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Superintendent's Message.....

Dear Colleague:

KEEPING THE LIGHT BURNING

"Our care of the child should be governed, not by the desire to make him learn things, but by the endeavor always to keep burning within him that light which is called intelligence."
~ Maria Montessori

Welcome Back! I hope everyone had the opportunity to enjoy the continued warm weather during the break and has returned refreshed and rejuvenated. As we jump back into our regular routines, I wanted to pause for a moment to recognize several current and former District 60 educators and Board Members who were recently honored during the annual Waukegan Township Women's History Month luncheon. This year's luncheon celebrated women who have made a positive impact on the education of children throughout Waukegan Township.

Those who were honored for their work including current District 60 Board Members Ms. Anita Hanna and Mrs. June Hendricks Maguire. Ms. Hanna is a life-long Waukegan resident and has served on the District 60 Board of Education for 16 years. Many of you may not know that before becoming a fixture on the Board dais, Ms. Hanna worked as a classroom aide and substitute teacher in Waukegan. Mrs. Maguire, also a life-long Waukegan resident, has served an astounding 31 years on the District 60 Board, including several terms as Board President and Vice-President. Other honorees with District ties included Ms. Patricia Foley, Ms. Gwendolyn Long Beckwith, Ms. Rita Melius, Ms. Martha Padilla Ramos and Mrs. Jean Pengilly Windberg.

These remarkable women have provided guidance and leadership as teachers, administrators and Board Members in our District for the past thirty years. Their commitment of time, energy and passion for educational excellence truly epitomizes this year's motto... "**A New Day … A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools … *students first!"*** Please join me in recognizing the contributions of these amazing women!

Sincerely,

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

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Important Dates

- April (all month) – National Occupational Therapy Month
- April 3 – Board of Education Meeting
- April 6 – Good Friday: No School
- April 6 – Passover Begins
- April 8 – Easter Sunday
- April 17 – Board of Education Meeting
- April 20 – Laugh Out Loud show at Genesee
- April 22 – Earth Day
- April 25 – Administrative Professionals' Day
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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.*

District Notices

REQUIESCAT IN PACE

It is with deep regret that we acknowledge the recent passing of Mrs. Rosemary Troccoli Wolfe, a former longtime teacher in District 60. A memorial service for Mrs. Wolfe will be held at 5:30 pm on Tuesday, April 3, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 618 Grove Ave., Waukegan.

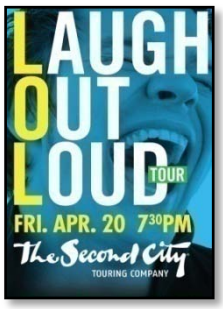
HEALTHY LIVING

→Submitted by Mary Colver and Deb Alley

This week we feature a video with helpful reminders about the importance of eating fruits and vegetables. Click on the image below to launch video.

SECOND CITY TICKETS NOW ON SALE

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



The Waukegan Schools Foundation invites you to a night of comedy with the Second City comedy troupe at the Genesee Theatre in downtown Waukegan. The Foundation's annual fundraiser is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2012. Tickets are now on sale, and are being offered at a discounted price for all Lake County educators.

Tickets for the "Laugh Out Loud" show are $38 to the general public, but are being offered for $33 to employees of all Lake County school districts. Tickets are available on www.ticketmaster.com, or at the Genesee Theatre box office, 203 N Genesee St., Waukegan. Tickets can be purchased at the box office with a school or district ID or online with the promotion code: LCSDPR.

Second City describes their "Laugh Out Loud" show as follows: "An unforgettable night of classic and original sketch comedy and trademark improvisation. Featuring the next generation of talent at The Second City, the Laugh Out Loud Tour delivers solid laughs from some of our best material from the past fifty years."

All proceeds from the show will benefit the Waukegan Schools Foundation, which provides funding and support to teachers and students in all Waukegan Public Schools.

District Spotlight

OAKDALE STUDENTS CAPTURE LEPRECHAUNS

→Submitted by Ms. Linda Asma, third grade teacher, Oakdale

Third graders at Oakdale Elementary make traps to capture leprechauns during a St. Patrick's Day celebration. Students caught a total of 19 leprechauns, but not before those tricky little fellows sneaked into the classroom and shrunk their lunches!

