

SUPERINTENDENT'S BULLETIN

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Superintendent



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Superintendent's Message.....

Dear Colleague:

“The Power of the 5 R’s...Review, Reflect, Rejoice, Renew, and Return...Anew”

At this time of year, I can still hear my dear parents remark, “The new year is just ‘over’ the fence”. While I did not know what it meant then, I certainly do know what it means now. The New Year will be here before we know it. Although I am virtually amazed that it is almost the middle of December, I do not have to wonder where all the time has gone since we began this journey together in August. I, like many of you, can look back and point with pride to the many accomplishments we have added to our credit. But none surpass what we do every day for our students.



Therefore, at this transition period from one calendar year to the next, it is a pivotal moment that often brings reflection, rejoicing, and anticipation. Over the years, I have gathered many stories and quotes that serve to capture meaning for people who are grappling with setting priorities that are befitting for this time of year. But, there is one quote by Ellen Goodman that holds great meaning for me; and, an excerpt follows:

“We spend January 1 walking through our lives, room by room, drawing up a list of work to be done, cracks to be patched. Maybe this year, to balance the list, we ought to walk through the rooms of our lives, not looking for flaws, but for potential.”

How expert we have become at finding faults and failures! While it is very easy for us to dwell on what we have not accomplished, or on what more we wished we had done, I urge you as you complete your assessment this year to envision what “could be”. Ah, what joy if we constantly assessed our world, our friends, families, students, and colleagues by what we believed their potential could be, and contributed positively toward helping all achieve that potential! I ask you now, “How much do you believe you can accomplish if you concentrate on what isn’t done, and dwell on the negative, compared to setting goals and benchmarking the tasks that need to be completed to achieve success?”

As we bring closure to the 2011 half of this school year, I extend my personal and professional best wishes to you and your family for 2012 door that awaits to be opened. Remember to envision the potential as we continue to embrace our theme and our motto this year, **“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

- December 13 – School Board Meeting
- December 20 – Hanukkah Begins
- December 23 – End of Second Quarter
- December 25 – Christmas Day
- December 26 – Kwanzaa Begins
- December 26 to January 6 – Winter Break: No School

CONTRIBUTIONS

Superintendent's Bulletin is a weekly newsletter from the Superintendent, the Parental and Public Information Officer, and other district administrators. Please send all contributions to:

<p style="text-align: center;">Superintendent's Bulletin Lincoln Center for Educational Services 1201 N. Sheridan Rd Waukegan, IL 60085 suptbulletin@wps60.org</p>

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

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

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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 in an e-mail the week of November 14, 2011. You should have already received it. If not, please contact your building champion. Embedded in the e-mail will be a secure link that will take you directly to the organizations pledging website. To donate to Community Health Charities of Illinois, please click the link below, which will take you to their secure pledging website.
www.gift4charity.org/waukeganpublicschools

Traditional pledge forms are also available upon request. Please see your building champion.

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.

MORE DATES ANNOUNCED FOR PARENT/GUARDIAN EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS

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

Waukegan Community Unit School District # 60's new Parent/Guardian Educational Workshops continue to expand, with the announcement of five additional classes scheduled through the end of the month.

The Lake County YWCA will present "A Description of High Quality Childcare" on Thursday, December 8. This workshop will begin at 4 p.m., in the Bradbury Room of the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street.

The Lake County Health Department will present "Preventing Illness/Promoting Wellness," on Friday, December 9. This workshop will begin at 4 p.m., in the Bradbury Room of the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street.

The Lake County Health Department will present "Families in Touch/Teen Moms," on Thursday, December 15. This workshop will begin at 4 p.m., in the Bradbury Room of the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street.

The Lake County Health Department will present "Respite Care for Caregivers," on Friday, December 16. This workshop will begin at 4 p.m., in the Bradbury Room of the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street.

Waukegan Public Schools will present a workshop on Movement and Relaxation/ Stress Management on Sunday, December 18. This workshop will begin at 1:30 p.m. in the Bradbury Room of the Waukegan Public Library, 128 North County Street. The class will help participants learn ways to improve themselves through movement and relaxation.

