SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

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Superintendent

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Superintendent's Message.....

Dear Colleague:

"CHEER FOR WAUKEGAN!"

"There is only one way to cheer - hard!"
-- Anonymous

One of the most enjoyable and time-honored traditions of high school is Homecoming Week. Waukegan High School enthusiastically embraces this tradition each year, and kicks off Homecoming Week today with a full slate of exciting events and activities that will surely spark everyone's school spirit.

High school students will have the opportunity to participate in a student council pool party, pajama day, retro day, sports day, twin day and tie-dye day throughout the week. The popular Homecoming Bonfire will take place on Wednesday at 6 p.m. at Waukegan Municipal Beach, and a variety of varsity sports contests during the week will culminate with the Homecoming Parade, varsity football game and Homecoming Dance on Saturday, September 24. The Homecoming Parade kicks off at 10:00 am from the Brookside Campus. The varsity football team will then take on Niles West at 1:30 p.m. at Weiss Field. Parade trophies will be awarded during half-time of the game. The day's festivities will end, as per tradition, with the Homecoming Dance, which gets underway at 7:30 p.m. at the Brookside Campus. You will find a complete schedule of the week's events on page 3.

Homecoming Week is the perfect time to show your school spirit and support our many talented varsity athletes. While everyone generally associates Homecoming with football, our Girls' volleyball, tennis and golf teams, as well as our Boys' soccer and golf teams, will also be battling on home territory to chalk up Homecoming wins during the week.

Wear your purple, green and gold proudly to celebrate Bulldog spirit this week! Cheer loud and hard for our athletes at one of the sporting events or attend the parade. I know we will all follow this year's theme and motto, **"A New Day … A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools … *students first!*"** to ensure that students and staff alike enjoy a fun and safe Homecoming Week**.**

Go Bulldogs!

Sincerely,

Donaldo R. Batiste, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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Important Dates

- September 21 – Homecoming Bonfire
- September 24 – Homecoming Parade and Game
- September 27 – School Board Meeting
- September 27 – Teacher Institute Day: No School for Students
- September 28 – Rosh Hashanah begins
- September 28 – Capital Development Projects Community Forum
- October 7 – Yom Kippur begins
- October 10 – Columbus Day: No School for Staff or Students
- October 11 – School Board Meeting

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The preferred submission method is via e-mail. **Contributions must be received by 3 p.m. on Wednesday** to be included in upcoming week's *Bulletin.*

Notices

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the passing of Mr. Gale Pattison, father of Mr. Rich Pattison, Executive Director of Technology Services, who passed away September 9 in California. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Pattison family.

INSTITUTE DAY SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER 27

→***Submitted by Amy Grossman, Professional Development Coordinator***

Please see attached flier for a schedule of Institute Day trainings and assignments.

HEALTHCARE OPEN ENROLLMENT 2011-2012

→***Submitted by Karen Cordes, Director of Risk Management and Employee Benefits***

Waukegan Public School District #60 will be holding healthcare open enrollment from September 1, 2011 - September 30, 2011. Please see the attached open enrollment information, including the open enrollment schedule and PPO/HMO/Blue Advantage Benefit Highlight Sheets.

WHS HOMECOMING WEEK ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

→***Submitted by Nicholas P. Alajakis, Parental and Public Information Officer***

Waukegan High School's homecoming week runs from September 19 to September 24. Below is a full list of home varsity sports contests, spirit week celebrations and homecoming events perfect for showing off your Bulldog pride. This year's Homecoming Week theme is "Splash into Homecoming."

Monday, September 19
Pajama Day at Waukegan High School
Student Council Pool Party at 7 p.m. at WHS Brookside Campus Pool. Limited to WHS students.

