D181 E-News and Upcoming Events

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Upcoming Board Business and Committee Meetings
Please click here to visit BoardDocs and access the agenda for tonight's Special Board Meeting being held at the Administration Center. The Board will be meeting in Executive Session beginning at 6:30pm to discuss personnel, litigation, and safety. It is possible the Board may take action following Executive Session; the action is related to legal counsel for the HMS project lawsuit. The Board has added Student Safety and Parent Communication as a discussion topic for the Open Session portion of the meeting. The public parts of the meeting will be available on our LiveStream site. Other upcoming meetings include the following (all at the Administration Center):

- Thursday, April 6 (9am) - Academic Success Committee Meeting
- Thursday, April 6 (4pm) - Board Finance Committee Meeting
- Monday, April 10 (6pm) - Special Board Meeting (This meeting is related to the HMS Construction project; we will be seeking Board approval for portions of Bid Group #1.)
- Wednesday, April 12 (4pm) - Board Facilities Committee Meeting
- Monday, April 17 (7pm) - Regular Business Meeting
- Tuesday, May 2 (7pm) - Regular Business Meeting (This meeting will include a farewell to outgoing Board members, as well as the seating of new Board members and Board reorganization.)

"World Changer" Employee Award Nominations Due Friday
Has your family been deeply and positively impacted by the actions of a D181 employee? The call for nominations is open now through March 24 for "The District 181 World Changer Awards: A Celebration of Exceptional Employee Achievements." This is a new program that recognizes the above and beyond contributions of teachers, support staff, and administrators in District 181. Click here to access our "World Changers" webpage, where you can review information about eligibility and the nominating process. Then, if you have a staff member you would like to nominate for this honor, we invite you to complete the online nomination form and submit it no later than the end of the day this Friday.

D181 is Changing IEP/504 Software Systems
Beginning on April 3, we will be implementing a new online software program to manage IEPs and Section 504 Plans. The new system is called Power IEP/Power 504. Staff training on this system occurred during the District's Institute Day on March 3. Parents may notice a difference in format, but all of the components in an IEP or Section 504 Plan will remain consistent. You can learn about the system online at www.poweriep.com.

School News Stories on Our Website and on Twitter
We encourage you to visit the News page of our District website (and follow us on Twitter @CCSD181) for school news stories and photos, including:

- HMS Students Earn High Marks in "You Be the Chemist" Challenge
- Monroe Third Graders Celebrate "Togetherness" at Spring Concert
- Prospect Fifth Graders Get a Hands-On Lesson in Civil War History
- CHMS Band Selected to Perform at State-Level Event
- Oak Students Pitch Service Projects at "Shark Tank" Event

D181 Earns Certificate of Excellence for Financial Reporting
We have received the Association of School Business Officials International's (ASBO) Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting award for having met or exceeded the program's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The District was recognized for its Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal year ending 2016, the 13th such recognition the District has received. Click here to read more about this award on the News page of our website.

Parent Event April 18: "How to Support Language and Literacy for Toddlers and Preschoolers"
All community members are invited to a one-hour presentation on how to support language and literacy for preschoolers and toddlers. This event takes place Tuesday, April 18 at the D181 Administration Center (9:30-10:30am). No registration is needed. Current research shows the home literacy environment of young children have a measurable effect on later developing literacy skills. Come learn what you can do at home to set up your child for success! The presenter is Patricia A. Ward, M.S., CCC-SLP/BCBA, a licensed Speech-Language Pathologist and Board Certified Behavior Analyst with over 35 years of experience in working with children.

News from Our Partners: Hinsdale Central H.S. to Perform "The Little Mermaid"
Hinsdale Central High School is performing "The Little Mermaid" on April 20, 21, and 22 at 7pm. Tickets are $10 for students and $15 for adults. This year, there will be a 12pm matinee on Saturday, April 22 that is followed by an Under the Sea party featuring a stage tour, light refreshments, and character "Meet and Greet." Those tickets are $15. Tickets can be purchased at ticketpeak.com/hcdrama. We encourage you to come out and support our many D181 alumni who are performing! Click here to view the event flier.

Community Backpack Updated with Local Organization Fliers
Please visit our online Community Backpack for news on local family activities and opportunities for children, including information on t-ball registration, pool passes, and STEM workshops hosted by the University of Illinois Extension and 4-H. Additionally, the Village of Hinsdale has provided information on an Easter Egg Hunt, as well as a Park Cleanup Day happening April 21 as part of Earth Day activities.

SELAS Connections: "Helping Children Understand Death and Loss"
Losing a loved one is a milestone in each of our lives. Whether it is the death of a close family member, a dear friend, a long-time neighbor, or the family pet, such permanent loss changes a child's worldview in a dramatic way. Grief is a normal response to loss, but we experience it in varied ways as we make sense of our experience. Children at different ages react to loss with a range of behaviors. For young children, death itself is a new concept that must be understood for its irreversibility, causes, and association with all living things. We can be most helpful by understanding children's developmental stages and being sensitive to cultural differences regarding death, by providing honest answers, and maintaining a close physical presence. In our area, Tommy's Kids, a project of Adventist St. Thomas Hospice, provides camps in the spring, summer, and fall for children age 5-17 who have experienced the loss of a loved one. The next camp will be at KLM Park from June 26-30 for children ages 5-12. There are many excellent online resources to help families through the experience of death and the loss of someone close. Read more on the topic, Loss of a Loved One, on the SELAS webpage *When Problems Come Up*.

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Have a great week!

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