

## E-News and Upcoming Events

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#### **Congratulations to D181 Spelling Bee and Battle of the Books Participants**

The top finishers from each D181 school Spelling Bee came together for the District Bee on February 7 to determine who would represent the District at the DuPage County Spelling Bee later this month. Please join in congratulating the top finishers, 5th graders Atman Balakrishnan from The Lane and Kaitlyn Jin from Prospect! On February 8, we held our 17th Annual Battle of the Books, a friendly competition among D181 elementary schools that challenges students' knowledge of 20 fiction and non-fiction titles through a trivia-style event. Please join in congratulating this year's winner - Elm School! We are proud of all D181 participants. Please visit our Twitter feed for photos from these events (@CCSD181).

#### **Tonight's Board of Education Meeting**

Our next regular Board of Education Business meeting is tonight, February 13, at the Administration Center (7pm). Among other business, the agenda includes an update / discussion on the HMS construction project, financials, Student Information and Learning Management Systems, science resource adoption, school times survey results, preliminary 2017-18 staffing, and encore/exploratory course proposals. Board action is being sought on the Digital Learning Environment proposal, HMS project Owner's Representative agreement, policy, two agreements with the Village of Hinsdale related to parking, a lease agreement for copiers and printers, and school calendars for 2017-18 and 2018-19 (tentative). The Superintendent's Report includes several recognitions, a report on Strategic Plan implementation, and discussion on recent Academic Success Committee topics and Board Committee Operating Procedures. Click [here](#) to visit BoardDocs and access the full agenda with related reports. Click [here](#) to visit our LiveStream site for meeting audio access.

#### **Kindergarten Registration Begins February 22-23**

Kindergarten registration for 2017-18 will take place February 22 and February 23 at the child's neighborhood elementary school (9am-3pm). All D181 parents also have the option of attending evening kindergarten registration at Prospect School on Wednesday, February 22 (5:30-7:30pm). Registration for returning students entering Grades 1-8 is slated to begin after spring break. We are now enrolling 2017-18 registrants for our three and four year-old D181 Preschool program. Preschool registration is accepted at Oak School during school hours. Space is limited; registrants are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis. Click [here](#) to visit our website for more information about D181 registration and required documentation to be provided.

#### **CHMS Presents "The Wizard of Oz" March 9-11**

More than 50 CHMS students are involved in this year's school musical "The Wizard of Oz." There will be four performances: Thursday, March 9 (7pm), Friday, March 10 (7pm), and Saturday, March 11 (2pm and 7pm). Tickets are \$10 and go on sale February 27. Tickets can be purchased by calling the school at (630) 861-4803 and will be available for pick-up during normal school hours or on the day of the show at will call. Click [here](#) to view the event flier.

#### **5th Gr. IEP/504 Parent Event Moved to March 14**

The parent event "Transitioning into Middle School with an IEP or 504" originally scheduled for February 15 has been moved to March 14 (CHMS, 6pm). If you have a 5th grade child with an IEP or 504 Plan, join us for a panel discussion on our continuum of services, classes, and level of support. We will also discuss what parents can do to help their child through this transition process. Click [here](#) to view the event flier.

### Elm PTO Invites D181 to "Oktoberfest in March"

The Elm School PTO is inviting all community members to attend "Oktoberfest in March." They note that the Oktoberfest theme was selected in honor of school secretary Mrs. Sharkey, who is retiring at the end of this school year and moving to Germany. The event will include food, drinks, entertainment, dancing, and a live auction. Click [here](#) to view the event invitation.

### Upcoming D181 Events

- Wednesday, February 15: Board Facilities Committee Meeting (4pm, Admin Center)
- Monday, February 20: Presidents Day, No School
- February 22-23: Kindergarten Registration Begins
- Monday, February 27: Board of Education Business Meeting (7pm, Admin Center)
- Tuesday February 28: Heroin Education Event (7pm, HMS) - [Register](#)
- Thursday, March 2: Academic Success Committee Meeting (9am, Admin Center)
- Thursday, March 2: Board Finance Committee Meeting (4pm, Admin Center)
- Friday, March 3: Institute Day, No School for Students
- Thursday, March 9: Summer Camp Expo (6-8:30pm, Prospect School)
- March 9 - March 11: CHMS Musical "The Wizard of Oz"
- Saturday, March 11: Elm PTO Invites Community to "Oktoberfest in March"
- Monday, March 13: Board of Education Business Meeting (7pm, Admin Center)
- Tuesday, March 14: "Transitioning into Middle School with an IEP or 504" Parent Event (6pm, CHMS)

### 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; 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 still occur. While conflict and bullying 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. Click [here](#) to 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.

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### Have a great week!

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