
D181 Community Connections E-Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

D181 Calendar Feeds: [Standard iCal URL](#) [Google iCal URL](#)

- Thursday, January 11, Admin. Center (5pm) - Board Finance Committee Meeting
- Thursday, January 11, Monroe (5:30-6:30pm) - Parent Event: "Core Vocabulary & Other Strategies for Success in Early Childhood" ([Flier](#))
- Monday, January 15, No School (Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
- Tuesday, January 16, Preschool Registration Begins ([Flier](#))
- Tuesday, January 16, Admin. Center (7:30pm) - Board Business Meeting

- Thursday, January 18, Madison School (7pm) - K-5 Parent Event: "Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive (and Survive) in their Digital World" ([Flier](#))
- Monday, January 22 - Nomination Period Begins for World Changer Awards ([Webpage](#))
- Tuesday, January 23, Admin. Center (6pm) - Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- Monday, January 29, HMS (6pm) - HMS Construction Community Event: Beam Signing and Project Update ([Webpage](#))
- Monday, January 29, HMS (7:30pm) - Board of Education Business Meeting

HMS 8th Graders Send Hand-Made Bracelets, Letters to Operation Gratitude



On the last day of school before winter break, HMS 8th graders created paracord bracelets and wrote letters for Operation Gratitude, an organization that sends care packages to U.S. troops, first responders, veterans, military families, and wounded heroes and their caregivers. Students were invited to donate \$2 to cover the cost of materials, with many students contributing more. Event leaders note that the 8th graders exceeded their goal and not only sent over 225 bracelets and letters, but raised an additional \$100 used to cover shipping costs and give an additional contribution.

New HMS Construction Community Event Scheduled for January 29 ***Community Invited to Beam Signing and Project Update Presentation***

All community members are invited to attend a celebratory HMS Construction beam signing and informational event at Hinsdale Middle School on Monday, January 29, 2018 at 6pm. A group of special honorees will be invited to sign a beam that will later be installed in the new school. All community members in attendance will also have the opportunity to sign it. Immediately following the beam signing, Board members, administrators, and representatives from construction management firm Bulley & Andrews will lead an informational presentation highlighting the status of construction, the project budget, and the timeline for completion. The event will conclude with a question and answer period led by Bulley & Andrews. No event registration is required. The January 29 Board Business meeting will be held at HMS; the meeting will begin at 7:30pm. The beam signing will continue on January 30 at HMS as students and staff sign the beam before it is installed. (Bulley & Andrews is also hosting community meetings on Friday, January 12 and Friday, February 9 at 8am at their job site trailer.)

Principals Share 2017-18 School Improvement Plans ***SIPs Posted on D181 Website***

During the December 18, 2017 Board meeting (*Board Summary* below), all nine D181 school principals joined in presenting information on their School Improvement Plans (SIPs). It was noted that the SIP process was overhauled during the 2016-17 school year and was very well received; the process was further refined for 2017-18. The principals commented on the work they and their school staff have done to prepare and monitor the SIPs, highlighting collaborative planning, ongoing data analysis, and articulation that has occurred between grade levels, including middle school teachers meeting with elementary teachers. Each SIP includes goals in reading, math, and social-emotional learning. You can view all nine SIPs on our website: www.d181.org > Learning > School Improvement Plans.

Young Writers Night Registration Opens Jan. 12

Event Open to Students in Grades 3-8

We are partnering with the D181 Foundation in hosting Young Writers Night on Thursday, February 22 at HMS (6-9pm). This event is a celebration of writing and writers. Participation is open to D181 students in Grades 3-8 and their families. Registration is limited. (The 2017 event filled to capacity.) The link to register will be posted Friday, January 12 on the D181 Foundation website: www.d181foundation.org. The evening will include opportunities for students to share their writing and give feedback on peer writing. Everyone will hear from award-winning youth writer Eric Kahn Gale, engage in small group learning sessions, and enjoy the Open Mic Coffee House as students share a poem, song, or prose. We look forward to supporting our students' interest in writing!