Tuesday, September 20
Retro Day at Waukegan High School
Varsity Boys Golf versus Maine South begins at 4 p.m. at Bonnie Brook Golf Course
Varsity Boys and Girls Cross Country versus Evanston, Glenbrook South and New Trier begins at 4:30 p.m. at Belvidere Park
Varsity Girls Tennis versus Glenbrook South begins at 4:30 at Weiss Field
Varsity Boys Soccer versus Glenbrook South begins at 4:45 at McAree Field
Varsity Girls Volleyball versus New Trier begins at 6 p.m. at WHS – Washington Campus Gym

Wednesday, September 21
Sports Day at Waukegan High School
Homecoming Bonfire from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Waukegan Municipal Beach. Bonfire attendees must show a valid government or student ID to be admitted to the lakefront.

Thursday, September 22
Twin Day at Waukegan High School
Powder Puff Football Game begins at 4 p.m. at Weiss Field
Varsity Boys Golf versus Grant begins at 4 p.m. at Bonnie Brook Golf Course
Varsity Girls Volleyball versus Evanston begins at 6 p.m. at Washington Campus Gym
Varsity Girls Tennis versus Niles West begins at 4:30 p.m. at Weiss Field

Friday, September 23
Tie-Dye Day at Waukegan High School
Varsity Baseball Alumni Game begins at 6:30 p.m. at Weiss Field

Saturday, September 24
Homecoming Parade begins at 10 a.m. Parade will begin at the Brookside Campus by heading east on Monroe Street, south on Lewis, west on Washington and then north on McAree, where it will end back at the Brookside Campus. Parade trophies will be awarded during half time of the varsity football game.
Varsity Football versus Niles West begins at 1:30 p.m. at Weiss Field.
Homecoming Dance begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Brookside Campus Gym.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR NATIONAL TEACHERS HALL OF FAME

→***Submitted by Christopher A. Koch, State Superintendent***

Nomination forms are available for the National Teachers Hall of Fame. Each year, the Hall of Fame, located in Emporia, Kan., inducts five teachers from across the country. Candidates must be certified public or nonpublic classroom teachers with at least 20 years experience teaching in grades preK-12. Anyone can nominate a teacher; self-nominations are accepted,

too. For more information and a nomination form, go to http://www.nthf.org/ or call (620) 341-5660.

SEASONAL INFLUENZA VACCINE CLINICS 2011

→***Submitted by Peggi Braden, Health Services Supervisor***

Seasonal Influenza vaccine will be offered to all district employees. Clinic dates are:

Friday, September 30 from 2:30-5:30 p.m. at Lincoln Center, Board Room
Thursday, October 6 from 1:30-4:00 p.m. at High School, Brookside – Teacher Center

The cost is $25.00 payable in cash, check, money order. There is no charge for those employees that have the District's Blue Cross Blue Shield Illinois PPO insurance. Employees that have HMO with the district will need to pay $20.00 which is non refundable through Blue Cross. Employees need to bring their insurance card for verification. Please note that HMO members can go through their Private Care Provider and get the injection free of charge.

BULLDOGS NIGHT FOOTBALL GAME TO BE PLAYED AT WEISS FIELD

→***Submitted by Nicholas P. Alajakis, Parental and Public Information Officer***

The Waukegan High School football games scheduled for Thursday, October 6 at the Waukegan Sports Park will now be played at Weiss Field.

WHS will take on Glenbrook South High School beginning at 5 p.m. with a sophomore game, followed by the Varsity game at 7:30 p.m. The change in venue allows WHS to save several thousand dollars, and it allows WHS and District 60 staff to more easily ensure a safe and fun environment.

During the summer, Waukegan High School was granted free use of Sports Park's field and lights by the Waukegan Park District. The Sports Park lacks an adequate amount of bleacher space, however, and the cost to provide temporary seating for more than 1,500 fans far exceeded estimates, said WHS Athletic Director Mr. Samuel Taylor.

The games will be held at Weiss Field with the use of less expensive temporary lights, which will illuminate the field during the night games. The switch to Weiss Field, where Waukegan High School plays all of its home football games, will also allow for easier access to locker rooms for players and easier access to restrooms for fans.

