 14 years, Geography Bee sponsor for 15 years.

Retirement Plan(s): Travel with wife and spend time with my 11 grandchildren as well as working with scouting organizations holding exposure camps for baseball.

"Traughber is losing a favorite Panther with the retirement of Mr. Dan Hallahan. Mr. Hallahan pursued teaching as a second career following time serving our country in the Navy and owning his own business. He saw the value of hard work and citizenship and always sought to help his students and athletes reach their potential. He expected a lot out of his students, but expected the most out of himself. His generous spirit and passion for education will be missed."
- Mindy Renier, Traughber Junior High School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 40 Years in Education

RUTH HANSON HALE | Brokaw Early Learning Center
Early Childhood Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 10



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** I love helping a frightened three year old, who comes to me speaking only another language, grow, learn, and gain confidence until they are able to go on from me as a confident, happy little person headed off to kindergarten with enough English to continue their success and with a strong love for learning.

Educational Experience: Kendall County Special Education Cooperative 30 years, Early Childhood Special Education.

Retirement Plan(s): I plan to travel, become an early childhood consultant, and enjoy sleeping past 5:00 AM.

"In the many years Ruth has been a part of the Early Childhood program, she has made an undeniable difference. We appreciate Ruth's dedication, leadership and child centered focus. She is truly an inspiration!"

- Barb Garrison, Brokaw Early Learning Center, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 31 Years in Education

BECKY HEBERT | Brokaw Early Learning Center
Speech-Language Pathologist

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 31



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** Working with all my students.

Awards/Recognitions: Award of Recognition from the Illinois State Board of Education as part of the Homestead Elementary Pupil Personnel Service Team, Homestead Hero Award.

Retirement Plan(s): To spend more time with my family and take better care of myself.

"Becky started with SD 308 in 1989 providing 31 years of service to the district. Becky has served in many buildings across the district supporting countless students, staff, and parents. We thank her for her expertise, support, and encouragement. We are excited for her as she tackles this new chapter in her life, but she will be missed."

- Barb Garrison, Brokaw Early Learning Center, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 14 Years in Education

DARLENE HOWELL | Long Beach Elementary School
E.C., SPED, ELL Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 13



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** Teaching and learning with my beautifully sweet 3-5 year-old students and seeing their smiley faces every day, as well as working with passionate educators who truly care about our students and a few who I have come to make life-long friendships with.

Educational Experience: Bachelors in Business Administration.

Awards/Recognitions: Certified ELL Instructor.

Retirement Plan(s): To continue to do and see wonderful things in travel, service and family.

*"Dar has served our youngest learners in the Early Childhood program, and the last few years have been here at Long Beach. Dar teaches her students key traits, such as sharing, responsibility and basic reading and math skills, preparing them for kindergarten. Dar is known for her special care for her "littles", and takes pride in preparing them for future learning. Wishing Dar all the best in retirement!
- Phillip Murray, Long Beach Elementary School, principal*



■ WE RECOGNIZE

TERRI HUGHLETT | The Wheatlands Elementary School
Transportation Department Bus Driver



"Terri loved working with the children as a school bus driver. She spent her 14 years in Transportation giving her all to the children of SD 308. She was always here and always had a smile on her face. She was quick to assist when help was needed and the help was always appreciated. We always knew how much she loved her bus driving experiences, as her face lit up with each little story she shared of her wonderful experiences. She has been missed since she left the Department, but we know she is enjoying retirement and spending time with her family. We wish her all the best."

- Dawn Simosky, Director of Transportation



■ WE RECOGNIZE

RICHARD JOHANNIS | Fox Chase Elementary School
Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 35



"Rick has enormous passion for the students and staff at Fox Chase Elementary School. His positivity was contagious, his commitment to excellence was unrivaled and the way he motivated his students to excel on a daily basis left a lasting impression on everyone. Relationships always came first with Rick, putting his student's first in everything he did for the last 35 years. Fox Chase will miss him deeply and we wish him all the best in his next adventures!"

