

D181 Community Connections E-Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

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

- November 9 (9am): DuPage County Substitute Teacher Event ([Flier](#))
- November 9 (5pm): Board Finance Committee Meeting
- November 9 (7pm): Hinsdale Central H.S. 8th Grade Parent Night ([Flier](#))
- November 10 (8am): HMS Construction Community Meeting ([Web Info](#))
- November 13 (7pm): Board of Education Business Meeting
- November 15 (7pm): Hinsdale Central H.S. 8th Grade Parent Night ([Flier](#))
- November 16 (6pm): Parent Event "Executive Functioning for Students with an IEP or 504 (Grades 3-5)" ([Flier](#))
- November 16 (7pm): "The Gift of Failure" Speaker Series Event ([Register](#))
- November 17 (9:30am): "The Gift of Failure" Speaker Series Event ([Register](#))
- November 20-21: Parent-Teacher Conferences; No School for Students

- November 22-24: Thanksgiving Break
- November 28 (6pm): Board Facilities Committee Meeting



Two D181 Students Selected for Junior Honor Band

Two District 181 students were accepted as members of the Illinois Music Educators Association District 1 Junior Honor Band. Nearly 1,000 middle school band, choir, and orchestra students auditioned for the opportunity, and only a small number were selected. Sam Chung of HMS and Arnima Agrawal of CHMS performed with fellow Honor Band members at Lincoln-Way Central High School on Saturday. Congratulations, Sam and Arnima!

District and Community News

State, District, and School Report Cards Now Available

We have posted the 2017 Report Card on our website for Illinois, our District, and each of our nine schools: www.d181.org > Learning > Assessment. We invite you to explore the information provided on PARCC Assessment results, as well as school and District data on staff and student demographics, finances, and the instructional setting. Additionally, the [Illinois Interactive Report Card website](#) provides tools to review the performance and progress of any school or district in the state, with a wide range of educational metrics posted.

November 16-17: "The Gift of Failure" Community Speaker Series Event

The Community Speaker Series, presented jointly by D181 and District 86, begins its fifth season with Jessica Lahey, author of New York Times bestseller, *The Gift of Failure: How the Best Parents Learn to Let Go So Their Children Can Succeed*. Her presentation "The Gift of Failure" will take place at The Community House on Thursday, November 16 (7pm - [Register](#)) and again Friday, November 17 (9:30am - [Register](#)).



Environmental Club Supports Community Window Painting Project

The Prospect School EcoPanthers Environmental Club joined in the community's Halloween window painting project, organized through the Clarendon Hills Chamber of Commerce. The Club's theme on the window of Sue's Cakery was pumpkin composting in honor of the assistance they provided at the "Pumpkin Smash" composting event held November 4th.

HMS Construction Update; Community Meeting Nov. 10



We encourage community members to visit the [HMS Construction webpage](#) for the latest news on our progress to build a new Hinsdale Middle School. The project webcam linked from that webpage shows four camera angles of the site; viewers can see current work being completed by the crew as they pour foundation walls and install drainage pipes, insulation, and waterproofing material.

The next community meeting hosted by construction manager Bulley & Andrews is slated for this Friday, November 10 at their job site trailer

(8am). All are welcome, and no registration is required.

SELAS Connections: The Path to Success Often Includes Failures



We all want our children to succeed - in school and in the activities they enjoy. But when things don't go their way with an immediate "win" or satisfactory score, how can parents best help children handle the disappointment of a less-than-perfect outcome and use feedback to move ahead with learning?

This topic is fundamental to achievement. As noted earlier in this newsletter, our community is invited to the conversation on November 16-17 with Jessica Lahey, author of the acclaimed book, *The Gift of Failure*. Through her writing, teaching, and speaking, she establishes the importance of failure and feedback to learning and argues that our emphasis on success and avoidance of struggle and failure are shortchanging our kids. While aiming for the right answer can lead to good grades, it can undermine broader learning that is often key to real achievement, as well as a love of learning.

Get a taste of [Lahey's insights](#) and tap into [her website](#) or [book](#) to learn how navigating the winding but integrated path of attempts, failure, growth, and success is at the heart of some of our deepest learning.

This is the first program in the Community Speaker Series, presented by District 181 and District 86, with support from the D181 Foundation and The Community House. [Registration](#) to attend this free program is required.



HMS Students Perform One Act Play

Congratulations to the 13 students from Hinsdale Middle School who performed in "Box" on October 27. "Box" is a vignette play by Lindsay Price about how people handle the "boxes" imposed upon them because of their gender, race, peer pressure, parent pressure, and other forces. The HMS Directors note, "We are incredibly proud of our young actors for taking on such a challenging, yet timely play. We know it hit home for them as it sheds light on navigating the minefield of middle school. They each took on multiple roles and worked to develop a unique character for each one. We celebrate their efforts to step outside their comfort zone and take to the stage!"

Community News and Events

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.)

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