The classes are all free to parents/guardians of Waukegan Public Schools students. The workshop topics were determined based on a parental survey that asked parents and guardians what topics they would like to learn more about. The workshops will be held periodically over the next several months, with various community organizations presenting on topics of expertise. Dates and topics of future workshops will be announced as they become known at www.wps60.org.

For more information contact Tim Kirschner, Waukegan Public Schools Parent and Community Partnerships Coordinator 847-360-5511 or tkirschner@wps60.org.

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JOIN THE BULLDOG BASKETBALL CLUB

→ *Submitted by Ron Ashlaw, Head Basketball Coach*

For the second consecutive year, our Bulldog Basketball Club will be in full operation, and they are offering premier sponsorships of the boys basketball program at Waukegan High School. [Attached](#) are the specifics of the various programs.

CHILD CARE AVAILABLE FOR EMPLOYEES AT PICKUS

→ *Submitted by Pam Hoover, One Hope United*

The Pickus Infant/Toddler Center at AOEC has openings for children of Waukegan Public School employees at its day care. The One Hope United day care, which operates out of the AOEC, 1020 Glen Rock Avenue, is open to District employees, as well as teen mothers. Due to a decrease in teen mothers, additional spots at Pickus have been made available for the children of District employees. For information and availability, contact Pam Hoover at 847-6257915.

SPANISH LITERACY CLASSES

→ *Submitted by Vilma Laracuenta*

See [flier](#) for information on free Spanish literacy classes for parents.





Whatever it Takes Spotlight

"...whatever it takes!"



THIS WEEK WE FEATURE: MS. LAVELLE SLATER, SAFETY OFFICER AT WHS BROOKSIDE CAMPUS

→ *Nominated by Mr. Darryl Wilson, Educational Safety Specialist*

Ms. LaVelle Slater, has worked full time in District 60 since 1998, when she was hired as a safety officer at the Brookside Campus, which was then known as Waukegan High School. Over the next 10 years, Ms. Slater worked as a safety officer at the Career Academy (now AOEC), East Middle School (now Juarez), Webster Middle School, Jack Benny Middle School and the Ninth Grade Center (now Washington Campus). She returned to the Brookside Campus in 2009, where she remains as a safety officer. She is a graduate of Zion-Benton Township High School.



Ms. Slater was nominated for this week's Spotlight in recognition of her work with the x-ray machines and metal detectors at the Brookside Campus. Ms. Slater does an outstanding job of shepherding students into the building each morning. She takes great care in preventing contraband, while ensuring that students quickly enter the building. She is also known as a fast learner. Having spent the past 14 years at six different locations, Ms. Slater has learned to quickly adapt and quickly familiarize herself with different environments. She does the same at the Brookside Campus, where she seamlessly transitions from monitoring entrance doors to supervising the cafeteria. Her experience in different locations has helped her build positive rapport with students, many of which she supervised while they were in middle school. Her work ethic was recently recognized by Habitat for Humanity, which built her and her family a home.

"LaVelle is someone you can count on. She rarely misses a day of work, and she has a knack for paying attention to students and seeing everything that goes on around her." ~ Darryl Wilson

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.

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District Spotlight

PBIS ASSEMBLY AT JUAREZ

→ *Submitted by Sharon Rosenthal, Inclusion/Resource Teacher, Juarez Middle School*



On Friday, December 2, the Miguel Juarez Middle School PBIS committee invited Lake County Officer Terry Kaminski and his K-9 rescue dog Nadja to our school for a universal PBIS assembly. Nadja and Officer Terry came to Juarez in order to foster and promote a positive relationship with law enforcement. Nadja is a 2-year-old female German Shepherd, trained by Black Smith K9 Training Inc. She is used primarily for locating missing children, missing persons; special needs people, firearms, and explosive residue.

Nadja and Terry debunk the stereotype that all police dogs are to be feared and are trained to be attack dogs. Nadja taught our students never to judge a book by its cover, just because Nadja is a big dog, it doesn't mean she will attack. Nadja is considered a police officer. She is highly trained. Nadja is the first and only K9 in Illinois to be certified as a ballistic resin K9. Nadja is a member of the Lake County Major Crimes Task Force C.A.R.T Unit (Child Abduction Response Team.) Nadja can find things that she is searching for even if the item is buried. Nadja is able to "scent" objects on the surface of water that are on the bottom of ponds or lakes. This was an awesome opportunity for our students to witness this amazing resource in our community.