IASB DINNER AT WHS

→***Submitted by Dr. Donaldo R. Batiste, Superintendent***

Waukegan High School hosted a dinner for the Lake County chapter of the Illinois Association of School Boards on Wednesday, March 14. Board members and administrators from across Lake County attended the event, where WHS students provided entertainment.

BEARS CHAIRMAN VISITS HYDE PARK

→***Submitted by Brian Carr, Hyde Park Principal***

Hyde Park was treated to a visit from Chicago Bears part owner and chairman, George McCaskey on Friday, March 16. Mr. McCaskey and his assistant, Caroline, read several books to Ms. DeLany's second grade classroom. Mr. McCaskey opted to stick around to attend the "Fuel Up To Play" kick off assembly. He generously donated some Chicago Bears

memorabilia to the raffle that took place and also served as honorary name drawer for the raffle. In good spirit, Mr. McCaskey assisted with some decorating flaws in the Hyde Park gym by removing a "Fuel Up To Play" poster that featured a picture of a Green Bay Packers player. Mr. McCaskey's visit was arranged through the partnership with United Way to support Hyde Park's efforts in the "Reading Success" program.

'CRAZY OLYMPICS' AT COOKE MAGNET

→Submitted by the Universal Team at Cooke School

Cooke Magnet School celebrated the 3rd quarter PBIS booster by hosting the "Crazy Olympics" on Friday, March 16. Each grade was assigned a color of one of the Olympic Rings and competed against each other. The event featured activities like a scooter relay where clothes had to be put on and taken off the fastest, keep the bean between you, and an egg race. The Fine Arts team created all of the goofy events and everyone enjoyed our Olympic style games.

WHS FOOTBALL TEAM SERVICE PROJECT

→Submitted by Nicholas Browder, Assistant Athletic Director, Head Football Coach

Members of the Waukegan High School football team participated in a clothing drive service project with Love Inc, an organization that assists churches throughout Lake County.

FINE ARTS NIGHT AT COOKE

→Submitted by Katie Dudley, Cooke Orchestra Teacher

On Tuesday, March 20, students of Cooke Magnet School presented two performances for the annual Fine Arts Night. For the first concert, first grade students enthusiastically rocked the house with their musical, "Lemonade". In the second concert of the evening, the All-Star Strings, Advanced Band, Chorus, and Dance Club presented an exciting concert including such selections as Puerto de Libertad, Old MacDonald Had a Band, Music Alone Shall Live, and Cotton-Eyed Joe. Many of these talented 3rd, 4th and 5th graders performed in two or three of the ensembles.

FRENCH COOKING DEMO FOR JEFFERSON STUDENTS

→Submitted by Maureen Fisher Rivkin, French Instructor

French chef Claude Bouteille from "Taste of Paris" cafe and bakery in Mundelein, gave a cooking demonstration to French students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School on Thursday, March 15. Mr. Bouteille donated his time to show kids how to make a variety of French crepes and traditional chocolate mousse.

WAUKEGAN EDUCATORS HONORED AT TOWNSHIP LUNCHEON

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

Several current and former District 60 educators and Board Members were honored this week, during the annual Waukegan Township Women's History Month luncheon.

This year's luncheon, which focused on "Women's Education – Women's Empowerment" celebrated women who have made positive impact on the education of children throughout Waukegan Township. Ten women were honored for their work, including current District 60 Board Members Ms. Anita Hanna and Ms. June Maguire.

"Throughout history and well into our future, individuals with passion, with drive and determination for greatness can tie its origin from the patient and watchful eye of a dynamite and amazing educator. That is why we honor these outstanding women today, for their many decades of inspiring the greatness within all of us," said Township Supervisor Ms. Patricia Jones, who herself holds a Masters in Education.

Honorees with ties to Waukegan Schools included:

Ms. Patricia Foley, a former math teacher at several local Districts, including five years in Waukegan Public Schools. She was a 16-year member of the District 60 Board of Education, where she held several positions, including president. Ms. Foley currently serves as the President of the Waukegan Park District.