"We appreciate the Waukegan Park District's generosity in offering their fields to us, but after extensive research we feel it would more cost effective and convenient to have the games at Weiss Field," said Mr. Taylor.

Weiss Field is located on Lewis Avenue, one block north of Washington Street.

Whatever it Takes Spotlight

"…whatever it takes!"

SPOTLIGHT

THIS WEEK WE FEATURE: MR. JUSTIN WENZELL, SOCIAL WORKER AT OAKDALE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND MS. ROXANNE SANCHEZ, LANGUAGE LIAISON FOR SOCIAL WORK DEPARTMENT.

→Nominated by Mr. John Samuelian, Oakdale Principal

Justin Wenzell joined District 60 three years ago, as a Social Worker at Waukegan High School's Brookside Campus. Following a year at the high school, Mr. Wendell transferred to Oakdale Elementary School. Mr. Wenzell has a Bachelor's Degree in Women's Studies from Western Illinois University and Master's Degrees in Social Work and Women's Studies from Loyola University.

Ms. Roxanne Sanchez has worked in District 60 since 1995, when she began work as a teaching assistant at Waukegan High School. In 2002 she became a Language Liaison at Lincoln Center, where she remained until 2006, when she began working as a Language Liaison for the Social Work department. She is a graduate of Round Lake High School.

Mr. Wenzell and Ms. Sanchez were nominated for this week's Spotlight following a recent incident where they went beyond their job duties to assistant a mother whose daughter had a medical emergency at school. Mr. Wenzell and Ms. Sanchez met the mother at the hospital, and sat with her for several hours in the emergency room, while the student received medical attention. They were able to get in touch with the student's father while they continued to comfort the student's mother. The emotional support provided by Mr. Wenzell and Ms. Sanchez, along with Principal Mr. Samuelian, helped the mother understand just how much her daughter is cared about, and how hard the staff at Oakdale works to make sure that her daughter's needs are met.

"What Mr. Wenzell and Ms. Sanchez did shows they really care about our students and their families. Justin and Roxanna love their jobs and they love working in Waukegan, and it shows." ~ Mr. Samuelian.

Do you know someone who is deserving of being featured in the Superintendent's Bulletin's "…whatever it takes" spotlight? Send a nomination explaining why he or she should be honored to suptbulletin@wps60.org. Honorees will be selected on Wednesday, to be featured in the following week's bulletin. All nominators should include their name, title and phone number, as well as the nominees name, title and phone number.

District Spotlight

MATH 'GENIUS' VISITS OAKDALE STUDENTS

→Submitted by Howard Gartzman, Oakdale

On September 8 Mr. Gartzman's, Ms. Jenkin's, Ms. Gentile's and Ms. Reyes' 5th graders spent the morning with math and memory genius Mike Byster. During the lesson Mr. Byster awed and amazed the students and adults with his amazing memory and math abilities. He easily divided three digit numbers by two digit numbers without a calculator, paper or pencil. What was more amazing he was able to do the problem as fast as a calculator. He then taught the students how to incorporate memorization and mathematical skill to solve math problems without paper or pencil. Mr. Byster developed his skills into the product found on Brainetics.com.

GREENWOOD STUDENTS CREATE FLAG FOR FIREFIGHTERS

→Submitted by Nicholas P. Alajakis, Parental and Public Information Officer

Students at Greenwood Elementary School took a real hands-on approach to showing their patriotism and appreciation for first responders in remembrance of the September 11 anniversary.

The school's 344 students presented the Waukegan Fire Department with a giant American flag this week, made up entirely of their red, white and blue handprints.

The idea for a 86"x94" flag -- made from a queen-sized bed sheet – came from the school's fifth grade classrooms, while teachers Ms. Melissa Wise and Ms. Megan Carlander were

teaching students about the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. To show their appreciation for first responders, students wanted to make a gift for the fire department, and with the help of more than 300 schoolmates they did just that.