- Patrick Haddock, Fox Chase Elementary School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 27 Years in Education

SHERI KAHL | Thompson Junior High School
7th Grade Science Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 18



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** Although I have many fond memories working for the district, one that I will hold true to my heart was having the opportunity to annually host, organize and showcase the Tiger Science Olympics. Hundreds of students participated each year in several events that helped them experience science beyond the classroom walls. Many of the Thompson faculty and staff volunteered their time to supervise several science events and workshops for weeks. When the competition night arrived, everyone would pull together to make that night spectacular. Family, friends and the local paper would all be there to watch and report. The camaraderie between students and staff along with the display of learning science was notable. Everyone's hard work and dedication was showcased in the local newspaper. The Tiger Olympics made a huge impact on the lives of the students and their families. Teaching science has been my passion, and I loved seeing students experience that same feeling.

Awards/Recognitions: Those Who Excel from The Illinois State Board of Education.

Extra-Curriculars: Tiger Olympics and Science Club.

Retirement Plan(s): I will be joining my family down south; I am looking forward to spending time with my children and their families. I plan to participate in mission work and lend a hand to those in need.

"Thompson is losing one of our very best with the retirement of Ms. Sharon Kahl. Ms. Kahl is extremely passionate about Science. Her love of teaching came through daily in her instructional practices and the relationships she built with her students. She mastered the fine balance between holding her students to high standards while providing the necessary support to ensure academic growth and success. Ms. Kahl's positive energy and overall impact on Thompson's culture will be difficult to replace."

- Anthony DeFeo, Thompson Junior High School, principal

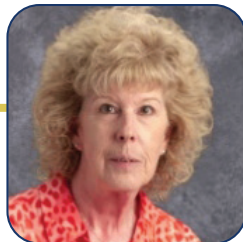


■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 21 Years in Education

KATHLEEN KALOUS | Longbeach Elementary School
Teaching Assistant

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 21



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** Working with all of the outstanding administrators, teachers and students. The kindergarten kiddos were my absolute favorite though. They knew exactly what to say or do to put a smile on my face and make me feel happy and loved. I can truly say, I loved my job as a Teacher Assistant. This was the best job ever!

Awards/Recognitions: Received an employee recognition award from Long Beach.

Educational Experience: This job was my very first experience in the educational field and I have loved every minute of it.

Extra-Curriculars: I have been the Safety Patrol Coordinator/Supervisor for 5 years.

Retirement Plan(s): My husband and I are thinking about buying a small house on 10+ acres down in Paris, Illinois, which is where our youngest daughter and her husband live. We will use it for our "get away" week or weekends. It's a cute and very relaxed little town. No hustle and bustle like up here. We also are planning to travel to North Carolina to visit our son and his daughter. I know I am going to miss the staff and kiddos at Long Beach very much, so I plan to sub if/when needed.

"Kathy has been a long time member of the Long Beach community. Her two daughters attended Long Beach, and during that time, Kathy served on our Long Beach Home & School, as president, and volunteered at many events. Kathy has been serving as a Teacher Assistant at Long Beach for quite some time, working closely with staff members and students to assist in any way possible. Kathy has also led our 5th grade safety patrol for several years, teaching the students responsibility and respect. Kathy has been our building's representative on the Character Counts Coalition and has served as a building rep for OESPA. Kathy's presence will be greatly missed throughout the hallways of Long Beach! Best of luck to Kathy in her next adventures!"