Ms. Anita Hanna, lifelong Waukegan resident and 16-year veteran on the District 60 Board of Education. Prior to joining the Board, Ms. Hanna, a small business owner, worked as a classroom aide, and a substitute teacher in Waukegan. She also spent a number of years as a substitute teacher in neighboring districts.

Ms. Gwendolyn Long-Beckwith, a former teacher, staff trainer and coordinator in District 60, who later moved on to become a principal in North Chicago, where she retired.

Ms. June Maguire, a lifetime Waukegan resident and 31-year member of the District 60 Board of Education. She has served several stints as Board President and Vice President. Ms. Maguire also holds prominent positions with the Lake Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards.

Ms. Rita Melius, a former teacher, guidance counselor, assistant principal and principal in District 60. She was most recently the Principal at Robert Abbott Middle School prior to her retirement in 2005.

Ms. Martha-Padilla Ramos, a 25-year veteran in Waukegan Public Schools. Ms. Ramos has spent portions of her career as a bilingual teacher, assistant principal and partnership coordinator. She currently serves as a bilingual newcomers teacher in the District.

Ms. Jean Windberg, a retired longtime teacher and substitute teacher in District 60. Ms. Windberg is currently spearheading the Trapp Auditorium Renovation Committee.

LYON STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT ROCKS

→Submitted by Alba Avellino, Lyon Principal

Lyon Magnet first graders in Ms. Pantoja's class learn about rocks and minerals with the help of Mr. Bretzlauf, Lyon's very own science guru.

'BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS' AT GREENWOOD

→Submitted by Ms. Weakley and Ms. Williams, Greenwood Elementary School

On March 2, Greenwood Teachers prepared healthy breakfasts for Greenwood students and families to help celebrate "Breakfast for Champions," with Lewis Produce Market generously providing fresh fruit for the event.

Parents were reminded to provide healthy breakfasts before school; insure that their student gets plenty of sleep each night before school, and to take an active role in their child's education.

During the breakfast, Ms. Mansor the music teacher arranged for both a choir and violinist to provide musical entertainment. The breakfast ended with a sing-along of the school song. It was an exciting way to end the week.

Special thanks go to the Parent Involvement Committee for setting up this wonderful event.

LYON STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

→Submitted by Alba Avellino, Lyon Principal

Lyon students celebrate their outstanding PBIS behavior and Academic Success/Improvement in their monthly "Student of the Month" luncheon. Congratulations Lions!

UPCOMING WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

→Submitted by Samuel Taylor, Athletic Director

Monday April 02, 2012
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BASEBALL SOPHOMORE vs. ROUND LAKE (A) - ROUND LAKE
4:30 PM-TBA BASEBALL VARSITY vs. ROUND LAKE (H) - BOWEN PARK - Baseball
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BASEBALL FRESHMAN A vs. ROUND LAKE (A) - ROUND LAKE

Tuesday April 03, 2012
4:45 PM-7:30 PM SOCCER GIRLS FROSH vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - MALEK FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-7:30 PM SOCCER GIRLS JV vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH
4:45 PM-TBA SOFTBALL JV vs. MAINE EAST (A) - MAINE EAST HS
4:45 PM-TBA SOFTBALL VARSITY vs. MAINE EAST (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Softball
7:00 PM-7:45 PM SOCCER GIRLS VARSITY vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH HS

Wednesday April 04, 2012
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON VARSITY vs. MAINE WEST (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON JV vs. MAINE WEST (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON FRESHMAN vs. MAINE WEST (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
4:30 PM-6:30 PM SOFTBALL VARSITY vs. LAKE FOREST (H) - MCAREE FIELD-Softball
4:30 PM-6:30 PM SOFTBALL JV vs. LAKE FOREST (A) - LAKE FOREST-West Campus

