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34 News

WINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

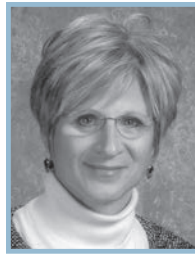
Fall | Winter **December 2014**

Think left and think right and think low and think high. Oh, the things you can think up if only you try. - DR. SEUSS

Dear Friends,

Many times statewide organizations are better known for what they oppose rather than those things for which they stand. In November 2012, the Illinois Association of School Administrators (IASA) initiated a visioning process in partnership with the Illinois Principals Association (IPA), the Illinois Association of School Business Officials (IASBO), the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB), the Superintendents' Commission for the Study of Demographics and Diversity (SCSDD), and the Illinois Association of Regional Superintendents of Schools (IARSS) to unite the education community and to develop a long-range blueprint for improving public education in Illinois. Together we stand for excellence in education for all Illinois children.

Education reform policies have created a divisive relationship between educators



and policy makers. Blaming teachers and education leaders is not a solution to the challenges that education faces in our state. We are all part of the system and need to work in partnership to conquer these challenges to create meaningful and lasting change.

Vision 20/20's policy platform reflects educators from across the state and is representative of opinions from the southern tip of Illinois through the northern Chicago suburbs. This vision is the result of input over a two year period from over 3,000 key stakeholders, discussions with field experts, and a review of current literature on best practices.

We (D34) endorse Vision 20/20 because it proactively addresses how to provide a quality educational experience for every child in Illinois. Vision 20/20's policy platform is divided into four main pillars:

- 21st Century Learning – Not just knowledge of reading and math, but providing the technology and tools for learning in today's world as well as a commitment to the "whole child";
- Highly Effective Educators – Policies to help attract, develop and retain the highest quality of teachers and administrators;
- Shared Accountability – Creating a shared accountability model that includes more input from educators, increases collaboration with legislators and restructures mandates to allow more flexibility for local school districts and communities; and
- Equitable and Adequate Funding – An evidence-based funding model that takes into account what it actually costs to educate a student in various parts of our state and utilizes research to identify those things that have the most impact on student success.

We believe educators should be held to the highest standards, but also be given the flexibility to apply their experience and knowledge to match local needs in order to best support each individual student.

We invite you to learn more about Vision 20/20 by visiting the website at www.illinoisvision2020.org and to sign the petition in support of these policies. You also can follow the progress on Twitter at @ILVision2020. Changing the course of public education in Illinois can only happen with grassroots support, and we are asking you to help us fulfill the promise of public education to children in Winfield SD34 and the more than 2 million schoolchildren in our state.

Best Wishes and Healthy New Year,

Gwynne Kell, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Ring in the New Year with Hot Lunch Bonus Bucks!

Make a resolution to give the gift of freshly prepared hot lunches this year. During the month of January, we will add 20% bonus to any deposit you make into your child's lunch account.

Minimum \$25.00 will generate a \$5.00 bonus totaling \$30.00

Minimum \$30.00 will generate a \$6.00 bonus totaling \$31.00

Minimum \$50.00 will generate a \$10.00 bonus totaling \$60.00

Bon Appétit!!



THE MISSION OF THE WINFIELD SCHOOLS, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS, IS TO CREATE A RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH PROMOTES ACTIVE ENGAGEMENT AND INDEPENDENT THINKING SO THAT STUDENTS ARE PREPARED TO POSITIVELY CONTRIBUTE TO OUR GLOBAL SOCIETY.

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Full-day Kindergarten

Our first year of having a full-day kindergarten option is proving to be the preferred choice among District 34 parents.