On September 9, fifth grade students oversaw a project where each Greenwood student helped create one of 13 stripes or 50 stars on the American flag. The project worked like an assembly line, with some fifth graders helping to apply paint to hands, while others placed hands on the sheet. Yet another group assisted their younger schoolmates in washing off the paint when they were done. Through the entire project not a single drop of paint was spilled.

On September 12 Greenwood was visited by firefighters from the Waukegan Fire Department's north side station on Golf Road, who participated in the Pledge of Allegiance, took pictures with students and thanked them for their gift.

"It was amazing. The students' faces just lit up when they saw the fire truck," said Ms. Wise.

The flag was taken back to the fire station, where it is currently hanging in the front window.

RECAP OF THE SEPTEMBER 13 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

→***Submitted by Nicholas P. Alajakis, Parental and Public Information Officer***

Consent Items
- The Board of Education approved the resignations, appointments, terminations and leaves of 11 employees, including the retirement of Dr. Jeanne Kearby, former Principal at Whittier Elementary.
- The Board of Education authorized District 60 staff to submit the District's annual application for recognition status with the Illinois State Board of Education.

Financial Reports
- The Board of Education discussed the need to schedule a community forum to discuss the "Kit of Parts" for the classroom additions that are part of the $37 million State Capital Development Board Grant project. The Kit of Parts would determine what elements would be included in the new classrooms that will be built. A community meeting to receive feedback will be scheduled in the near future.

Reports and Presentations
- Superintendent Dr. Donaldo R. Batiste announced that a number of District 60 staff members and volunteers will be honored with a "Those Who Excel" award from the Illinois State Board of Education. Honorees include: Washington Elementary School's Building leadership team, Ms. Pamela Crowell, Ms. Nora Estrada, Ms. Yolanda Svoboda and Mr. Chris Jonas. An awards ceremony is planned for October 22.
- Superintendent Dr. Donaldo R. Batiste read a letter from the North Suburban Conference announcing that the athletic conference is not currently interested in expanding its membership. District 60 has previously inquired about joining the North Suburban Conference for high school athletics, in an effort to reduce travel time and travel costs for Waukegan High School athletes and their families.

Information Items
- The Board of Education reviewed revisions to policy # 7050, regarding Evaluation and Determination for Eligibility for service under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

Old Business
- A Public Hearing was conducted to allow members of the community to discuss District 60's budget for 2011/2012. The budget is estimated to be about $202.5 million. The Board of Education will vote to approve the budget at its next meeting.

- Members of the Board of Education spent several minutes informally discussing the District's busing guidelines. The Board agreed to formally address busing - and potentially take action - at its Sept. 27 meeting. The discussion followed a lengthy Public Comment session, where more than two dozen community members made statements regarding busing.

'RAIN' POEMS AT OAKDALE ELEMENTARY

→***Submitted by Nancy Keel, First Grade Teacher***

First grade students in Mrs. Keel's class at Oakdale School are reading and writing poems about rain. After reading "Rain" in Unit 1, students generated a word list of "rainy" words and created original poems.

UPCOMING WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

→***Submitted by Samuel Taylor, Athletic Director***

Monday September 19, 2011

4:00 PM-TBA GOLF GIRLS VARSITY vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH-Indian Boundary
4:00 PM-6:00 PM GOLF GIRLS JV vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH
5:00 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS FROSH A vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (A) - GLENBROOK SOUTH HS
5:00 PM-7:00 PM SOCCER BOYS FROSH B vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (A) - GLENBROOK SOUTH
7:00 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS JV vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (A) - GLENBROOK SOUTH HS