Thursday April 05, 2012
4:30 PM-TBA TRACK BOYS vs. MCHENRY & ZION (H) - WEISS FIELD-Track
4:45 PM-6:45 PM SOCCER GIRLS FROSH vs. MAINE WEST (A) - MAINE WEST HS
4:45 PM-6:45 PM SOCCER GIRLS JV vs. MAINE WEST (A) - MAINE WEST HS
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER GIRLS VARSITY vs. MAINE WEST (H) - MALEK FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-6:30 PM SOFTBALL FROSH vs. HIGHLAND PARK (A) - HIGHLAND PARK HS
4:45 PM-TBA SOFTBALL VARSITY vs. HIGHLAND PARK (A) - HIGHLAND PARK HS
5:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. LAKES (A) - LAKES
6:00 PM-8:00 PM VOLLEYBALL BOYS VARSITY vs. LAKES (A) - LAKES

Saturday April 07, 2012
8:15 AM-TBA TRACK BOYS vs. FRANKLIN HS VARSITY INVITE (A) - University of Wisconsin-Parkside
8:29 AM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. LIBERTYVILLE - L'VILLE INVITE (A) - LIBERTYVILLE HS
8:30 AM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. NOTRE DAME HS - L'VILLE INVITE (A) - LIBERTYVILLE HS
8:30 AM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. TBA - L'VILLE INVITE (A) - LIBERTYVILLE HS
8:30 AM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. MAINE SOUTH - L'VILLE INVITE (A) - LIBERTYVILLE HS
8:30 AM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. EVANSTON - L'VILLE INVITE (A) - LIBERTYVILLE HS
10:00 AM-12:00 PM SOFTBALL VARSITY vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL HS
10:00 AM-12:00 PM SOFTBALL FROSH vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL
10:00 AM-12:00 PM SOFTBALL JV vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (H) - MCAREE FIELD-Softball

10:00 AM-TBA TRACK GIRLS vs. HUNTLEY INVITE - HUNTLEY INVITE (A) - HUNTLEY HS
10:30 AM-TBA BASEBALL SOPHOMORE vs. WAUCONDA (H) - WEISS FIELD - Baseball
10:30 AM-TBA BASEBALL VARSITY vs. WAUCONDA (A) - WAUCONDA
10:30 AM-TBA BASEBALL FRESHMAN A vs. WAUCONDA (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Baseball
11:00 AM-TBA SOCCER GIRLS VARSITY vs. LAKES (H) - WEISS FIELD - Soccer
11:00 AM-TBA SOCCER GIRLS FROSH vs. LAKES (A) - LAKES
11:00 AM-TBA SOCCER GIRLS JV vs. LAKES (H) - MALEK FIELD - Soccer
12:00 PM-2:00 PM SOFTBALL VARSITY vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL HS
12:00 PM-2:00 PM SOFTBALL JV vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Softball
12:00 PM-2:00 PM SOFTBALL FROSH vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL
12:00 PM-TBA VOLLEYBALL BOYS VARSITY vs. - RM INVITE (A) - ROLLING MEADOWS (Gymand Fieldhouse)
12:30 PM-TBA BASEBALL SOPHOMORE vs. WAUCONDA (H) - WEISS FIELD - Baseball
12:30 PM-TBA BASEBALL JV vs. WAUCONDA (A) - WAUCONDA
12:30 PM-TBA BASEBALL FRESHMAN B vs. WAUCONDA (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Baseball

Monday April 09, 2012
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON FRESHMAN vs. ZION BENTON (A) - ZION BENTON
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON VARSITY vs. ZION BENTON (A) - ZION BENTON HS
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON JV vs. ZION BENTON (A) - ZION BENTON