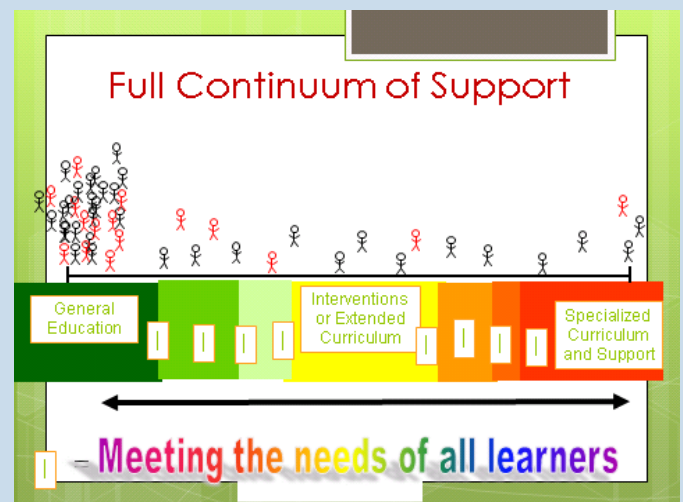
The students have adjusted nicely to their full-day schedule and the positive effects of this program are being seen by Kate Cyrus, our kindergarten teacher. One example of this is when she remarked in December that her students were demonstrating the level of writing that was previously not evident until February in a half-day program. In addition to the increase in academic performance, the longer school day allows these young children to have the opportunity for increased social-emotional growth, as well.

Child Find

School districts have responsibility for Child Find of children from birth through age 22 under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). In addition to our problem-solving and referral process for identifying school-aged children with disabilities, we hold preschool screenings throughout the year, for children between the ages of 3 and 5. Up until this time, Winfield District 34 has referred children from birth to 3 years to Child & Family Connections (CFC) for screening, evaluation and services. School districts now have the responsibility to extend their child find activities to include the screening of children from birth to 3 years in their preschool screening process. This screening would include a parent interview to complete the Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ). If the ASQ finds that the child has areas of concern, the district will refer the child to Child & Family Connections for further evaluation. Screenings are scheduled by appointment and can be made by calling Kim Regalado at 630-909-4903. Screening dates for the remainder of this year are January 6, March 10, and May 12. Additional screening dates will take place in the fall of 2015.

Gifted Program Review

As part of District 34's commitment to continually evaluate learning, a committee was formed in the spring of 2014 to review the program options and identification process of our highest achieving students. The Curriculum Committee for the Gifted Program Review used research, best practices, learning standards, and the results of student, teacher, and parent surveys to present their findings to the Board of Education in December. The committee concluded a continuum of services should be used to determine the programming that will be used to meet the academic needs of these students and that multiple sources of data will be utilized in the identification process. Based on the Response to Intervention (RtI) model, a full continuum of support is given to every student in District 34, and programming is determined on an individual basis.



On the Air! STEM and Science News



One of our former computer labs in Central School was transformed into a STEM lab last summer. The middle school students, who formerly took computer classes, are now being offered the opportunity to build rollercoasters, design video games, create a product on a 3D printer, and most importantly, learn about the potential future career opportunities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Our 5th graders participated in a unique opportunity this December. The production crew for a new Chicago based science show called The Mochie Kalala Detectives Club came to Central School to film the students performing an experiment for a segment of the first episode of the show. The students were very excited and the producer complimented the students and teachers regarding how smoothly the filming went. The show will air on Sunday, January 18th at 11 am, and Saturday, January 24th at 7 am, on WTTW channel 11.

Student Performance/ 5 Essentials/PARCC

The state academic assessment is undergoing major changes in the state of Illinois. The transition began with the change in the composition of the reading and math portion on the Illinois State Achievement Test (ISAT) for our third through eighth grade students. Last spring was the first time that 100% of the assessment was based on the Common Core Learning Standards, the rigor of which proved to be quite a challenge for students across Illinois. The new state assessment is known as PARCC, and the biggest change is taking the test using the on-line format versus a paper and pencil test. Our students will be taking this new online state assessment this spring beginning March 9th and again April 27th.

2014 ISAT Results 100% Common Core Reading and Math

Grade	% of Students Meeting or Exceeding in the Area of Reading	% of Students Meeting or Exceeding in the Area of Math	% of Students Meeting or Exceeding in the Area of Science
3	59%	69%	
4	81%	88%	90%
5	76%	90%	
6	79%	74%	
7	86%	92%	97%
8	81%	81%	
ALL	77%	82%	

5 Essentials Survey

As a tool to measure the learning conditions and environment of our schools, we will be conducting another survey January 12th through March 15th of key stakeholders: students, teachers, and parents. This survey is called The 5 Essential Survey and is based on the 5 components determined to be critical for the success of a school: effective leaders, collaborative teachers, involved families, supportive environment, and ambitious instruction. The results of this survey will be a component of the District 34 2015 Illinois Report Card posted in October of 2015.