OMBUDSMAN STUDENT WINS WPL CONTEST

→ *Submitted by Cameron Campbell, Private and Alternative Placement Specialist*

JaWann Gordon is the winner of the 28th annual Ray Bradbury Writers award. JaWann is a junior at Ombudsman Plus (an alternative school within Waukegan School District #60) who wrote a five-paragraph essay about his life and the "risks that he took" to get where he is today. The title of the piece is "The Risk I've Taken". He wrote the essay for a creative writing contest put on by his teacher, Paige Kennedy. She was so proud of his work, so, she asked him if she could submit it on his behalf. The essay is about his life and the risks that he took when he was younger. It describes how he got into trouble and was placed at an Ombudsman Plus. He says that it was a blessing in disguise and that he will never make the same mistakes he made in the past.

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STREET LAW COURSE AT WHS

→ *Submitted by Dr. Mary Lamping, Chief Academic Officer*



The Street Law class that is taught here at Waukegan High School is also taught all across America by an organization made up of mostly volunteers that are committed to demonstrate the many avenues open to those who wish to pursue a career in the legal profession. Waukegan is probably the smallest city that this class is offered nationally. Most other cities are very much larger, like Philadelphia, Atlanta, etc.

Among those that serve in this capacity are Lawyers, and Paralegals and still others that are so eager to offer their talents and most precious, their time, to educate students on how to become as successful as they are just for the joy of seeing how their message is received by students like ours at Waukegan High School. Some key areas of law that were highlighted were: Employment Law, Contract Law, Ethical Law, and more. Many of our students learn by being in class, and then move on to the one day field trip to Allstate Insurance Company. All fees including the transportation and meals and all materials given out at the big event are provided free to all students by the Street Law Program.

OPERATION WARM WARMS ROTARY AND KIDS

→ *Submitted by Theodore Poulos, Rotary Club of Waukegan*

The Rotary Club of Waukegan recently provided coats, hats and gloves to 179 elementary school children enrolled in four schools: Greenwood, North, Glenwood and Glen Flora Schools. Teachers and administrators worked with Rotary volunteers to obtain the correct sizes for the children identified as needing warm outer clothes. Volunteers sorted coats, bagged them with the hats and gloves and transported them to each school where they were distributed to the children.

The Rotary Club of Waukegan purchased the coats from Operation Warm, Inc a not for profit organization that is dedicated to distributing high quality, new winter coats to children in need. The Rotary Club of Waukegan raised funds for the project through its annual car raffle and citrus sales and a grant from Rotary District 6440 which consists of 72 clubs located in northeastern Illinois.

Ted Poulos, the project's organizer recounted a conversation with a youngster who asked when he had to give his coat back to him after he tried it on. The youngster was elated when he was told the coat was his to keep. Poulos stated this had been one of the most heartwarming and worthwhile service projects he had been involved in during his 25 years with Rotary.

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RECAP OF THE DECEMBER 7 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

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

The Board of Education for Waukegan Community Unit School District # 60 met for a special meeting on December 7 to discuss a number of matters related to the \$37.7-million State Capital Development Board (CDB) Grant project. Below are items the Board of Education took formal action on.

The Board voted to formally include Board Members Ms. Anita Hanna and Mr. Don Elliott on the District's Building Committee. The committee, which is made up of District staff, as well as representatives from the architectural firm Fanning & Howey, meets once a week to discuss updates with the CDB project. Board Member Mrs. June Maguire was added as an alternate on the committee.

The Board also voted to accept the order in which the CDB project would be started. The projects are separated into three packages. The Gold Package, which includes Carman-Buckner, Washington and Whittier elementary schools, will be started first, with a bid date in February 2012. The Green Package, which includes Glen Flora, Clearview, Greenwood, Hyde Park and North elementary schools, will be started second, with a bid date scheduled for May 2012. The final grouping, the Purple Package, includes Glenwood, Little Fort, McCall and Oakdale elementary schools, and is scheduled to go to bid in August 2012.