Tuesday September 20, 2011

4:00 PM-6:00 PM GOLF BOYS JV vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - BONNIE BROOK GC
4:00 PM-TBD GOLF BOYS VARSITY vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - BONNIE BROOK GC
4:29 PM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS vs. EVANSTON (H) - BELVIDERE PARK
4:30 PM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY BOYS vs. EVANSTON (H) - BELVIDERE PARK
4:30 PM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY BOYS vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (H) - BELVIDERE PARK
4:30 PM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY BOYS vs. NEW TRIER (H) - BELVIDERE PARK
4:30 PM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS vs. NEW TRIER (H) - BELVIDERE PARK
4:30 PM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (H) - BELVIDERE PARK
4:30 PM-TBA TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (H) - WEISS FIELD - Tennis
4:30 PM-TBA TENNIS GIRLS JV vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (A) - GLENBROOK SOUTH
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS VARSITY vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Soccer
5:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS JV vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
5:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS FROSH A vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS FROSH B vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym

Wednesday September 21, 2011
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS FROSH A vs. NILES WEST (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS FROSH B vs. NILES WEST (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Soccer

Thursday September 22, 2011
4:30 PM-TBA GOLF BOYS VARSITY vs. GRANT (H) - BONNIE BROOK GC
4:30 PM-6:30 PM GOLF BOYS JV vs. GRANT (H) - BONNIE BROOK GC
4:30 PM-TBA TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY vs. NILES WEST (H) - WEISS FIELD - Tennis
4:30 PM-TBA TENNIS GIRLS JV vs. NILES WEST (A) - NILES WEST
5:00 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. NILES WEST (A) - NILES WEST
5:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS JV vs. EVANSTON (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
5:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS FROSH A vs. EVANSTON (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. EVANSTON (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
6:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL GIRLS FROSH B vs. EVANSTON (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
7:00 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS VARSITY vs. NILES WEST (A) - NILES WEST

Friday September 23, 2011
*** 6:30 PM-8:30 PM BASEBALL VARSITY Alumni Game (H) - WEISS FIELD - Baseball**

Saturday September 24, 2011
TBA-TBA GOLF BOYS VARSITY MCDERMAND OPEN (A) - LAKE FOREST HS
9:00 AM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY BOYS vs. JIM TAYLOR CC INVITE - J.T. CROSS-COUNTRY (A) - GRANT HS INVITE
9:00 AM-TBA CROSS COUNTRY GIRLS vs. JIM TAYLOR CC INVITE (A) - GRANT HS
9:00 AM-TBD FOOTBALL FROSH A vs. NILES WEST - HOMECOMING (H) - WEISS FIELD - Football
9:00 AM-TBA TENNIS GIRLS VARSITY vs. LAKES INVITE (A) - LAKES INVITE
11:00 AM-TBD FOOTBALL SOPHOMORE vs. NILES WEST - HOMECOMING (H) - WEISS FIELD - Football
11:00 AM-TBD FOOTBALL FROSH B vs. NILES WEST - HOMECOMING (H) - WEISS FIELD - Football
12:00 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. DEERFIELD (A) - DEERFIELD
1:30 PM-TBA FOOTBALL VARSITY vs. NILES WEST - HOMECOMING (H) - WEISS FIELD - Football
2:00 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS VARSITY vs. DEERFIELD (A) - DEERFIELD

Monday September 26, 2011
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS JV vs. NEW TRIER (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER BOYS FROSH A vs. NEW TRIER (H) - MCAREE FIELD – Soccer

Student Opportunities

GENESEE THEATRE FIELD TRIPS

→***Submitted by Rena Morrow, Genesee Theatre***

Dates have been announced for the Genesee Theatre's 2011/2012 Education Through the Arts Series. See flier for information on a number of educational field trips at the Genesee Theatre.