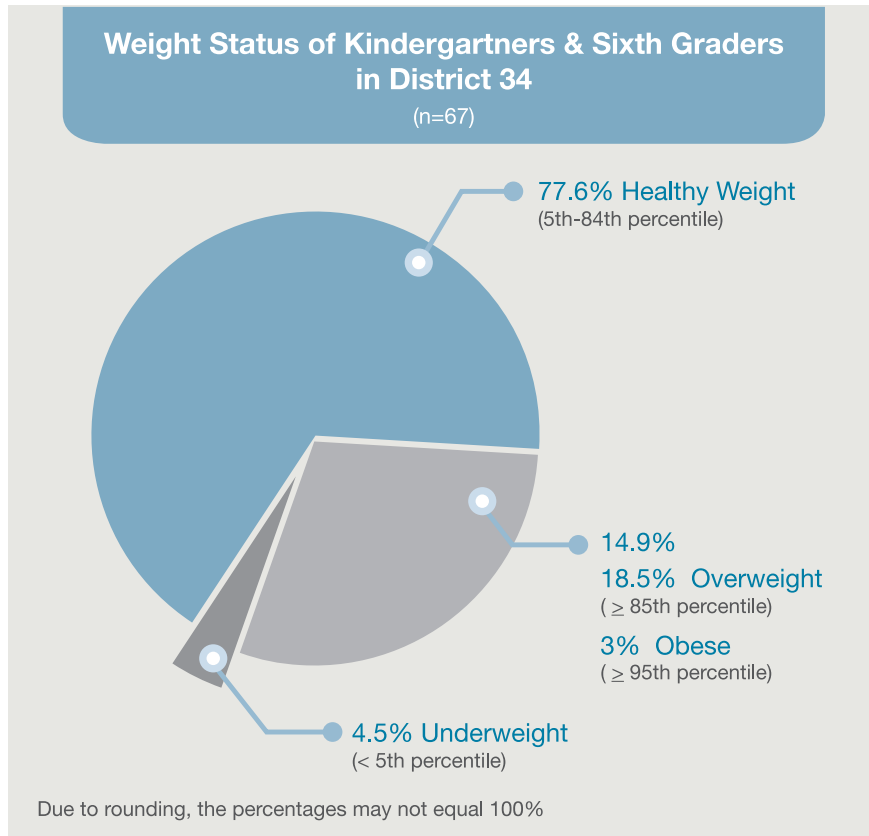


Mark Your Calendar

Dec 22	Winter Break begins
Jan 5	School resumes
Jan 6	Preschool Screening
Jan 12	5 Essentials Survey (closes March 13)
Jan 13	PTO Meeting 7 pm
Jan 16	Institute Day NO SCHOOL
Jan 19	Martin Luther King NO SCHOOL
Jan 22	Board of Education Meeting 7 pm
Jan 26	Joint School Boards Meeting 6 pm
Feb 2	Preschool Registration begins for 2015-16 RETURNING students (see website for details)
Feb 4	Superintendent Coffee 8:30 am
Feb 9	Preschool Registration begin for 2015-16 NEW students (see website for details)
Feb 10	PTO Meeting 7 pm
Feb 16	President's Day NO SCHOOL
Feb 23	Board of Education Meeting 7 pm
Feb 27	Institute Day NO SCHOOL
March 9	PARCC Testing Window Begins Grades 3-8
March 10	Preschool Screening
March 10	PTO Meeting 7pm
March 16	Kindergarten Round-up (registration) 6:30 pm
March 16-20	Walking School Bus
March 26	Board of Education Meeting 7pm
March 27	Early Dismissal
March 30 - April 3	Spring Break
April 6-10	Literacy Week
April 7-9	Spring Book Fair
April 8	Community Appreciation Tea 2 pm
April 9	Literacy Showcase 6:30 pm
April 14	Spring Class Photo
April 14	PTO Meeting 7pm
April 20-24	Walking School Bus
April 24	Early Dismissal
April 30	Board of Education Meeting 7 pm
May 4-8	Staff Appreciation Week
May 6	Superintendent's Coffee 8:30 am
May 7	Band Concert 7pm
May 12	Preschool Screening
May 12	PTO Meeting 7 pm
May 18-20	Walking School Bus
June 2	8th Grade Promotion
June 4	Last day of school FULL DAY