Tuesday April 10, 2012
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON JV vs. DEERFIELD (A) - DEERFIELD
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON FRESHMAN vs. DEERFIELD (A) - DEERFIELD
4:30 PM-6:30 PM BADMINTON VARSITY vs. DEERFIELD (A) - DEERFIELD HS
4:30 PM-TBA TRACK BOYS vs. HP, ETHS, LA (A) - HIGHLAND PARK HS-WOLTERS TRACK
4:30 PM-TBA TRACK GIRLS vs. Not Entered - GBN INVITE (A) - GLENBROOK NORTH HS
4:45 PM-6:45 PM BASEBALL FRESHMAN A vs. MAINE EAST (H) - WEISS FIELD - Baseball
4:45 PM-TBA BASEBALL VARSITY vs. MAINE EAST (H) - BOWEN PARK - Baseball
4:45 PM-6:45 PM BASEBALL SOPHOMORE vs. MAINE EAST (A) - MAINE EAST
4:45 PM-7:00 PM SOCCER GIRLS JV vs. MAINE EAST (H) - MALEK FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-TBA SOCCER GIRLS FROSH vs. MAINE EAST (A) - MAINE EAST HS
4:45 PM-6:45 PM SOCCER GIRLS VARSITY vs. MAINE EAST (H) - WEISS FIELD - Soccer
4:45 PM-6:45 PM SOFTBALL VARSITY vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (H) - MCAREE FIELD - Softball
4:45 PM-6:45 PM SOFTBALL JV vs. GLENBROOK SOUTH (A) - GLENBROOK SOUTH
5:00 PM-8:00 PM VOLLEYBALL BOYS JV vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
5:00 PM-8:00 PM VOLLEYBALL BOYS FROSH A vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:00 PM-8:00 PM VOLLEYBALL BOYS FROSH B vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:00 PM-8:00 PM VOLLEYBALL BOYS VARSITY vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym

Staff/ School Opportunities

INFORMATION ABOUT AT&T INSPIRE GRANT

→***Submitted by Susan Link, Director of External Affairs, AT&T***

Below is a link for the AT&T Aspire grant that recently became available. Some of the Aspire guidelines are as follows: programs that are focused on high school success and career/workforce readiness for students within grades 8-12; special considerations for programs with a focus on social innovation, STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, Mathematics); programs that may have a "surround A school Initiative; strong evidence based programs and increased focus on metrics, measurable and successful outcomes;

All Programs must pass the pre-qualification guidelines online using the RFP process found on the website.

Please keep in mind that the top objective of this RFP is to fund programs that will deliver results for students (i.e. data driven outcomes demonstrated to improve high school graduation rates).

Just go to www.att.com\education-news from now until April 18 to review the RFP and apply. Anyone with questions may contact Melissa Cameron at 847-248-2312.

ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS ANNOUNCES DETAILS FOR GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

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

Action for Healthy Kids recently announced their School Grants for Healthy Kids opportunity for next school year. Grant awards will range from $1,000 to $5,000 (average $2,000) to more than 500 schools nationally. The deadline to apply is May 5.

Two different grant opportunities are available for Illinois schools meeting the eligibility requirements.

School breakfast program creation and/or expansion (alternative breakfast programs and universal breakfast programs): Schools receiving this grant must realize an increase in Average Daily Participation (ADP) of SBP by 25 percent as well as provide information to students/parents on the nutrition and calories of foods available at breakfast.

The second grant opportunity includes three focuses: summer feeding program creation and/or expansion, providing healthier foods in competitive food venues, and providing access to healthy foods.

Trainings on Game On! The Ultimate Wellness Challenge, Fuel up to Play 60 and Students Taking Charge (grades 7-12) will be available via webinar or local in-person workshops.
To be eligible, your school must participate in both the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program and have a free/reduced price eligibility greater than 50 percent. Priority will be given to schools with 500 or more students. Two webinars are scheduled to learn more about the grant opportunity, March 20 and March 27 from 2-3 p.m. Register at http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/upcoming-events/grant-opportunities/school-grants-for-healthy.html.

MAINTENANCE GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE ON IWAS

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

Application materials for the Maintenance Grant Program are available on the IWAS System. Applications must be submitted to the Regional Offices of Education by May 1.. The Maintenance Grant Program is a dollar for dollar state matching grant program providing up to $50,000 for the maintenance or upkeep of buildings or structures for educational purposes. All school districts, cooperative high schools and Type 40 area vocational centers are eligible.