ANTONIO SACRE AT THE GENESEE THEATRE

→***Submitted by Rena Morrow, Genesee Theatre***

Antonio Sacre will be at the Gensee Theatre on Oct. 19. Sacre's storytelling shows draw from an extensive repertoire that includes folk tales, myths and legends from around the world, focusing on Spanish-speaking countries, especially Mexico. He can perform entirely in English, Spanish or a lively interweaving of both. Sacre is a favorite featured storyteller at over 50 festivals worldwide, including the National Storytelling Festival in Jonesborough, Tennessee, the Kennedy Center, the National Book Festival at the Library of Congress, and museums, schools, libraries, and festivals worldwide. Tickets $6 each. Recommended for grades K-5.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE FOR U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM AND HEARST SCHOLARSHIP

→***Submitted by Christopher A. Koch, State Superintendent***

Information for the U.S. Senate Youth Program and Hearst Scholarship is available online at http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/html/hearst.htm. Each high school will receive a mailing from the state superintendent about the program and scholarship during the second week in August. The first phase of this program brings two students from each state to Washington, D.C., March 3-10, 2012, to participate in the U.S. Senate Youth Program (USSYP). Delegates will be immersed in Washington activities throughout their weeklong stay. The William Randolph Hearst Foundation will pay all expenses for the week, including transportation, hotel and meals.

The second phase awards both recipients a college scholarship of $5,000. The Hearst Foundation requires that to obtain scholarship funds, a student must, within two years after high-school graduation, enroll at an accredited college or university in the U.S. The student is encouraged to include courses in government or related subjects to his or her undergraduate program.

In addition to the application in the August packet, applications can be obtained on the Illinois State Board of Education Web site at http://www.isbe.net/spec-ed/pdfs/hearst_brochure.pdf. A hard copy must be received by ISBE no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, 2011.
More information on this program can be obtained at http://www.hearstfdn.org/ussyp/, or contact Sally Veach, principal education consultant, at (217) 782-5589 or sveach@isbe.net.

Upcoming Events

RED RIBBON RALLY

→***Submitted by Linda M. Nikutin, Lake County Regional Office of Education***

The annual Kale County Red Ribbon Rally will be held Wednesday, October 12 from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the College of Lake County,19351 West Washington Street, Grayslake. The rally is presented by the Circuit Court of Lake County, in partnership with the Lake County Regional Office of Education and the College of Lake County.

To reserve seating for your school/group. Contact Mandy Badgerow in Court Administration at 847.377.3903. School/group name, number of attendees, contact name and title, daytime phone number, email and/or fax are needed at time of reservation. A confirmation will be sent along with directions, building location and bus parking. More information is available here.

ILLINOIS INFINITE CAMPUS USER GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE

→***Submitted by Deborah Phelps, ITS Department***

The Illinois Infinite Campus User Group will be holding its Annual Conference on Tuesday, November 15, at Hampshire High School, Hampshire, Ill, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The cost is $50 per person.

Conference registration will open on September 15, 2011 and close on November 1, 2011. To access the Conference Brochure and to register log onto http://ilicug.org/con2011.

ILICUG is delighted to have as our keynote speaker, Charlie Kratsch, CEO and Founder of Infinite Campus. Session Topics include: State Reporting, SPED, Assessment Mapping, Preparing for Next Year, Traditional Grade Book, Parental Communications, Teacher Tools, Standards Based Grade Book, Voice Messenger, Ad Hoc Reporting- New 2012 Enhancements, RTI, Attendance for Secretaries, Behavior Tab from A-Z, Customizing Campus, Census Households, Scheduling Tips & Tricks, and Visualization Best Practices with Tableau.

ILLINOIS ALLIANCE OF ADMINISTRATORS OF SPECIAL EDUCATION FALL CONFERENCE

→***Submitted by Christopher A. Koch, State Superintendent***

The Illinois Alliance of Administrators of Special Education Fall Conference will be held Sept. 22-23 in Tinley Park. The IAASE conference features timely topics of interest to regular and special education administrators.

Along with sessions covering legal and administrative topics, attendees can look forward to two keynote presenters. Jon Stetson, mentalist, will provide a unique presentation that aims to strengthen administrative and communication skills. Jodee Blanco, a survivor, expert and activist on the subject of bullying, will present "It's NOT just Joking Around! Understanding School Bullying Through the Eyes of a Former Victim."

