

## D181 E-Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

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

- October 13 (8am): HMS Construction Community Meeting ([Web Info](#))
- October 14 (11am): Hinsdale Police and Fire Open House ([Flier](#))
- October 15 (8:30am): Rotary Run Charity Classic ([Web Info](#))
- October 16 (5:00pm): Bond Referendum Review & Accountability Committee Mtg
- October 16 (7:30pm): Board of Education Business Meeting
- October 17: (4-8pm): Restaurant Fundraiser Night - Walker PTO ([Chipotle Flier](#))
- October 17 (6pm): Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- October 30 (7pm): Board of Education Business Meeting
- October 31: Halloween

- November 2 (9am): Board Academic Success Committee Meeting
- November 2 (5pm): Board Finance Committee Meeting
- November 3: Institute Day, No School for Students
- November 9: DuPage County Substitute Teacher Event ([Flier](#))
- November 9 and 15: HCHS 8th Grade Parent Night ([Flier](#))



## HMS Students Selected for HonorFest Band

On Sunday, September 30, six HMS students participated in the VanderCook College of Music Middle Level HonorFest. The 7th graders chosen for the honor band were nominated by teacher George Andrikokus, who explains that the Middle Level HonorFest is an opportunity for...  
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## District and Community News

### Parents Encouraged to Review Brochure on the Flu

We have posted a new informational brochure on the [Health page](#) of our D181 website: "The Flu: A Guide for Parents" ([PDF](#)). Created by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the publication includes information about symptoms, emergency warning signs, the flu vaccine, and more. Families are encouraged to review this important information; please contact your child's school nurse with any questions.

### Through October 12: Book Drive for Children in Puerto Rico Ends Thursday

A local resident has established a book drive at the Hinsdale Public Library to collect books for children in Puerto Rico in partnership with the National Puerto Rican Leadership Council Education Fund. New or slightly used children's books are being accepted through October 12.

### October 12 and 13: Clarendon Hills Park District Notice of Lawn Care Product Application

"Being authorized by the Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Program of the Clarendon Hills Park District, it is anticipated that a Lawn Care Product is to be applied between the hours of 6am and 3pm between the dates of Thursday, October 12 and Friday, October 13. As conditions permit, the Park District will be applying turf fertilizer at Prospect and Walker Park athletic fields or turf areas. Notice: 'Lawn Care Application: Stay Off Turf Until Dry.' For information, call Mike Fletcher at [630.323.2626](tel:630.323.2626)." - Forwarded from the District 181 Buildings and Grounds Office

### October 14: Hinsdale Fire and Police Open House

The Hinsdale Fire and Police Departments are hosting an Open House on Saturday, October 14 (11am-3pm). The event will include child fingerprinting, police station tours, a fire safety trailer, fire extinguisher demo and testing, SWAT and CSI stations, and a chance to meet the officers and fire fighters. All are welcome!

## Elm School Supports Texas School Recovering from Hurricane

Elm School students have made new



friends just over 1,000 miles away. Under the leadership of teachers Susan Petersen and Nancy Smith, a school-wide fundraiser generated over \$5,000 to purchase classroom supplies for Green Valley Elementary in Houston, a school that experienced severe damage as a result of the recent hurricane... (Continue Reading)

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### November 9: DuPage County Substitute Teacher Informational Event

The DuPage Regional Office of Education is hosting a county-wide "Why Not Be A Substitute Teacher?" informational event on the requirements to be certified as a substitute teacher. DuPage ROE Licensure staff as well as district HR leaders will be on hand to answer questions. The event is Thursday, November 9 in Wheaton (9am-11am). More information on the meeting and substitute teacher requirements is available on [their flier](#).

### November 9 and 15: Hinsdale Central High School Hosts 8th Grade Parent Nights

All Hinsdale Central feeder school 8th grade parents are invited to attend "A Conversation About Your Student's Transition to Hinsdale Central High School." Parents can choose either of two sessions to attend: Thursday, November 9 at HMS (7pm) OR Wednesday, November 15 at CHMS (7pm). The program will feature HCHS Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction Jessica Hurt and HCHS Principal Bill Walsh. They will share insights and advice with parents about the high school's curriculum, registration process, and factors to consider when working with their student to compile his/her four-year high school academic plan and select freshman year classes in January 2018. Please [register online](#). (HMS parking is available in the temporary lot to the west of the school.)



## D181 Community Celebrates Walk to School Day

The rain on October 4 didn't stop our schools from celebrating International Walk and Bike to School Day. Thank you to all staff, families, volunteers, and fire and police officers for joining in your school events!

At Oak School (pictured), students learned at the Walk to School Day assembly that their 2017-18 country of focus is South Korea. Students will earn miles by continuing to walk to school and staying active throughout the year; their collective miles will help their mascot Hootie "travel" to South Korea. Parent Denys Kang is shown in traditional South Korean attire - a 'hanbok' - as she tells students more about the country, which will host the 2018 Winter Olympics.



## SELAS Connections:

## Helping Children Respond to Conflicts and Bullying



Teachers and staff in District 181 take a proactive approach to the problem of bullying by discussing and modeling positive relationships and behaviors throughout the school year. Communication skills, empathy, conflict resolution and decision-making are fundamental to learning at school and teachers invest time in developing and supporting these social and emotional skills. They pay off in the long run by setting the norms expected for relationships at school. In spite of classroom discussions, school-wide activities that promote a positive school climate, and work that parents do at home, conflict and bullying occur. While these are related problems, they are not the same and are often confused.

Conflict is inherent in all relationships. When children develop skills to respond to it, they learn to give and take, and with practice, build sturdy friendships with greater understanding of others' perspectives. Meanness and teasing are impulsive behaviors but they are not always bullying. Unlike conflict, bullying is not normal. It is an aggressive targeting of an individual that causes harm and can compromise learning. It must not be tolerated by victims or schools.

Learn more about responding to conflict and bullying, the District's policy on bullying, intimidation, harassment, and specific strategies that children can use when conflict or bullying occur. Remember that children often need practice to respond to these kinds of problems, so help them be prepared by role playing and understanding the power of their words.



### Prospect School Dash N' Bash Raises Funds and Community Spirit

Prospect School students, staff, and families came together on September 22 in Clarendon Hills to participate in not only one of the school's largest and most successful fundraisers, but an event to celebrate the school community. The third annual "Dash n' Bash" raised nearly...  
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### HMS Welcomes Flute Professor for Band Workshop

On September 22, Hinsdale Middle School students had the opportunity to meet Dr. Cate Hummel, who visited band members to lead a masterclass. A veteran teacher and graduate from the Manhattan School of Music, Dr. Hummel is a flute instructor, performer, clinician, and chamber music coach.

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