On Feb. 16, Gov. Pat Quinn announced the release of $50 million for the Maintenance Grant Program as a part of the Illinois Jobs Now! Capital Program. The grant application can be found on the IWAS system.
For more information and assistance, go to the School Maintenance Program Grant page on ISBE's website at http://www.isbe.net/sbss/smp_grants.htm or contact Kimberly Beachy with the School Business Services Division at (217) 785-8779.

Student Opportunities

SMITHSONIAN OFFERS SHOUT ENVIRONMENTAL EXPLORATION PROGRAM

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

For those interested in learning more about the environment, the Shout environmental exploration program offers live webinars and online content, including a digital badging program. Shout is a joint project of the Smithsonian, Microsoft's Partners in Learning and

TakingITGlobal. Upcoming sessions will explore water-related inventions, the importance of water in cultures around the world and representations of water in American art. Archived sessions can be accessed at www.smithsonianconference.org/shout/schedule. Register for one or more of the 50-minute sessions at http://www.smithsonianconference.org/shout/program-2012/.

The digital-badging program is for participants who want to demonstrate their understanding of environmental issues and their contributions to finding solutions. More information about badging can be found at www.smithsonianconference.org/shout/badges.

JACK KENT COOKE YOUNG SCHOLARS PROGRAM SEEKS ELIGIBLE SEVENTH-GRADERS

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

Applications are available for the Jack Kent Cooke Young Scholars Program, which is a highly competitive national scholarship program open for academically talented seventh-graders. If awarded, the scholar will be given academic and financial support through high school and college.

Only seventh-graders can apply. Students must have A's and B's in core subjects since the sixth grade, Family Adjusted Gross Income must be below $80,000, and parents or guardians of the student do not have a graduate or professional degree.

The deadline to apply is April 16. For more information, visit http://www.ctd.northwestern.edu/jkc/ and http://www.jkcf.org/. For questions, contact Tammie Stewart of Northwestern University's Center for Talent Development at (847) 491-7127 or tammie-stewart@northwestern.edu.

Upcoming Events

GIRL WISE CONFERENCE

→***Submitted by the Lake County State's Attorney's Office.***

Girl-Wise is a conference held for just for girls junior high and high school age within the community. This year's conference will be the 9th annual event and will be held on April 28,. Girl-Wise was created to provide a day of fun, education, interaction and networking for the girls. Each year, the committee tries to address the "hot topics" for the girls and in turn provides education. In years past topics such as sexting, cyber-bullying, body imaging in the media, healthy bodies, substance abuse, and healthy relationships have been covered.

Throughout the day, the girls partake in workshops, resource booths, prizes, a performance provided by their peers, dancing, team building activities and much more. This year will also be the third year that we provide a parent component to the day. The parent component provides a 1 to 2 hour presentation followed by questions from the parents. This year's topic for the parents is "Communication." The conference is free of charge and held every year at the College of Lake County.

The conference begins at 9 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m., which includes a simple breakfast along with lunch for the girls. If you would like further information, please call 847-377-7909.

SCHOOL WELLNESS AND RECOGNITION CONFERENCE SET FOR MAY 3 IN SPRINGFIELD

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

Registration is under way for the fifth annual School Wellness and Recognition Conference, which is set for 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 3 in Springfield at the Crown Plaza.

The conference, titled "Healthy Schools, Healthy Kids," is jointly presented by Action for Healthy Kids Illinois, the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Nutrition Education and Training Program. Registration, which includes lunch, costs $50 per participant. Participants can earn five hours of continuing education credit for the full-day conference. Adam Brumberg will be the featured speaker on "Making Healthy Choices Easy Choices." Brumberg is a research specialist at Cornell University and deputy director of the Cornell Food and Brand Lab.

To read additional information and to register, go to here Questions? Contact Joan Love at (800) 545-7892 or jlove@isbe.net.

BILINGUAL AND SPECIAL NEEDS WORKSHOP

The Northern Illinois Workshop for Students with Bilingual and Special Needs will be held April 20-21 in Deerfield. See flier for more information.

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.