- Phillip Murray, Long Beach Elementary School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 28 Years in Education

JULIE KIRCHNER | Hunt Club Elementary School
EL/Bilingual Resource Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 18



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** One of my fondest memories was being the pioneer teacher for our Dual Language (DL) Program. I remember being nervous to be the first teacher to embark on this opportunity, but the challenge turned out to be one that I would never forget. It was exciting to teach the students in new and effective ways, while embracing culture, language and diversity. I remember celebrating with my first kindergarten DL class as they walked across the stage to receive their diplomas from high school. Talking to them that evening brought tears to my eyes as I realized just how much they were empowered by their experiences in the DL program and how much these experiences would impact their future in extremely positive ways. Their preparedness, motivation, and excitement to be global citizens was quite impressive. Knowing I played a small part in that was incredibly rewarding.

Awards/Recognitions: Recognition awards from SD 308 staff members; Letters of recognition from students and parents; Teacher appreciation recognition.

Educational Experience: Kindergarten ESL Teacher in Villa Park, Illinois; Bilingual Kindergarten Teacher SD #2, Bensenville, Illinois.

Extra-Curriculars: Spanish Club.

Retirement Plan(s): I plan to enjoy winters in Florida and California where my two youngest adult children reside, traveling around the globe, and spending time with my loved ones.

"Julie Kirchner is a dedicated educator that has worn many hats during her career in education. She has a special love for all students and finds much joy in watching her students learn. Most importantly, she has a special way of connecting and building relationships with students and families. She is well loved at Hunt Club and will be greatly missed."

- Elisabeth Stoffers, Hunt Club Elementary School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 16 Years in Education

MARCIA MCCARTHY | Old Post Elementary School
Teaching Assistant

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 16



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** I enjoyed my 13 years at Hands on Science and working with Deb Carter.

Educational Experience: Working at Hands on Science for 308.

Retirement Plan(s): Reading, relaxing, travel....and enjoying having both kids now finished with college.

"Old Post Elementary School was a better place because of Marcia's warm personality and efforts to support students and staff. We wish her the best of luck in her retirement."

- Mike Mitchinson, Old Post Elementary School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 35 Years in Education

JACQUELINE MECKLENBURG

Brokaw Early Learning Center

Assistant Principal

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 6



- **Fondest Memory(ies):** My first day at Brokaw with students! I came from a high school as an Assistant Principal to a preschool as an Assistant Principal and it was very rewarding. I had no idea how rewarding it would be working with the “littles.” It was one of the best decisions I made; even though it was a huge learning curve.

Educational Experience: Special Education Teacher, 19 years at Baldwin Elementary School in Quincy, Illinois; General Ed Resource Teacher, 4 years at Baldwin Elementary School in Quincy, Illinois; Special Education Math Teacher, 4 years at Hinckley High School in Hinckley, Illinois; Assistant Principal, 2 years at Hinckley High School in Hinckley, Illinois; and Assistant Principal, 6 years at Brokaw Early Learning Center in Oswego, Illinois.

Awards/Recognitions: Received several HERO Awards at Brokaw Early Learning Center by fellow co-workers!

Retirement Plan(s): I will be helping to take care of my granddaughter, Charli, twice a week. I will also be spending time with my husband at our Florida home and home here in Oswego. We would like to travel and spend more quality time with our grown children and our three granddaughters.

“Jacque’s contributions to Brokaw will never be forgotten. Her versatile skills as a problem solver along with her passion for supporting students and staff have made her an invaluable leader in our building. We will miss Jacque and her fun-loving pranks, but we are excited for her as she will get to spend more time with her grandchildren!”

- Barb Garrison, Brokaw Early Learning Center, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

DEBBIE MILLER | District Administration Center
Director of Health Services

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 3



"Debbie Miller shared that in retirement she will enjoy her family and the RV lifestyle they have discovered and that it has been both her honor and privilege to work with each and every one of the nurses in the Oswego School District these past three years. Thank you to Debbie Miller for her service to the SD 308 community and for advocating for the health and safety of our students and staff!"