Winfield Students **Weight** State

Since FORWARD (Fighting Obesity Reaching Healthy Weight Among Residents of DuPage) began in 2008, Winfield School has participated in their data collection program. The following information has been taken from FORWARD's 2013-14 Body Mass Index Surveillance Report. (n=total number of students used for data collection)



Obesity continues to be a major public health concern. The latest data shows that one in every four kindergartners entering school is already overweight or obese. These rates are even higher in subsequent grades. **Sadly, many health experts are predicting that the life expectancy of today's children may be shorter than that of their parents.**

What can be done? Efforts are being made—especially in schools—to try to offer as many healthy options to children as possible in order to help make healthy choices be the easy choices. We have been fortunate in the Winfield School area. Our body mass index percentages are below DuPage county's and the United States' numbers. Winfield School District 34 continues to implement programs and offerings such as: physical activity "brain breaks" during class time, daily fresh fruit and vegetable options from the school cafeteria, and physical education and/or recess on a daily basis. Furthermore, a Walking School Bus program began at Winfield School in the spring of 2014 and will be continued during the 2014-15 school year. Interest and participation in this program is growing and we are hopeful that the Walking School Bus will continue in future years! Winfield School's Wellness Committee, which is comprised of a combination of parents and staff, strives to ensure that all children in school are exposed to healthy ideas and activities. We are devoted to the health and well-being of our students and are open to any type of programs that will help promote a healthy lifestyle.

Results and Comparisons

Overweight and Obese

In District 34 for All Years Participating

2010-2011 n = 74	2011-2012 n = 67	2012-2013 n = 54	2013-2014 n = 67
35.1%	27.0%	29.6%	17.9%
13.5%	7.0%	11.1%	3.0%

Overweight or Obese (≥ 85th percentile)
 Obesity (≥ 95th percentile)

Results and Comparisons

Overweight and Obesity

School, County and National Comparisons

ALL		
District 34 n = 74	17.9%	3.0%
DuPage County n = 31,060	29.6%	14.2%
United States 2-19 year olds	31.8%	16.9%
MALES		
District 34 n = 38	21.2%	0.0%
DuPage County n = 16,046	31.1%	16.0%
United States 2-19 year olds	32.0%	16.7%
FEMALES		
District 34 n = 29	13.8%	6.9%
DuPage County n = 15,014	27.9%	12.4%
United States 2-19 year olds	31.6%	17.2%

Overweight or Obese (≥ 85th percentile)
 Obesity (≥ 95th percentile)

Winfield Sports and Clubs

Soccer

We had a very exciting soccer season finishing 2-4. Winfield came to every game ready to play. We did lose 4 games, but they were all very close. Two games were decided by a one point penalty kick. We ended up losing in the tournament by only one point. This season, all players grew in their abilities. We look forward to a strong year in 2015!



Volleyball

Volleyball was also very exciting this year. We had strong performances from both the 7th and 8th grade girls. Both teams finished 3rd in conference and had a 2-2 and 4-2 record respectively. The 8th grade lost a heart-breaking semi-final game in the tournament. Chief Reeve, from the Winfield Police Department, assisted often in practice helping our girls. A banner was made by the team for Chief Reeve at the end of the season.



Basketball

The 7th/8th grade boys' basketball team performed very well this year! The Junior Varsity team placed 1st in conference while the Varsity team placed 2nd. We want to congratulate Coach LaFleur and the team for a very successful season!



Cheerleading

You can't talk about boys' basketball without mentioning Winfield School District 34's amazing cheerleading team! Cheerleading was led by club sponsors Amanda Moersch and Melissa Doucet. The cheerleading team attended every 7th/8th grade boys' basketball game performing songs and cheers to help our players stay focused and motivated.



Photography Club

Winfield School District 34 offered Photography Club for the first time this year! This was a new club created from the input gathered from a staff/student interest survey. Janice Parcell was the club sponsor and she worked with the students on how to take quality and creative pictures using our district technology. Janice proudly displayed the club's work in the Central School hallway. She even created a picture scavenger hunt game to celebrate the club's awesome work!