The Capital Development Board Grant will help add a total of 116 classrooms at: Washington Elementary, Whittier Elementary, Glen Flora Elementary, Carmen-Buckner Elementary, Greenwood Elementary, North Elementary, Clearview Elementary, Glenwood Elementary, McCall Elementary, Hyde Park Elementary, Little Fort Elementary and Oakdale Elementary.

In matters not related to the CDB project, the Board voted to select Deerfield-based Green Associates to upgrade the sound system inside the Trapp Auditorium at WHS Brookside Campus. The project is estimated to cost \$130,000

DISTRICT 60 MUSIC INSTRUCTOR TO PLAY AT PRESTIGIOUS MUSIC CONFERENCE

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

Veteran Waukegan Public Schools band instructor Mr. Bradley Say will perform with two bands at the upcoming Midwest Clinic in Chicago. Mr. Say will play the euphonium with the Chicago Brass Band and trombone, with the Northshore Concert Band.

The Midwest Clinic, an annual four-day international band and orchestra education conference at McCormick Place, attracts nearly 16,000 music educators, professional musicians, vendors, exhibitors and students each year from all 50 states and nearly 30 countries. It also features several concerts each day performed by artists and bands that have been vetted and auditioned by Clinic organizers. The Clinic runs from December 14 to 17.

This will be Mr. Say's third performance at the Midwest Clinic, but it is the first time one of his bands has passed the arduous selection process in more than a decade.

"When you perform at the Midwest Clinic you are performing in front thousands of music educators and professional musicians who can be very critical, so you have to be at your absolute best," said Mr. Say. "It also brings more local, national and international exposure to the ensembles."





Mr. Say has been a band instructor for District 60 for 13 years. He currently instructs the student bands at Juarez Middle School, and also works with band students at Glenwood, North and Clearview elementary schools. In teaching students the principals of music he reminds them that it is important that they realize that music can be a life-long endeavor no matter what profession they pursue.

Mr. Say has played the euphonium since high school and began playing trombone after high school. He is also a Staff Sergeant in the Wisconsin Army National Guard Band.

SCRAPPING EVENT BENEFITS WHITTIER PTO

→ *Submitted by Jason Smith, Whittier Principal*



On Saturday, November 12, Whittier Elementary School hosted a Scrapbooking and Craft Expo at Miguel Juarez Middle School. The event lasted 12 hours with more than 25 participants. It was a fundraiser for the Whittier PTO. Parents, Teachers, and Community Members were all invited to attend. Fun was had by all. They were even treated to a delicious lunch and dinner while they worked on their various crafts or scrapbooks. Vendors were also available to assist attendees with early Christmas shopping. Prizes were awarded and a raffle was available all day and there were many happy winners. One of the attendees was heard to say at the end of the day, "This was awesome! I got so much done; I will have to come back next year!" With praise like that, Whittier PTO has high incentive to make this an annual tradition for Whittier School!

STUDENTS TO PERFORM WITH KENNY ROGERS ON STAGE AT GENESEE THEATRE

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

Student singers from Waukegan High School and Cooke Magnet School will join world famous singer/songwriter Kenny Rogers on stage during his upcoming concert at the Genesee Theatre in Waukegan.

Six students from Cooke and 40 members of the WHS varsity Choir will accompany Kenny Rogers during his "Christmas and Hits Tour" on Tuesday, December 13. Students will be joining in on many of the holiday songs. Cooke and WHS students will be on stage along with Kenny Rogers for "Joy to the World," "The Chosen One" and "Silent Night." Cooke students will join him separately for "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Closing of the Year." The WHS choir will join Kenny Rogers on stage for "O Holy Night" and "We Three Kings."

During his holiday tour, Kenny Rogers routinely invites students from local schools to join him on stage during the show. The anticipation of performing with a world-famous singer in front of a large audience has kept students at both schools busy in rehearsals.

