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Superintendent's Message.....

Dear Colleague:

"CELEBRATING OUR PROFESSION"

"Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself."
~ John Dewey

As many of you know, this week is *American Education Week*. In its 90th year, *American Education Week* got its start in 1919, when representatives of the National Education Association (NEA) and the American Legion met to explore ways in which to garner public support for education. The initiative was driven by the fact that 25 percent of the country's World War I draftees were illiterate! Two years later, the NEA called for the designation of one week per year to highlight education.

In its resolution, the NEA called for "An educational week ... observed in all communities annually for the purpose of informing the public of the accomplishments and needs of the public schools, and to secure the cooperation and support of the public in meeting those needs." The NEA's declaration of almost a century ago remains both relevant and timely. Now, more than ever, it is critically important for school boards, staff, parents and communities to come together in a unified effort to both build and maintain great public schools.

On November 15, we will also recognize *School Board Members Day* in Illinois. This special day offers each of us an opportunity to publicly thank our Board members for their countless hours of selfless service to our District. Our School Board members provide leadership, administer Board policy, and are responsible for monitoring the District's performance and compliance with state policy – all for no compensation whatsoever! Join me in honoring our Board members, who will also be recognized this week during a special breakfast and program held in their honor at Lincoln Center.

These two important events in education remind us of why we are all here...**A New Day … A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools … *students first!"***

Sincerely,

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

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Important Dates

- November 13 to 19 – American Education Week
- November 22 – School Board Meeting
- November 23 to 25 – Thanksgiving Holiday: No School
- December 13 – School Board Meeting
- December 23 – End of Second Quarter
- December 26 to January 6 – Winter Break: No School

CONTRIBUTIONS

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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

WISH CAMPAIGN 2011

→Submitted by Jason Feldman, Executive Director for Human Resources

With the holiday season approaching, District #60 is once again encouraging all employees to contribute to this year's WISH (**W**aukegan **I**nspires **S**haring and **H**elping) Campaign. The campaign began November 14, 2011 and runs through December 16, 2011. In years past we have partnered exclusively with the United Way of Lake County for our annual giving campaign. In fact, they have been the sole beneficiary for over 20 years. This year we are pleased to announce that we are expanding our giving drive to include Community Health Charities of Illinois.

Community Health Charities of Illinois supports numerous organizations that focus on improving the lives of people with life threatening illnesses and chronic conditions. They support over forty recognized health charities from which the employee can choose to direct their charitable dollars. These charities also offer volunteer opportunities for the District employees as well as health resources in the Waukegan community.

Like our District, United Way of Lake County supports many outstanding programs that benefit youth and families in Waukegan and throughout Lake County. Without health and human services that provide food assistance, shelter and medical care, many of our children would find it more difficult to learn. United Way of Lake County works in two ways: Ensuring programs and services are available throughout Lake County for our neighbors who need them; and breaking the cycle of poverty through education with an initiative directly benefiting Waukegan District #60 students.

The administration has made it easier for all employees to contribute, using a secure electronic pledging site. Paper pledges will also be available. Pledge payment options

include payroll deduction and credit card as well as one time checks and cash. Electronic payroll deductions will begin January 13, 2012, and run through May 31, 2012 (first 10 pays). Any amount you are able to pledge would be significant as we strive to meet each building's participation goal of 100 percent.

Staff members will receive a username and password from both United Way of Lake County and Community Health Charities of Illinois in an e-mail the week of November 14, 2011. Embedded in the e-mail will be a secure link that will take you directly to the organizations pledging website.

During this difficult time in our economy, we often reflect on the many ways the recession is impacting our neighbors in the community as well as the families of our own students. Thank you for joining us in this important campaign to improve lives in Lake County.

CITRUS SALE

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

As Superintendent and an active member of the Waukegan Rotary Club -- a service organization that supports Waukegan schools on an ongoing basis -- I want to announce that we're starting our annual holiday citrus sale. We are selling premium fruit at discounted cost, suitable for gifts and stocking stuffers for the holidays.

A case of oranges or grapefruits costs $26 and half case is $13. The fruit will be available the second Friday in December, but you must order in advance for us to honor your request. Currently, the Rotary Club sponsors Oakdale, Carman-Buckner and Greenwood elementary schools in providing literacy support though books, and other institutional initiatives. All proceeds from the fruit sales are funneled back into the community, through charitable and humanitarian organizations.

