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## D181 E-Newsletter

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### Upcoming Events

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

- October 23 (7pm): Board of Education Special Meeting
- October 25 (6pm): CHMS vs. HMS Girls Basketball Game at HCHS
- 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 (9am): DuPage County Substitute Teacher Event ([Flier](#))
- November 9 and 15 (7pm): HCHS 8th Grade Parent Night ([Flier](#))
- November 10 (8am): HMS Construction Community Meeting ([Web Info](#))
- November 13 (7pm): Board of Education Business Meeting

- November 16: Parent Event "Executive Functioning for Students with an IEP or 504 (Grades 3-5)" ([Flier](#))
- November 16 and 17: Community Speaker Series Event "The Gift of Failure" with Jessica Lahey ([Web Info](#))



## Kindness Rocks!

The Oak School Kids Care Club recently participated in the Kindness Rocks project. Students decorated rocks with positive messages and hid them throughout Hinsdale and neighboring communities. Club leaders explain that students hope to inspire positivity and make someone's day if they find one of the special rocks. Those who do are encouraged to post a picture of it on Instagram or Facebook with the hashtag #OAKKCC. The rocks and some supplies were paid for through a D181 Foundation KIDS Grant.

## District and Community News

### Special Board Meeting Tonight (Closed Session)

The Board of Education has called a Special meeting for tonight - Monday, October 23 - at the Administration Center (7pm). The Board will be meeting in closed (executive) session, with no action on the agenda. Public comment is available after the Board returns to open session. The agenda is available via [BoardDocs](#).

### Board Summary Attached and Online

We invite you to read the October 16, 2017 *Board Summary* ([PDF](#)). The meeting audio recording is available on [LiveStream](#). The content of this *Board Summary* is available as a [webpage](#) for easier mobile viewing. In this issue:

- Budget and Tax Levy Discussion Includes Focus on Facility Needs and Long-Term Strategic Priorities
- Administration to Develop Recommendation for Open Enrollment Procedure and Policy Changes
- Special Education Procedural Manual Approved for Public Display
- Update Provided on Pay-to-Ride Transportation and Hazardous Routes
- Other: PSAT Removed from Assessment Calendar; Independent Consultant to Review Hazardous Routes; Principal Day Resolution Approved; Policies Approved for Public Display; Personnel Approved; Superintendent's Report; Board President Notes; Food Purchase Concerns; Board Committee Reports; Public Comment
- Upcoming Board Meetings

### Special Education Procedural Manual and Board Policies on Public Display

A Special Education Procedural Manual for the District is currently on public display. The manual is intended to serve as a representation of procedures that staff are required to follow when addressing the needs of special education students, and it can assist parents in navigating the processes and procedures that may be implemented when addressing their child's needs relative to special education. The Board approved placing the manual on public display at their October 16, 2017

Business meeting, with approval for adoption anticipated at the December Business meeting. Once approved, the manual will be posted online and sent electronically to families along with an FAQ covering key aspects of the document. The draft document is attached ([PDF](#)) and posted on the [Special Education page](#) of our website (Special Education Resources tab). A hard copy is also available at the Administration Center. Comments can be directed to Assistant Superintendent of Learning (PS) Dr. Christina Sepiol. Three Board policies are also on public display and can be viewed on the [News page](#) of our website: 6:180 *Extended Instructional Programs*, 6:210 *Instructional Materials*, and 8:070 *Accommodating Individuals with Disabilities*.



## Prospect Welcomes Dads for Breakfast

Prospect School recently welcomed fathers, grandfathers, and other special guests for the school's annual "Breakfast for Dads" gathering. The Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) provided donuts, fruit, and coffee as the families socialized and enjoyed time on the playground.

## District and Community News

### **CHMS vs. HMS Girls Basketball Game Wednesday at HCHS**

All community members are invited to attend the Wednesday, October 25 girls basketball game at Hinsdale Central High School as our CHMS and HMS teams play one another. Games take place at 6pm and 7pm. Come cheer on our Eagles and Spartans!

### **Family Portrait Discount Includes Fundraiser for D181 Schools**

The D181 Foundation is partnering with Classic Kids Photographers in Hinsdale to offer a special opportunity that benefits District 181 schools. Parents who book a session and let them know they are a District 181 family will receive a discount on the sitting fee, and the D181 Foundation will receive a \$150 donation. The studio photo session discount continues through November 18. To schedule an appointment, call Classic Kids at [630.323.7223](tel:630.323.7223).



## HMS 6th Graders Sew Cinch Backpacks

HMS 6th graders are shown with the cinch backpacks they made in Family Consumer Science Sewing with the help of new equipment co-funded by D181 and the PTO.

## **SELAS Connections: "Conversations at Home Can Connect Emotions, Memories, and Ideas to Learning at School"**

Right about now, children are in the swing of school with its myriad of schedules, projects, and expectations. The constant surge of forward motion may raise the question of how parents can help children stay focused and enthusiastic about all they must learn in school.



Judy Willis, MD, a neurologist-turned-teacher, provides numerous ideas parents can use in conversations to engage children’s memories and curiosity that are relevant to school. “Connect their brains to the topics they will be studying at school by revisiting photos or videos of family trips, objects they own made in countries they study; read favorite stories that relate to topics in science, history, and math. The curiosity prompted by your reminders of their past experiences and current interests builds brain bridges ready to link with the information they must learn for

school.”

Asking questions is an important part of the conversations that Willis prescribes, specifically open-ended questions that can ignite deeper thinking and personal relevance. See more good ideas for such questions about feelings, school, friends, and the future.

Conversations about what your children are studying in school add relevance to their learning by reminding them of their experiences and memories. This helps children identify their passions and personal interests. For more ideas about ways parents can support children’s personal development, see SEL@Home.

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