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"The students are excited to sing at the Genesee and to play with a professional artist, especially one as popular as Kenny Rogers. This will be a wonderful experience for all of the students and it's great exposure for the music programs in our District and for the Waukegan High School choir," said Ms. Lori Massimo, Fine Arts/Foreign Languages and Library Services Division Head at Waukegan High School.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. on December 13. Tickets are available at the Genesee box office, all Ticketmaster outlets, online at Ticketmaster.com, or charge-by-phone at 800-982-2787. Friends and family of students performing can receive a \$5 discount at the theater box office.

STUFFED ANIMALS DONATED TO HOSPITAL

→Submitted by *Adriana Perez, Oakdale*



Theresa Jones, cafeteria employee at Oakdale School in Waukegan, donated more than 60 stuffed animals to the school. Theresa and the staff decided to donate them to Vista East Hospital. The hospital will use them to comfort the children who have to go to the emergency room.

UPCOMING WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC EVENTS

→Submitted by *Samuel Taylor, Athletic Director*

Monday December 12, 2011

5:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH A vs. STEVENSON (A) - STEVENSON
7:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH B vs. STEVENSON (A) - STEVENSON

Tuesday December 13, 2011

5:00 PM-TBD BASKETBALL GIRLS FROSH A vs. MAINE EAST (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:00 PM-9:30 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS SOPHOMORE vs. MAINE EAST (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
7:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. MAINE EAST (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym

Wednesday December 14, 2011

Location Comment

5:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH A vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL
7:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS VARSITY vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL





Thursday December 15, 2011

6:00 PM-8:00 PM WRESTLING JV vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - BROOKSIDE CAMPUS - Gymnasium
6:00 PM-8:00 PM WRESTLING VARSITY vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - BROOKSIDE CAMPUS - Gymnasium
6:00 PM-8:00 PM WRESTLING FRESHMAN vs. MAINE SOUTH (H) - BROOKSIDE CAMPUS - Gymnasium

Friday December 16, 2011

5:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH A vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
5:00 PM-TBD BASKETBALL GIRLS FROSH A vs. NEW TRIER (A) - NEW TRIER
5:00 PM-TBA SWIMMING BOYS vs. MAINE EAST (A) - MAINE EAST HS
6:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
6:00 PM-8:00 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS SOPHOMORE vs. NEW TRIER (A) - NEW TRIER
6:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH B vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Gyms A & B
6:30 PM-8:30 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS FROSH B vs. NEW TRIER (A) - NEW TRIER
7:30 PM-9:00 PM BASKETBALL BOYS VARSITY vs. NEW TRIER (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS - Main Gym
7:30 PM-9:30 PM BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY vs. NEW TRIER (A) - NEW TRIER

Saturday December 17, 2011

8:30 AM-TBA WRESTLING JV ANTIOCH INVITE (A) - ANTIOCH INVITE
8:30 AM-TBA WRESTLING FRESHMAN GBN INVITE (A) - GLENBROOK NORTH HS
9:00 AM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY MUNDELEIN INVITE (A) - MUNDELEIN HS
9:00 AM-TBA WRESTLING VARSITY GLENBARD SOUTH INVITE (A) - GLENBARD SOUTH FIELD HOUSE
10:00 AM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL
10:00 AM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH B vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (H) - WASHINGTON CAMPUS
10:00 AM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS JV vs. GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL (A) - GRAYSLAKE CENTRAL HS
11:00 AM-1:00 PM SWIMMING BOYS vs. BISON FROSH/SOPH INVITE - FROSH/SOPH (A) - BUFFALO GROVE HS
1:00 PM-TBA SWIMMING BOYS vs. LAKE COUNTY INVITE (A) - STEVENSON HS

Monday December 19, 2011

* TBA-2:00 AM BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH A NC INVITE (A) -
5:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY MUNDELEIN INVITE (A) - MUNDELEIN HS

Tuesday December 20, 2011

* TBA-2:00 AM BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH A NC INVITE (A) -
5:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY MUNDELEIN INVITE (A) - MUNDELEIN HS

Wednesday December 21, 2011

5:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY MUNDELEIN INVITE (A) - MUNDELEIN HS

Thursday December 22, 2011

5:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL GIRLS VARSITY MUNDELEIN INVITE (A) - MUNDELEIN HS

Friday December 23, 2011

4:30 PM-6:30 PM BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH B vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH
4:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS FROSH A vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH
6:00 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS SOPHOMORE vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH
7:30 PM-TBA BASKETBALL BOYS VARSITY vs. MAINE SOUTH (A) - MAINE SOUTH

Staff Opportunities

PROGRAMS THROUGH THE BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS

→ *Submitted by Daniel Cassidy, Program Officer, Teacher Programs, American Councils for International Education*

Explore these **fully funded** programs that are supported by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the U.S. Department of State and implemented by American Councils for International Education!