If you wish to place an order, please send your request to the Office of the Superintendent (ahauser@wps60.org). All orders are appreciated. **Please make checks out to: Waukegan Rotary.**

SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY GRANT APPLICATION AVAILABLE

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

Applications are being accepted for the FY 2012 School District Library Grant. Applications and all other information concerning the grant can be found at http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/library/what_we_do/schoolpercapgrant.html. This year's deadline to submit the grant application and signature page is Dec. 30. For questions concerning the grant, please contact Robert Jones at rjones1@ilsos.net or (217) 785-1168, or Becky Hunter at bhunter1@ilsos.net or 217-782-7849.

WHS BASKETBALL PREPARES FOR INAUGURAL DINNER WITH THE BULLDOGS

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

Waukegan High School's Boys Basketball program will host its inaugural "Dinner with the Bulldogs" on Friday, November 18. The event offers an opportunity to meets players and coaches, chat about the upcoming season, and learn more about upcoming events.

The Waukegan Basketball Parents Association will be serving a pasta dinner with dessert and drinks beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the WHS Washington Campus cafeteria, 1011 Washington Street. Tickets are $10 for adults, $5 for children under age 13, and a $25 family or group of

four. Proceeds from the dinner help to offset travel and equipment costs during the season.

Tickets can be purchased in advance by calling Coach Ron Ashlaw at 847-360-5635 or Marty Wozniak at 847-336-2619. There will also be a limited amount of tickets available at the door.

JUAREZ GARAGE SALE

→***Submitted by Jessica Stock, Teacher, Juarez Middle School***

The Juarez PBIS committee is hosting a community garage sale on Saturday, November 19, at Juarez Middle School,, 201 Butrick from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. The school is raising money for the PBIS committee to fund Paws Stores, dances, and other incentives for students. Stop by to peruse their collection of donated furniture, games, sports equipment, clothes, home goods, and much more! All the money collected goes to directly helping provide fun and safe activities for students. If you would like more information or have something you would like to donate please email Jessica Stock at jstock@wps60.org.

MEET THE BULLDOGS

→***Submitted by Ron Ashlaw, Head Basketball Coach***

On Saturday, November 19, the Waukegan Bulldogs Boys Basketball program will be hosting its fifth annual "Meet the Bulldogs Night" at the Washington Campus gym. The freshman B intrasquad game will begin at 430, followed by the freshmen A vs Sophomores around 6 p.m., and the night will conclude with the Varsity intrasquad game around 7:30 p.m. There will be many contests occurring over the course of the evening for audience participation. The cheerleaders and pom pons squads will also be performing. There will opportunities to take pictures as well as get some autographs from your favorite Bulldogs. Admission will be $3 for adults and $1for students with valid WHS IDs. Please come out and support the Bulldogs as they open the 2011-12 season.

Whatever it Takes Spotlight

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

OAKDALE TEACHERS VOLUNTEER WITH BERNIE'S

→Submitted by John Samuelian, Principal

On November 5 a group of teachers from Oakdale volunteered their time to work with Bernie's Book Bank. The teachers sorted and bagged books by grade level. Bernie's will donate approximately 5,000 books to the Oakdale students this year. If you are interested please go to the website at www.berniesbookbank.org.

FAMILY READING NIGHT AT WHITTIER

→Submitted by Jason Smith, Principal

Whittier Elementary School hosted a "Family Reading Night", organized by the Reading Committee and headed by Mrs. Minnie Soto, Title 1 teacher at Whittier, on *Tuesday*, November 8. Students and parents were treated to short plays, reenacting seasonal stories, and then enjoyed a personal book reading by Whittier teachers in full costume! A book exchange was set up, and resources for local community services were also available. The goal of the evening was to encourage literacy in the homes of Whittier families, and fun was had by all!

RECAP OF THE NOVEMBER 8 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

Special Recognition and Presentations
- Representatives from the Schuler Scholar Program made a presentation to the Board of Education detailing successes and opportunities for the Schuler Program at Waukegan High School.
- Officials with Preferred Meals, the contracted food provider for Waukegan elementary schools, made a $1,596 donation to the United Way of Lake County in honor of National Food Day.