- Valerie Patterson, Executive Director Student Services



WE RECOGNIZE

Working 16 Years in Education

MARY MURPHY | Churchill Elementary School
3rd Grade Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 16



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** My fondest memories are the people. My students have made it all worthwhile. I love the first day of school each year and all the promise that it holds. I got so much joy from watching the students grow from the beginning of the year to the end. When they would begin to understand a concept and the light bulb would go on, that was awesome. The funny things that the kids say and do was very entertaining. I have also loved the time spent with my coworkers, especially my grade level teams. The love, support, and fun we had together was simply the best.

Extra-Curriculars: Third and Fourth grade after-school book clubs.

Retirement Plan(s): We plan to travel. When things open up, we plan to go to Ireland and Scotland first. We will spend more time with our family, especially our grandchildren. I will catch up on my reading. In addition, I will spend time volunteering, gardening, and being active.

"I had the pleasure of working with Mary for three years. She is a collaborative colleague who gets along with everyone. Mrs. Murphy cares deeply about each of her students, and she develops meaningful relationships with each of them. Students feel valued in Mary's classroom and feel comfortable due to the environment she creates. Mrs. Murphy also challenges students and encourages a growth mindset. She is an avid reader who models her passion for reading with all of her students. Mary will be missed at Churchill, but we wish her all the best in her retirement. Hopefully, fans will be allowed in the stands so she can attend some Cubs games!"

- Larry Piatek, Churchill Elementary School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 23 Years in Education

MARIANNE PROVOW | Grande Park Elementary School
Kindergarten Teacher

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 16



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** I loved working with Kindergarten children and seeing them launch and learn each day. I loved the forever friendships that I have made with my coworkers. The never ending laughs always filled my days with fun.

Awards/Recognitions: Awarded the "The Most Awesome Teacher" by Kid President when he visited a few years ago; received many, many parent, staff and principal recognition forms/compliments over the years at Grande Park.

Educational Experience: I worked for Anne M. Jeans Elementary School District #180 for 7 years.

Retirement Plan(s): I am not sure yet. I would like to relax and travel this summer.

"Marianne did everything she could to help her students succeed and shine while feeling good about themselves on a daily basis. Her teachings will forever be treasured and her amazing sense of humor will certainly be missed. She has made lasting friendships with colleagues and has left our kids with many wonderful memories! Grande Park Elementary wishes her the very best in the future!"

- Sean Smith, Grande Park Elementary School, principal



WE RECOGNIZE

Working 33 Years in Education

FRANK TIERI | Oswego High School
Director of Choral/Vocal Activities

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 25



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** The people....it would have to be the people that I have been so fortunate to work side-by-side with. The students, the department, the administrators, secretaries, maintenance crews and staff that I have laughed (and had to hold back tears for and with) have made a place that will never be out of my memory or my heart...AND Crystals.

Educational Experience: Director of Choirs, Reavis High School 1989 - 1996; Director of Choirs, Ashland CUSD #22 1988 - 1989.

Awards/Recognitions: Things I received are not important, but the students earned 21 first place rankings in state and national contests along with 3 Grand National Championships in Vocal Jazz, numerous 2nd-4th place rankings throughout the department, both state-wide and nationally, plus caption awards for repertoire and character. They also earned the right to perform at the Music For All National Choral Festival in Indianapolis in March of 2020.

Extra-Curriculars: Director/Choreographer for The Oswego Commotion Show Choir (OHS and OE), Stay Tuned Vocal Jazz Ensemble, The Oswee-Tones, BarberCued, Queens of Parts, Ambiance Unisex Show Choir and OHS Roadies. Director for Standing O Theatre Company (OHS), and Musical Director/Conductor/Choreographer for SOTC musicals. Tri-M Music Honor Society Founding Sponsor, International Thespian Honor Society Founding Sponsor, and Founding Sponsor for the School Spirit Poster Club; Sound technician for Athletics (football, soccer, baseball, softball); Crisis Team member.