Administrators may also be interested in attending the preconference Administrator Academy workshop on Wednesday, Sept. 21. Bob Fennema will present "Special Education Finance, Academy #833," covering information regarding special education funding, budget development and management, finance procedures, and productive use of fiscal resources to promote and sustain a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

For additional information and to register, go to http://www.iaase.org.

TRS TOWN HALL MEETING

→***Submitted by Gil Morrison, Regional Superintendent, DeKalb County ROE #16***

TRS Executive Director Dick Ingram is holding a Town Hall Meeting on Thursday, September 22, at 4:30 p.m. to discuss pensions for teachers and other public officials; and he will address myths, misinformation, and rhetoric the public continually sees, hears, and reads regarding the Pension System.

The meeting will be held at the new DeKalb High School, 501 W. Dresser, DeKalb, IL, in the auditorium. Please share the attached Flyer with everyone interested in attending. For more information contact Dave Urbanek, Public Information Officer for the Teachers' Retirement System, durbanek@trs.illinois.gov

INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION TO HOLD CONFERENCE NOV. 9-12 IN CHICAGO

→***Submitted by Christopher A. Koch, State Superintendent***

The International Dyslexia Association's 62nd annual Reading, Literacy and Learning Conference is set for Nov. 9-12 in Chicago.

The conference brings together more than 2,000 educators, parents and students. For more information, visit http://www.interdys.org/. Registration is under way.

FAMILY VIOLENCE SYMPOSIUM

→***Submitted by Gary E. Pickens, Assistant Superintendent/Director, Education Services Lake County Regional Office of Education***

Please see the attached flier regarding the Family Violence Symposium 2011-"Lake County's Response to Sexual Assault", being held on Thursday, September 22, at the College of Lake County. Historically, this one-day event has been well attended by Lake County school district staff members. This year's program introduces new protocols developed by the Sexual Assault Coordinating Council.

Professional Development

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CALENDAR

For updates and information on Professional Development events, please visit Waukegan Community Unit School District's Professional Development Calendar. To enroll in District professional development events, please logon to the District's Staff Development System. If you have any questions, please contact Amy Grossman at agrossman@wps60.org or 847.599.3905.

NEW STAFF DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM PROCEDURES FOR STAFF

→***Submitted by Amy Grossman, Professional Development Coordinator***

Please note that there have been a few new procedures for staff regarding the District's Staff Development System.

1. When signing up for a workshop on SDS, an email will be sent to your principal asking for approval for you to attend. You will not be considered enrolled until your principal hits the approve button. THIS WILL **TAKE THE PLACE OF** FILLING OUT AN IN DISTRICT PROFESSIONAL LEAVE FORM. You will receive an email when you have been approved.

2. You will no longer be let into training without enrolling and being approved through SDS.

3. All staff will be automatically enrolled for SIP ½ Days. **You will still need to fill out the online evaluation in order to receive your CPDU credits.**

4. Evaluation windows will be extended to two weeks before closing.

Agendas will be handed out at every training. Please remember to hold onto all materials from trainings in case you are audited by the state. It is NOT the district's responsibility.

If you have any procedural questions, please feel free to contact Amy Grossman at agrossman@wps60.org or 847.599.3905. If you have any technical questions, please enter a help desk ticket of type District Web Services: Staff Development System.

Events Around Waukegan

WORLDWIDE DAY OF PLAY WITH WAUKEGAN PARK DISTRICT

→***Submitted by Teddy Anderson, Waukegan Park District***

The Waukegan Park District invites the public to The Field House Sports and Fitness Center for its 5th Anniversary celebration and Worldwide Day of Play on September 24, 2011 from 11:00am-2:00pm. The event, sponsored by the Waukegan Park District in partnership with Midwest Bank, includes a host of fun activities planned for kids, families and adults of all ages. Organized games and contests such as dodgeball, soccer, and basketball will be set up in the gym. Children and adults are urged to try something new from the list of different activities including: Snag Golf, Floor Hockey, the Batting Cage, Crafts, Cup Stacking, Baggo, Line Dancing, Zumba for all ages, a Free Throw Competition, and supervised open Climbing Wall during the entire event! Learn tips for eating healthy, enjoy healthy snacks and receive exciting giveaways.