Consent Items
- The Board of Education approved a contract with the Children's Health Center at a cost of $1,500 for the purpose of maintaining a supply of emergency epinephrine auto-injectors.
- The Board of Education approved the appointments, resignations and leaves of nine employees.
- The Board of Education approved revisions to policy #3511, Moveable Soccer Goal Safety and Education; policy # 4101, Recruitment, Selection and Appointment of Personnel, and policy # 4112, Due Process for Professional Staff.

Financial Reports
- The Board of Education voted to approve fee waivers for facility use to the Whittier Elementary PTO and to the PURO Futbol Soccer League.

Reports and Presentations
- Staff presented a draft of a new District newsletter that will begin circulating to local real estate agents.
- Staff gave an update on a damaged electrical transformer at WHS-Brookside Campus.

JACK BENNY VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

→***Submitted by Roberto Silva, Dean of Discipline, Jack Benny Middle School***

On November 9, Jack Benny Middle School's PTO held its 1st Annual Jack Benny PTO Parent Vs. Student Vs. Teachers Volleyball Tournament. It was an opportunity for parents, students and teachers to get together and have a good time enjoying each other's company with a friendly tournament of volleyball. Jack Benny parents beat the teachers in the final championship round 16-21. Fun was had by all. Parents and Staff are planning many more activities together for a successful year that will increase a sense of community for all and activities that will promote student achievement. Congratulations Jack Benny Parents for a great tournament!

UPCOMING WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

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

Tuesday November 15, 2011
5:30 PM-3:00 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS FROSH A vs. NORTH CHICAGO (A) - NORTH CHICAGO
5:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS SOPHOMORE vs. NORTH CHICAGO (A) - NORTH CHICAGO
7:00 PM-9:00 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. NORTH CHICAGO (A) - NORTH CHICAGO

Thursday November 17, 2011
4:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. Lake Forest - DF INVITE - DF INVITE (A) - DEERFIELD HS
5:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS SOPHOMORE GNHS INVITE (A) - GRAYSLAKE NORTH HS

Friday November 18, 2011
5:00 PM-9:00 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS FROSH A FROSH INVITE (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
5:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS SOPHOMORE GNHS INVITE (A) - GRAYSLAKE NORTH HS
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Saturday November 19, 2011
9:00 AM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS SOPHOMORE GNHS INVITE (A) - GRAYSLAKE NORTH HS
9:00 AM-4:00 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS FROSH A vs. FROSH INVITE - FROSH INVITE (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
*** 4:30 PM-10:00 PM BASKETBALL BOYS VARSITY Meet the Bulldogs (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym**
4:30 PM-TBD BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. Zion - DF INVITE - DF INVITE (A) - DEERFIELD HS

Monday November 21, 2011
Location Comment
4:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. Lake Forest Academy - THANKSGIVING (A) - LAKE FOREST ACADEMY INVITE
4:30 PM-TBD BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. Deerfield - DF INVITE - DF INVITE (A) - DEERFIELD HS

Tuesday November 22, 2011
5:30 PM-TBA WRESTLING FRESHMAN vs. Grayslake North, Warren, Wauconda - WARREN (A) - WARREN HS QUAD
5:30 PM-TBA WRESTLING VARSITY vs. Grayslake North, Warren, Wauconda - GRAYS LAKE (A) - GRAYSLAKE NORTH HS NORTH QUAD
5:30 PM-TBD WRESTLING JV vs. Grayslake North, Warren, Wauconda - JV QUAD (H) - BROOKSIDE CAMPUS
6:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. NORTH CHICAGO - THANKSGIVING (A) - LAKE FOREST ACADEMY

Student Opportunities

HEALTHIER FOODS STUDENT ART CONTEST

→***Submitted by Walt Doughty, Manager of Transportation and Child Nutrition Services***

All elementary school classrooms grades 4 through 6 are eligible to participate. Only group classroom entries (artwork that was developed by a team of students) will be considered. Each 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classroom at each school is allowed one entry. All entries should be given to the school principal for submission. **Theme:** The subject of the artwork entry is ***Healthier Foods for a Healthier Me***. Entries should demonstrate how a nutritious school lunch leads to health and happiness. See flier for more information.

ENTRIES SOUGHT FOR ILLINOIS WORK ZONE SAFETY CALENDAR CONTEST

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

The Illinois Department of Transportation is asking elementary students in kindergarten through sixth grade to help promote work zone safety through art. IDOT, the Illinois State Board of Education, the American Traffic Safety Services Foundation and the Illinois Chapter

of the American Traffic Safety Services Association are sponsoring the seventh annual Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar Contest.