Retirement Plan(s): Reacquaint myself with the idea of homelife, spend time with my wife, see my kids when they come by, walk and train the dogs some more, and golf. Hopefully, clinician work and create a chance to do for music and theatre in college prep high schools what we have seen done weekly for the sports kids in newspapers and television coverage. I would also like to make more out of my EDU-CARES Initiative which started during this pandemic; make it cool again for athletes to sing and improve their sports through vocal technique.

"Mr. T" as his students and alumni affectionately call him, embodies everything great about being a Panther; dedication, excellence, kindness, serving, and creating a second family. From the beginning of his long tenure here at OHS, Frank showed that he wanted excellence from his choral students. Having them perform songs in multiple languages; Latin, French, Italian, etc., with college and professional performance success. Under his guidance, the show choir program competed in many competitions over the many years showing the community the hard work and success of young people, merging choreographed dance with vocal song. Several years ago, he saw a need to support the long-standing tradition of extracurricular theatre programs by working alongside the theatre teacher and either partnering or directing the Fall Play and Spring Musical, continuing the performing arts success and creativity. Lastly, Frank shows us how to serve, care, and give through his endless hours of serving various needs that the building needed through sound, stage set up, and supporting the various extracurricular events with visual posters and performance. Frank is an outward sign of what it means to be a kind, driven, and successful Panther! Thank you, Frank, for the many unseen hours, lost sleep, and servant heart you have given OHS! Enjoy your most well-deserved retirement!"

- Chris Grays, Oswego High School, principal



■ WE RECOGNIZE

Working 20 Years in Education

CHARLES WOOD | District Administration Center
Custodian

YEARS WITH THE DISTRICT: 20



■ **Fondest Memory(ies):** Working with the current co-workers

Retirement Plan(s): Move to Tennessee and hike a lot of trails and get involved with church ministries.

"Chip is always ready to help out, and takes pride in all that he does here. It has been a real pleasure working with him. Chip retiring will be a great loss to our team here at East View, but I couldn't be happier for him."

- Brandon Paige, Building Engineer East View Academy / DAC / Pathways





In 1837, the first school was established in Oswego. From its humble beginnings in that log cabin to the rapidly growing suburban school district that it has become, Oswego Community Unit School District 308 has remained a cornerstone of learning for area children.

Currently, District 308 administration oversees 23 schools through 68 square miles encompassing Oswego and portions of Aurora, Joliet, Montgomery, Plainfield and Yorkville.

District 308 has a very proud tradition of providing academic excellence for its students. The district's 18,000+ preschool through high school students are served by over 2,400 staff members, all of whom are dedicated to providing students with a solid foundation for learning, thereby enabling them to achieve academic success both now and in all future endeavors. This educational philosophy serves as the cornerstone of District 308 as it balances its academic rigor with a caring community that celebrates diversity and cultivates values and character.

Community-based and focused on academics, Oswego Community Unit School District 308 continues in its strong tradition of offering students educational excellence and hometown values within its growing suburban community.

CENTERS

Brokaw Early Learning Center
The G.O.A.L. Program
East View Academy
Pathways Transition Center

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Boulder Hill
Churchill
Fox Chase
Grande Park
Homestead
Hunt Club
Lakewood Creek
Long Beach
Old Post
Prairie Point
Southbury
The Wheatlands
Wolf's Crossing

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Bednarcik
Murphy
Plank
Thompson
Traugher

HIGH SCHOOLS

Oswego
Oswego East

MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with our families and communities, Oswego Community Unit School District 308 will educate all students to reach their highest potential.

Wind on the Hill

by Winnie the Pooh

No one can tell me,
Nobody knows,
Where the wind comes from,
Where the wind goes.

It's flying from somewhere
As fast as it can,
I couldn't keep up with it,
Not if I ran.

But if I stopped holding
The string of my kite,
It would blow with the wind
For a day and a night.

And then when I found it,
Wherever it blew,
I should know that the wind
Had been going there too.

So then I could tell them
Where the wind goes . . .
But where the wind comes from
Nobody knows.



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