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**D181 E-Newsletter**

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## Welcome to Our New E-Newsletter!

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### Upcoming Events

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

- September 19 (6pm): Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- September 22-23: Rummage Sale; Contributions Welcomed ([Event Site](#))
- September 25 (5pm): Board Bond Referendum Review and Accountability Committee Meeting
- September 25 (7:30pm): Board of Education Business Meeting
- September 28 (5-9pm): Chipotle Night Supporting Elm PTO ([Flier](#))
- September 29 (By Appointment): Preschool Screenings ([Event Site](#))
- October 4: Walk to School Day ([Event Site](#))
- October 4 (7-8pm): Parent Event - IEP/504 Transition to High School ([Flier](#))
- October 5 (9am): Academic Success Committee Meeting

- October 5 (5:30-6:30pm): Parent Event - Section 504 Overview ([Flier](#))
- October 9: Columbus Day, No School
- October 13 (8am): Bulley & Andrews Community Meeting on HMS Project
- October 15 (8:30am): Rotary Run Charity Classic ([Event Site](#))
- October 16 (7pm): Board of Education Business Meeting



## Celebrating International Dot Day

International Dot Day is a global celebration of creativity, courage, and collaboration. It is based on the book "The Dot" by Peter H. Reynolds. The story features the character Vashti, who, by making a simple dot on a piece of paper, is led on a journey of inspirational self-discovery. Students celebrate "Dot Day" in many ways. After reading the book at Prospect, students created their own artistic versions of "the dot."

## District News

### D181 Handbooks and Policies Available Online

In an effort to ensure our families have the opportunity to access and review information related to procedures, guidelines, and Board policies anytime, we make two key resources available online. Elementary and middle school handbooks are posted on our website. From the school page, click on "Parent Resources" and the handbook is located in the 2017-18 section. The handbooks refer to Board Policy in many cases. You can view current Board policies by section or search by keyword through our online system [BoardDocs](#), accessed from the Board section of our website.

### BOE Summary for 9/11/17 Business Meeting Posted

We invite you to read the September 11, 2017 [Board Summary](#). The meeting audio recording is available on LiveStream. The content of this most current Business meeting Board Summary is also available as a [webpage](#) for easier mobile viewing. Board Summary contents:

- Facilities Report Includes Budget Reconciliation after Summer Project Completion
- HMS Construction Financial Documents Provided
- Board President Shares Updates on Committees, Agendas, and Superintendent's Objectives
- Superintendent's Report: Recognitions, Upcoming Events, Upcoming Board Meeting Agenda
- Other Items: Real Estate Attorney Hired; Pay-to-Ride Transportation Program Form and Fees Approved; Hazardous Bus Routes Approved; Board Committee Reports and Board Facilities Committee Membership Update Shared; Contribution Accepted with Gratitude; Board President Notes; Superintendent Comments on State Budget News; Personnel Approved; Public Comment
- Upcoming Board Meetings

## Madison Welcomes Families for STEAM Lab Ribbon Cutting

On September 15, Madison School Principal Kim Rutan, MRC Director Nancy Gadzala, and PTO Presidents Jen Baskel and Larysa Domino



cut the ribbon to officially celebrate the opening of the school's new STEAM Lab. Following an informational presentation, parents had the opportunity to explore the lab stations their children are now using.



## Enjoying Indoor Recess with the Principal

The Lane School Principal Brandon Todd welcomed the invitation to join a game of "Hedbanz" that a pair of students was playing while inside for recess that day. The game challenges a player to figure out what person or thing they are (according to the card they display on their head but don't see) by asking their teammates questions. He jokes, "It only took me 10 questions to learn I was a dragon!"

## Focus on Safety: Tips, Tools, and Reminders from the District's Safety & Crisis Committee

Recent messages from:  
**Burr Ridge Police Department**

- Community** The 2017 Burr Ridge Community Service Survey is here! [More »](#)  
"Entered: 3 days, 23 hours ago"
- Community** A semi-trailer collecting supplies for Hurricane Harvey Relief will be at the BRPD until 09/09. Please help if you can! [More »](#)  
"Entered: 1 week, 4 days ago"
- Alert** Burr Ridge/DuPage County Increase in West Nile virus Activity Prompts Advisory. [More »](#)  
"Entered: 1 month ago"
- Advisory** 6700 Block of Fieldstone Drive close to Plainfield Road is closed while Firefighters investigate a house fire. Avoid the area. [More »](#)

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Our local police departments offer a variety of tools to help keep residents informed and connected when it comes to community safety. Four of those tools are highlighted below. We encourage you to consider signing up for these services! You can learn more on the [Safe Schools page](#) of our D181 website.

**Nixle Email and Text Alerts:** Nixle is a system that allows police departments to push out email and/or text alerts to those who sign up. Registration is free and can be done through links on the police department websites, or you can text your zip code to 888777 to opt-in. Alerts include critical notices such as a missing child, community threat, or severe weather.

**Code Red Mobile App:** Code Red is an application for iPhone and Android that allows registrants to receive critical alerts, similar to the Nixle system. Code Red also offers a mapping feature, so you can receive alerts occurring in any area you are visiting where the local department uses the service. It is a free app, but the weather warning add-on tool is a paid feature.

**Smart 911 Enhanced Emergency Calling:** Smart 911 is a free public safety service that enhances the information a 911 call provides during an emergency. DuPage County residents are encouraged to create a profile at Smart911.com. The profile information a user chooses to share about family

members, pets, the home, and vehicles displays automatically on the 911 call taker's screen if the user makes an emergency call. This can be particularly helpful to track a 911 call made from a cell phone, to access a photo of a child who is missing, to know who may be in a home experiencing a house fire, or to understand a medical situation if a person is unresponsive.

**Block Watch:** Block Watch is a program used by the Hinsdale Police Department to enlist the help of residents who have home outdoor video cameras to solve neighborhood crimes, as a home video system may have captured a picture of a suspect or a vehicle that can be a valuable lead to help in an investigation. Residents who have outdoor surveillance cameras are asked to register their cameras with the police department through the online form on their website.

[Burr Ridge Police Department Website](#) • [Clarendon Hills Police Department Website](#) • [Hinsdale Police Department Website](#)

## October 4: International Walk to School Day



Our schools will be celebrating Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4. This international event involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. We invite our D181 families to join in their school's celebration! Pictured is a Prospect family who volunteered to paint a safety notice at the school's crosswalk over the summer, a tradition passed down by a former Prospect family now attending CHMS.

The Village of Clarendon Hills Public Works Office donated the project supplies.

## October 15: D181 Mascot Race Featured at the Rotary Run



Registration is open for the 23rd Annual Rotary Run Charity Classic, taking place Sunday, October 15 at The Community House. This event benefits several local organizations, including the D181 Foundation. The series of race events includes a 10K, 5K, 3K, and mutt strut. The day's fun includes family activities and the 2nd Annual D181 Mascot Race. The Mrs. B Trophy will be awarded to the D181 elementary school with the highest student and staff participation percentage, and the Mr. K Cup will go to the middle school with the highest participation percentage. Additionally, the Rotary Club is giving up to \$150 to support wellness-related activities to any D181

school that meets a set student and staff participation level. Learn more and register at [www.rotaryruncharityclassic.org](http://www.rotaryruncharityclassic.org).

**Joining Our E-Newsletter:** We appreciate the opportunity to connect with you! Do you know someone who would enjoy this newsletter? Community members can join our mailing list by filling out our [online form](#). Feedback on this newsletter and D181 communications is welcomed and can be sent to [bm McGuigan@d181.org](mailto:bm McGuigan@d181.org).

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