This year's theme is "See Orange. Slow Down. Save Lives." There are three categories for the competition divided by grades: K-1, 2-4 and 5-6 grades. Each school must select the top four posters from each category (12 posters total) and submit them to IDOT by Nov. 30. Children are eligible to participate in the contest even if their school chooses not to participate. The child's parent or guardian can submit the drawings to IDOT.

The top 30 entries, 10 from each category, will move on to a judging panel who will determine the 12 finalists to be displayed in the 2013 Illinois Work Zone Safety Calendar. The top two finalists in each category will move on to compete in a national calendar contest.

For more information, go to www.dot.state.il.us/trafficsafety/WZS/WZScontest.html or contact IDOT's contest coordinator, Jessica Keldermans, at (217) 785-3062

PUBLISHING COMPANY OFFERS SCHOLARSHIP FOR CREATE-A-GREETING CARD CONTEST

→Submitted by Dr. Christopher Koch, State Superintendent

The Prudent Publishing Co. is holding its fifth annual Create-A-Greeting Card Scholarship Contest. The winner receives a $10,000 scholarship, and a $1,000 prize goes to the winner's school. The deadline to enter is Jan. 14.

High school students (ages 14 or older) are eligible to compete. (College students and military personnel are also eligible.) Participants should register at http://www.gallerycollection.com/greetingcardscontests.htm. Visit the Website for complete rules.

Upcoming Events

TEACHER OPEN HOUSE AT GREENBELT

→Submitted by Sheryl Acunal, Visitor Services Coordinator, Greenbelt Cultural Center

Teachers are invited to a Teacher Open House on Thursday, November 17 from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Cultural Center, 1215 Greenbay Road, in North Chicago.

Come and See what the Lake County Forest Preserve has to offer to Teachers and their students. The Forest Preserve has many programs and field trips at Greenbelt Cultural Center and at the other forest preserve locations.

Please call 847-968-3321 to pre-register. See flier for more information.

ICEC LAKE COUNTY GUEST SPEAKER EVENT

→Submitted by Beth Bobel, Retired Waukegan Special Educator, ICEC Lake County Chapter 336 Co-President

Join us Thursday, November 17 to hear Kathy Ryg, President of Voices for Illinois Children and former IL State Representative. This event will begin at 7:00 P.M. at the SEDOL Administration Building, 18160 W. Gages Lake Road, Gages Lake, in the Main Conference Room. This event is open to all involved in Education in Lake County and McHenry County-teachers (general and special educators), paraprofessionals, related services and administration. CPDUs will be available at the conclusion of this event.

For information, contact Katie Bittner at the Waukegan Welcome Center or Charlene Johnson at Webster Middle School.

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.

GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Gateways to Opportunity scholarship Program has expanded its eligibility criteria. The Gateways Scholarship Program pays up to 90 percent of tuition and fees at participating colleges. See flier for more information.

Events Around Waukegan

AUTHOR MARIA DUENAS AT WAUKEGAN PUBLIC LIBRARY

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

Spanish writer Maria Duenas will make a tour stop at the Waukegan Public Library, Nov. 15 from 6 to 7:30 p.m., to promote her international bestseller, "The Time In Between." Duenas will read an excerpt from her novel, discuss her background as a writer, and sign copies of the book, available for purchase at the event from Lake Forest Bookstore.

Set amid the maelstrom of the Spanish Civil War and pre-World War II, "The Time In Between" tells the story of Sira Quiroga, a young seamstress who flees the conflict in Madrid for Morocco, where she soon finds herself abandoned by her lover and penniless. Sira eventually returns to Europe at the behest of the British government, and embarks on a high-stakes mission of political espionage while serving as a couturier for a clientele of Nazi wives.

Duenas visits Waukegan as part of the library's new "Writers Revealed" series, created in partnership with the Lake Forest Bookstore. For questions, call Sara Teti at (847) 623-2041, ext. 292.

District 60 Job Openings

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. New Vacancy Postings – Vacancies V6N13
   - ⇒ Assistant Secretary
   - ⇒ Special Education Non-Categorical Reading Teacher
   - ⇒ Program Aides for 21st Century STARS Community Learning Center Program
   - ⇒ Twilight School Program Safety/ Security Officers

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