HOST A GUEST TEACHER

The Teachers of Critical Languages Program (TCLP) places EFL teachers from China and Egypt in U.S. K-12 host schools for an academic year where they teach Mandarin or Arabic language and culture. TCLP provides teachers' salaries, healthcare, roundtrip airfare, training, professional development funds, and ongoing program support. To increase the number of





Americans teaching and learning these critical languages, selected host schools also receive access to grant opportunities to support language learning projects. For more information, please visit www.tclprogram.org or email tclp@americancouncils.org.
Program Application Deadline: January 9, 2012

CONNECT INTERNATIONALLY

The Educational Seminars Program provides short-term professional development opportunities to teachers and administrators from around the world, for 2-3 week reciprocal exchange programs and one-way professional development programs. Participating countries include Argentina, Brazil, Thailand, and Uruguay for reciprocal exchanges and Greece, India, and Italy for one-way programs. All Educational Seminars provide airfare, training, travel health care, and living costs. For more information, please visit www.americancouncils.org/es or email edseminars@americancouncils.org.
Upcoming Program Application Deadlines: January 6 and March 30, 2012

STUDY LANGUAGE IN EGYPT AND CHINA

Intensive Summer Language Institutes (ISLI) provides fellowships for U.S. classroom teachers to spend six weeks overseas studying intermediate and advanced-level Arabic in Alexandria, Egypt, and Chinese in Changchun, China. Current K-12 teachers, community college instructors of Arabic and Mandarin Chinese, and students enrolled in education programs who intend to teach these languages can apply. Participants earn ten hours of graduate credit through Bryn Mawr College, and are provided with peer tutors and roundtrip airfare. All travel and study-related costs are fully covered. For more information, please visit www.americancouncils.org/isli or email isli@americancouncils.org.
Program Application Deadline: March 2, 2012

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.

NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR HISTORY TEACHER OF THE YEAR AWARDS

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

Do you know an outstanding teacher passionate about American history? Gilder Lehrman History Teacher of the Year Award nominations honoring middle and high school teachers can be made now at <http://www.gilderlehrman.org/nhtoy>. State winners each receive \$1,000, and the national winner receives \$10,000. All winners receive an archive of materials for their school library, donated in their honor. All full-time educators who teach American history are eligible.

Nominations can be made by a student, parent, colleague, principal or school administrator familiar with the teacher's work. The nomination deadline for the 2012 award is Feb. 1. The award is sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Institute, Preserve America and the History channel. One winner will be chosen from each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Territories and Department of Defense schools. These winners will be considered for the national award.

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For more information, visit the website above or contact the National History Teacher of the Year coordinator at nhtoy@gilderlehrman.org or (646) 366-9666, ext. 28.

Student Opportunities

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE FOR TECH 2012 AT THE ILLINOIS STATE CAPITOL BUILDING

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

TECH 2012, an annual student showcase at the Illinois State Capitol building, will be held Wednesday, May 2, 2012. At TECH 2012 schools from throughout the state will share classroom technology projects with state legislators and the general public. The purpose of the event is to raise awareness of the role technology plays in preparing students to succeed in today's world and to show the need for increased funding for classroom technology. For more information about the event, go to http://www.iceberg.org/tech_2012. Schools selected to participate in TECH 2012 will send a team of four (two or three students and one or two teachers) to Springfield to share a school project with state legislators from approximately 12:30 to 3 p.m.