Adults will have free admission to the Fitness Center, Group Fitness Classes, and Health and Wellness Screenings. There will also be free information and certified fitness staff available for parents interested in finding ways to make their families healthier and learning new ways to promote physical activity. This day of fun is **FREE** for anyone who wants to participate! Stop by the Field House at Hinkston Park or call 847-782-3300 for more information.

Worldwide Day of Play is an annual celebration that promotes active play for kids and adults of all ages. The event encourages children to "get out and play" in an effort to fight childhood obesity.

The Waukegan Park District would like to thank *First Midwest Bank*, *Rotary Club of Waukegan*, *Vista Health Systems*, and *Sam's Club of Gurnee* for their generous support of this event.

OKTOBERFEST CELEBRATION IN WAUKEGAN

→***Submitted by Violet Ricker, Waukegan Main Street***

Join us in downtown Waukegan for an OktoberFest celebration on Saturday, September 24th at 410 Grand Avenue from 6pm to 10pm. For just $25, you get a bratwurst dinner (and vegetarian options), a stein of beer, glass of wine, or soft drink, and polka dancing lessons to live music! Click to purchase tickets: Buy Now

MARIPOSA FESTIVAL SEPT. 24

→***Submitted by Elizabeth Stearns, WPL***

Dancers, musicians and artists will once again swarm the streets of downtown Waukegan as Lake County hosts its Second Annual Mariposa Festival, Sept. 24, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Celebrating nature and the arts, the festival features several stages with live entertainment, environmental exhibits, crafts and demonstrations. Bands scheduled to perform include Kate Diaz, Crooked Moon, Rosa's Cantina and Sipos & Young.

Fourteen-year-old Diaz, a singer, songwriter and guitarist, recently performed on the Kidzapalooza stage at the 2011 Lollapalooza in downtown Chicago. Her new CD, "Two By Four: Kate Diaz Unplugged" features songs including "Bona Fide Teenager" and "This Can't Be."

At the dance stage, festival goers can learn how to dance Salsa with Ivette Roque of the Rhythm Academy of Dance. The Oriental Festival Dancers, a professional belly dance troupe, will also perform along with Danza Tlacelel from the Aztec Dance Company.
"Mariposa is a festival put on for the community, by the community," said Elizabeth Stearns, assistant director of community services. "We're grateful to partner with so many organizations passionate about improving our Lake County spaces and quality of life."
For information about sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities at the festival, contact Mitch Siegel, marketing and exhibits coordinator at the library, at 847-623-2041, ext. 231.

SEPTEMBER AT THE WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

→***Submitted by WPL Staff***

Robot Dance Time
Middle school kids can join a dance competition featuring various Nintendo Wii programs, Sept. 21 at 4:30 p.m.

Get Cooking!
Grade school children will create and sample their own culinary creations, Sept. 26 at 5 p.m.

Bound to Please Book Club
Join other readers for a discussion of the book that's now a hit movie, "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m.

RSS Feeds
Find out how RSS feeds can give you instant access to information. Two sessions offered: Sept. 28 at 1 p.m. or 4 p.m.

Zombie Club
Middle school kids can join a discussion about the role of zombies in movies and fiction, Sept. 28, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

All programs are free. To register or for more information, visit www.waukeganpl.org.

District 60 Job Openings

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. New Vacancy Postings – Vacancies V6N5
   - ⇒ Site Coordinator for STEPS Evening Parent Program
   - ⇒ STEPS Teacher
   - ⇒ WHS Biology Teacher

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