TRANSITIONING PARAPROFESSIONALS INTO TEACHERS OF ENGLISH LEARNERS

Transitioning Paraprofessionals into Teachers of English Learners (TPTEL) is a federally funded program designed to assist bilingual paraprofessionals earn an elementary teaching certificate with bilingual and ESL approvals. The program brings Illinois State University courses and professors to the University Center of Lake County. It offers a schedule that allows participants to continue working while taking classes. Tuition is free for candidates accepted into the program. See flier for more information and dates of informational meetings.

Events Around Waukegan

WAUKEGAN MAIN STREET CALENDAR

Click here for a list of events going on in and around downtown Waukegan.

KEYLIME COVER COMMUNITY DAYS

→***Submitted the United Way of Lake County***

KeyLime Cove, in partnership with United Way of Lake County, presents the 2012 Community Days promotion. For $25, you can purchase an individual, one-time use day pass to the Lost Paradise Water park at KeyLime Cove. The passes are valid from April 16 - June 8, 2012

(excluding Memorial Day weekend, May 25 - 28) and are only available through this promotion. You can also sponsor a child from the community and give him/her the opportunity to visit the water park.

Tickets are available online through United Way of Lake County's website at www.LIVEUNITEDlakecounty.org/keylimecove , at KeyLime Cove's front desk during normal business hours, and at participating First Midwest Bank, BMO Harris Bank and Libertyville Bank & Trust locations . Passes are valid any day of the week during normal water park hours of 10 AM - 8 PM, excluding Memorial Day weekend (May 25 - 28). Tickets are subject to daily occupancy restrictions. Tickets are available for purchase at:

First Midwest Bank Gurnee: 300 N Hunt Club
First Midwest Bank Graylake: 530 Washington
First Midwest Bank Waukegan 1201 Golf
First Midwest Bank Waukegan: 4000 North Point Blvd
First Midwest Bank Waukegan: 214 W Washington
Harris Bank Libertyville: 354 N Milwaukee
Harris Bank Gurnee: 6547 Grand
Harris Bank Round Lake: 935 W Rollins
Harris Bank Lake Villa: 985 E Grand
Harris Bank Waukegan: 3113 N Lewis
Gurnee Community Bank: 675 N O'Plaine
Libertyville Bank and Trust Main: 507 N Milwaukee
Libertyville Bank and Trust South: 1200 S Milwaukee
Mundelein Community Bank: 1110 W Maple
Vernon Hills Bank and Trust: 1101 Lakeview Parkway
Wauconda Community Bank: 495 Liberty
Wauconda Community Bank/Island Lake: 229 E State
United Way of Lake County (Gurnee): 330 South Greenleaf Street

APRIL EVENTS AT WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

→***Submitted by the Waukegan Public Library***

Social Worker Is In
Anyone needing assistance on personal issues, from elderly care to finding a support group, may consult with a licensed social worker for free at the library every Wednesday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Help is available in Spanish and English, first come, first served.

Drop-in Adult Tutoring
Adults wanting help with reading, writing, math or beginning computer skills can drop in for free tutoring every Thursday at 10 a.m. in the library's Literacy Suite. Free childcare is also available for kids age 6 and younger while their caregivers attend tutoring.

Drop-in Homework Help
Students in grades 1 to 8 can stop by the library's Bradbury Room for free homework help from volunteer high school students every Thursday and Friday from 4 to 5:30 p.m. Help is available in Spanish and English.

Conversational ESL Talk Tables
Jackie Herrera-Giron leads a discussion group among Latinos wanting to learn and perfect their English-speaking skills. The talk tables are held every Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. in the library's Bradbury Room. To register for the free program, call Carmen Patlan at 847-623-2041, ext. 262.

Spiders!
Ryerson Woods of the Lake County Forest Preserve will expose the inner workings of the secretive world of spiders, Wednesday, April 4, from 6 to 7 p.m. Children will meet a live tarantula and participate in hands-on learning stations designed to show that arachnids aren't as creepy as you think. Registration requested.

First Friday Concert: Michael Kelsey
Acoustic guitarist and performance artist Michael Kelsey will play a mix of soul, funk and blues, Friday, April 6, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Bradbury Room. Listeners are welcome to bring their own lunch.