Creativity and Culinary Talents Shine in CHMS Cupcake Wars

Students in the CHMS Advanced Foods course showcased their entries for a class-wide "Cupcake Wars"-style event in the weeks before winter break. Mirroring the popular Food Network TV show, students worked in teams to design, cook, and present themed cupcakes to students and staff who judged the desserts against a rubric. The projects were rated on professionalism, presentation, taste, appearance, and theme.



Board Summary Attached and Available Online

We invite you to read the December 18, 2017 *Board Summary* ([PDF](#) or [webpage](#)). The meeting audio recording is available on [LiveStream](#). Board discussion and action connected to a variety of important topics, including the superintendent search, HMS construction, digital learning, and the tax levy. Contents:

- Superintendent Search Firm Provides Update on Community Engagement; Dates Selected for Candidate Interviews; BWP Selected to Conduct Search for Assistant Superintendent of Learning
- Tax Levy Approved; Resolutions Approved to Meet HMS Referendum Financial Impact Commitments; Board Seeks Budget Reductions to Avoid FY19 Deficit
- Principals Present Overview of School Improvement Plans
- Digital Learning Presentation Highlights Implementation Progress; Pilot Agreement Approved for SeeSaw App
- HMS Construction Change Orders and Bids Approved; Project Remains on Budget, on Time
- Plan Outlined for Middle School Scheduling Committee Work
- Other: FY19 Capital Projects Approved; Disposition of Surplus Property (Electronic Devices) Resolution Approved; 2018-19 Preschool Fees Approved; Special Education Procedural Manual Approved; Policies Approved for Adoption; Strategic Plan Implementation Update

Postponed; Personnel Approved; Gifts and Contributions Accepted with Gratitude;
Superintendent and Board President Share Reports; Board Committee Chairs Share Reports;
Public Comment

- Upcoming Board Meetings

The Opioid Epidemic in DuPage County **Event Open to Parents and Students Grades 6+**

CHMS and HMS have partnered to plan an evening of education and conversation on the opioid epidemic in DuPage County. Together with the D181 Foundation, we will welcome leaders in the community to discuss signs and symptoms of addiction, early intervention and prevention strategies, current local statistics, and information on what is being done to address this issue. Also, nationally acclaimed addiction expert and recovery advocate Tim Ryan will share his personal story of addiction and what he is doing now to combat this growing epidemic. (See the [event flier](#) for more information about Mr. Ryan.) The event will be held Wednesday, February 7 at CHMS (6:30-8:30pm). All parents and students in Grades 6+ are invited to attend. (This event is not recommended for elementary students.)

Registration Now Open for January 18 “Screenwise” Event **Featuring Dr. Devorah Heitner**

Registration is open for “Screenwise: Helping Kids Thrive and Survive in Their Digital World,” a parent program featuring Dr. Devorah Heitner. The event will be held Thursday, January 18 (7pm) at Madison. Registration is requested and can be completed on the D181 Foundation website: www.d181foundation.org. Please note that this program is designed for parents of elementary school students, but all community members are welcomed to attend. “Dr. Heitner is the authority that parents turn to for empowering, research-based advice on raising resilient and kind kids in our always-connected, increasingly challenging world. Advocating for mentoring, not (just) monitoring, she engages audiences with fresh insights about Digital Natives, communication across the generations, and what it’s really like to grow up in the digital age.” We thank the elementary PTOs and Foundation for bringing this program to families.

Monroe Celebrates Kindness at “Wonder” Movie Screening



On the first day of winter break, the Monroe PTO coordinated a movie screening of the film “Wonder” at York Theater in Elmhurst for school families and staff. PTO Co-President Carissa Kapcar says it was a great event for all the right reasons. “There was no fundraising - nothing other than building community and embracing a story of kindness and friendship together.” It was anticipated the first-time program might draw around 50 people; the turn-out was over 225 movie-goers.

Pictured are a group of Monroe students before they head into the movie.