School interested in participating should submit an application at http://www.iceberg.org/tech_2012 by Jan. 13. Applications will be reviewed in mid-January and notification of selection status will be shared at the end of January. Selected teams will represent a balanced distribution between legislative districts, grade levels and curricular areas. The goal of TECH 2012 is to have school representation from every legislative district throughout the state.

ANNUAL NATIONAL RADON POSTER CONTEST UNDERWAY

→ *Submitted by Debra Bartman, University of Illinois Extension*

Students ages 9 to 14 are eligible to enter the annual National Radon Poster Contest. Radon is a naturally occurring radioactive gas that can reach dangerous levels in buildings. The contest aims to raise awareness so that families can protect themselves. The American Lung Association in IL, the Ecology Action Center, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Radon Program, Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago, Southern Illinois Radon Awareness Task Force and University of Illinois Extension are partnering with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to sponsor the Illinois portion of the contest. The winning poster will be distributed during National Radon Action Month in January 2013. The 1st place winner in the nation will receive \$1000. There are additional cash prizes for national and Illinois winners.

Posters are due to Cindy Ladage at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency on or before March 1, 2012. For more information, visit <http://takeactiononradon.illinois.edu/resources/contest>, e-mail cindy.ladage@illinois.gov or call 800-325-1245. The web site includes rules, submission forms and fact sheets on radon to educate students.

GAY, LESBIAN AND STRAIGHT EDUCATION NETWORK PROVIDES FREE SAFE SPACE KITS

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

The Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network is offering a Safe Space Kit to district superintendents, and junior high, middle school and high school principals. The resource provides guidance, information and resources for educators to serve as allies to lesbian, gay,

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bisexual, and transgender youth. This effort has been underwritten by a grant from the Pepsi Refresh Challenge.

GLSEN is providing up to 750 free kits on a first come, first serve basis. To learn more and access a code to receive a kit, go to <http://www.safespacekit.com>. The opportunity is limited to one kit per school. Find your school by entering your zip code, then follow directions to send a kit. If you cannot find your school, email safespace@glsen.org with your information and they will send a kit. If you find that your school has already received a kit the name will be grayed out. At checkout, after inputting your name and address, you will see the "grant code" field, enter ILBEh75.

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. **Deadline is December 9.**

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL INDUCTION AND MENTORING CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR FEB. 22-23

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

The Illinois New Teacher Collaborative (INTC) will hold its seventh annual Induction and Mentoring Conference on Feb. 22-23, 2012, in Springfield.

The conference, which is titled "Staying Committed to New Teacher Induction," will examine how district and school personnel can make a difference in a new teacher's career, even in tough times. Quality induction programs accelerate new teacher development and assist new teachers in their knowledge, skill, effectiveness and professional development, which, in turn, impact student achievement and success. This conference will provide practical and standards-based ideas about induction resources, evaluation, program goals and design. Conference sessions will help both established and new induction and mentoring programs improve, learn from other programs and develop a network of contacts to pave the way for new teachers' success.

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.

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Events Around Waukegan

LAKE COUNTY FAMILY YMCA PROGRAM REGISTRATION OPENS DEC. 12

Registration for the wide variety of quality winter programs for the whole family offered by Lake County Family YMCA opens up to the general public on Dec. 12.

It's the community's opportunity to sign up for wintertime activities that encourage the four core values of caring, honesty, respect and responsibility at Central Lake YMCA, 700 Lakeview Parkway in Vernon Hills, and Northern Lake YMCA, 2000 Western Ave. in Waukegan.

There are some exciting new programs that include Lake County Family YMCA's first-ever drill team, percussion and DJ training added to such favorites as family swim lessons, fitness classes, martial arts, music lessons, learning CPR and a little chef's class.

Be sure to sign up by December 18 to avoid higher late-registration fees for some classes.

For more information, see the online program guides at www.ymcalakecounty.org. or visit either the Northern Lake or Central Lake branch.

District 60 Job Openings

HUMAN RESOURCES

1. New Vacancy Postings – [Vacancies V6N17](#)
 - Extended Day Teachers (math)
 - Extended Day Teachers (science/ social studies)
 - EPIC Teacher Assistant
 - Safety Officer
 - STEPS Site Coordinator
 - STEPS Teacher





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