Family Movie: "Toy Story 3"
Entertaining for children and adults alike, "Toy Story 3" will show Sunday, April 8 at 2 p.m. in the Bradbury Room. Free popcorn, and no registration required.

Revenge of the Classics, Part Deux
Middle school students can drop in and play classic video games, April 18 from 4:30 to 6:30, in the library's Bradbury Room.

Laini Zinn Exhibit Opening
The library's Gallery 128 will host an opening reception for artist Laini Zinn, Saturday, April 21, from 5 to 8 p.m. Zinn uses watercolors, oil paint and ink to portray still-life scenes, portraits, nature and abstract ideas. The collection includes many framed and unframed pieces for sale, and will be on display through June 10.

Day of the Child (El Día de Los Niños)
Held on Earth Day, Day of the Child (El Día de Los Niños) is an annual fiesta in tribute to our children, our books, and our planet. The free family event will take place Sunday, April 22 from 1 to 3 p.m., and features eco-friendly crafts, complimentary refreshments, and a visit from everyone's favorite: Dora. Bilingual storyteller Jasmin Cardenas will perform Earth Day tales, and all visitors can enter a free raffle to win one of several bicycles donated by the Waukegan Bike Project. Bernie's Book Bank will also give away free bags of books to visitors while supplies last.

Domino Topple
Children in grades 3 to 5 will create elaborate Domino designs then watch them topple, Monday, April 23, from 5 to 6 p.m. Registration requested.

Bound to Please Book Club (for adults)
Readers will discuss "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks, Tuesday, April 24 at from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Hosted by Lourdes Mordini.

Writers Revealed: Gary Krist
Gary Krist fans can meet the award-winning author in person Wednesday, April 25, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in the library's Bradbury Room. A regular book reviewer for the New York Times, Krist will talk about his own creative process and read from his latest novel, "City of Scoundrels: 12 Days of Disaster That Gave Birth to Modern Chicago." Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing, courtesy of Lake Forest Bookstore. Writers Revealed is free, open to the public, and includes complimentary refreshments. Registration requested.

Poetry Workshop
In honor of National Poetry Month, Waukegan Public School teacher Marla Weinstein will lead a free poetry workshop for families, Monday, April 30, from 5 to 6 p.m., in the library's Bradbury Room. Registration requested.

Nature Storytime: Bugs

The Lake County Forest Preserve will teach preschool-age children all about the crawling critters that inhabit our area, Monday, April 30, from 6:30 to 7 p.m. Registration requested.

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

19TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY VIOLENCE COORDINATING COUNCIL EDUCATION SERIES

→***Submitted by the 19th Judicial Circuit***

Tuesdays in April from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the College of Lake County, Building E - Rm E124, 19351 W. Washington Street, Grayslake.

April 3 - **Bullying and Strategies to Use with the Bully and the Bystander**
Thomas Golebiewski, social worker at New Trier High School, will discuss bullying and how to work with the bully and the bystander to improve the situation in the school.

April 10 - Cyber Bullying and Internet Safety
Dean Kharasch, Cyber Crimes Investigator for the Lake County State's Attorney's Office, will discuss cyber bullying, sexting, how they do investigations and how youth can stay safe when using the Internet.

April 17 - Civil No Contact Orders and Orders of Protections
A panel including court advocate, victim advocate,law enforcement and school administrator will discuss what are Civil No Contact Orders and Orders of Protection, when it is appropriate for a student to get an order, how to get an order and how it effects the student and school.

April 24 - Suicide and its Aftermath
Elizabeth Ladin-Gross, Ph.D., social worker at North Chicago High School, will discuss the warning signs of suicide and how to access a student's level of lethalness, where to get help when working with an "at risk student" who needs more help than a school can provide, and how to deal with the aftermath of a suicide.
To Register go here

District 60 Job Openings

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. New Vacancy Postings –
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Waukegan Public Schools Administration

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

Mr. Jules A. Gaudin, MBA, CPA
Deputy Superintendent /
Chief Operations Officer

Mr. Jason Feldman, PHR
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