When Your Child is Sick: A Reminder for Parents

Particularly during flu season, our school nurses want to remind parents about our guidelines regarding when to keep your child home from school. As shown on the [Health Information page](#) of our website, for your child to return to school, he/she needs to:

- Be free of fever (less than 100 degrees F) for at least 24 hours without use of medication.
- Have no vomiting for 24 hours after last occurrence, without use of medication, and be able to hold down fluids and food.
- Have no diarrhea for 24 hours after last occurrence, without use of medication.

Additionally, if diagnosed with pink eye or strep throat, the child must remain at home for 24 hours after treatment begins. Lastly, unidentified rashes should be seen by a doctor and determined to be non-contagious before the student returns to school. For more information about the flu, please see [FAQs from the CDC](#) about 2017-18 flu strains and vaccination and a [CDC handout](#) on the flu.

New Local Event Fliers Posted in Website's Community Backpack

Our online [Community Backpack](#) is a page on our D181 website where we post fliers from non-profits and partner organizations, highlighting local family activities and opportunities for children. We currently have information about a nearby lacrosse clinic and a scout merit badge program, as well as a parent program on raising children that is being hosted by a local non-denominational church.

Holiday Celebrations Feature Traditions of Diversity, Service, and Community

Just before winter break began, D181 schools hosted a variety of special activities to celebrate the season. Four examples are highlighted below:

At Elm School, 2nd graders participated in the long-standing tradition of learning about religious and cultural holiday celebrations from around the world. Parent volunteers and staff led stations that each highlighted a different set of traditions and celebrated the school's diversity. Each station included a brief background on the holiday along with an activity for students to create a keepsake to take home.



Walker School 5th graders walked down the street to the Clarendon Hills triangle downtown area to sing carols for local businesses and their patrons. They visited a real estate office, dining establishments, and two stores, among other stops. In some of the visits, employees and guests sang along to winter-time favorites.



The Lane hosted its annual Holiday Gift Shop, a tradition in which students pick out gifts for parents, siblings, and grandparents from among items donated by families throughout the summer and fall. All items are 50 cents or less. Parent volunteers wrapped the gifts and helped students check-out their purchases. Event proceeds supported The Lane's Benevolent Fund, which is used to assist school families in need.



At Prospect School, 4th graders continued their tradition of participating in an optional service project. This year, they collected toys, stuffed animals, small electronics, baby care items, and other gifts for the Cardiology Pediatric and Oncology units of Hope Children's Hospital. With the help of staff and parent volunteers, students assembled gift baskets based on age and gender; the gifts were wrapped before being delivered to the hospital. In addition to items that were donated by staff and families, a group of students collected \$350 to purchase gifts by asking for contributions as they stood outside a downtown Clarendon Hills business. It was also reported that some students donated their own piggy bank savings to support the project.



SELAS Connections: 'Tis the Season of Goal Setting (So how about making a plan?)



The January ritual of setting new goals is as common as our inabilities to achieve them, and yet, we all admire success stories and continue our quests. What leads to success in goal-setting? And why is it important to our students' life success and our own? Seeking and reaching new goals requires self-control and teaches us how to become our own agents, in charge of our own lives. Standard C of the 10 SEL (Social and Emotional Learning) Standards in Illinois is to "demonstrate skills related to achieving personal and academic goals."

Character Lab, an organization that studies and supports character growth, provides a tool to help us get from wish to plan, as parents, teachers, and older students. See their one-minute video and check out the brief, practical tools about WOOP for teachers and adults. WOOP is a process of goal-setting that begins with a WISH, imagines an OUTCOME, identifies the intrinsic OBSTACLE, and establishes a specific PLAN. This is a personal learning tool that supports self-directed learning, taps into intrinsic motivation, and relates to 21st century skills our children will need.

If you are interested setting a goal to focus more on SEL at home, here is a set of goals from the Committee for Children to enhance your parenting skills. See also SEL@Home. Give WOOP a try with a new goal for 2018! It sure sounds like a plan!

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