When The Weather Outside Is Frightful...

Check the status of closing any of our facilities the following ways:

Phone: Call **847-238-1234** from a touch-tone phone and enter the main phone number of the facility.

E-mail: Receive an e-mail notification of a change made to our facility status by signing up on the website at **www.emergencyclosings.com**.

Radio: Listen to WGN Radio 720-AM, WBBM Radio 780-AM or watch CBS Ch. 2, NBC Ch. 5, ABC Ch. 7, FOX 32, WGN-TV Ch. 9 or CLTV cable for closing information.

Internet: Go to the public website: **www.emergencyclosingcenter.com/complete.html** and search for the facility by typing the name and city or by the main phone number of the facility.

Facility Name	Phone Number
Winfield District 34	630-909-4900
Winfield Primary School	630-909-4910
Winfield Central School	630-909-4960

Safety Reminder For All Visitors

Each visitor to Winfield District 34 schools must be screened before entering the schools through the RaptorV-soft visitor management and screening technology system that is linked to a web-based sex offender database. Visitors are asked to present their driver's license or other state issued ID, which automatically is screened through the system.



Winfield Tigers Lunch Smart Menu

January 2015



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
January 5 MAC 'N' TREES CREAM CORN Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peas Milk	January 6 CHICKEN EGG ROLL BROWN RICE Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peaches Whole-Grain Roll Milk	January 7 BAKED PASTA WITH BEEF & CHEESE Green Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mixed Fruit Milk *CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP	January 8 ZESTY ITALIAN TURKEY BURGER ON A WHOLE-GRAIN BUN Sweet Potato Waffle Fries Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Applesauce Milk	January 9 BIG DADDY'S CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple Milk
January 12 SOUTHWEST VEGETABLE QUESADILLA with Salsa Marinated Black Bean Salad Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peaches Milk	January 13 OVEN-"FRIED" CHICKEN DRUMSTICK Au Gratin Potatoes Green Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mandarin Oranges Milk	January 14 TEX-MEX CHILI MAC California Blend Veggies Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple Whole-Grain Garlic Toast Milk *GARDEN VEGETABLE SOUP	 JAMAICAN JERK CHICKEN Rice & Peas (a.k.a. Rice & Beans) Roasted Sweet Potatoes Collard Greens Salad Fresh Fruit (Banana)	January 16 NO SCHOOL INSTITUTE DAY
January 19 NO SCHOOL MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	January 20 SUPER-DUPER ALL BEEF HOT DOG ON A WHOLE-WHEAT BUN Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peas Milk	January 21 DELI DAY MAKE YOUR OWN DELI SANDWICH Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit and Chips Milk *NO SOUP ON DELI DAY	January 22 HOME-STYLE SALISBURY STEAK WITH GRAVY And Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peaches Milk	January 23 BIG DADDY'S CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple Milk
January 26 WHOLE WHEAT BUTTERED NOODLES W/CHEESE Broccoli Florets Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Peaches Milk	January 27 WHOLE-GRAIN CHICKEN TENDERS w/BBQ Dipping Sauce Broccoli Florets Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Pineapple Milk	January 28 WHOLE-GRAIN PASTA WITH HOMEMADE MEAT SAUCE California Blend Veggies Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Mandarin Oranges Milk *CHEDDAR BROCCOLI SOUP	January 29 CHILI CON CARNE WITH NACHO CHIPS Refried Beans Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit or Applesauce Milk	January 30 BIG DADDY'S CHEESE OR PEPPERONI PIZZA Rainbow Variety Bar Fresh Fruit Milk



Smart Snacks

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to eat healthier? If so, think about smart snacking. Smart snacks are nutritious and can provide an energy boost between meals. Choose snacks that are low in fat, sugar, and salt. Controlling portion sizes and timing snacks so they don't interfere with meals are also important. Need ideas? Try air-popped popcorn, fresh fruit, and veggie sticks with low-fat ranch dressing or hummus.

DAILY ALA CARTE

**WHOLE-GRAIN CHICKEN SANDWICH, PB&J
TURKEY OR HAM SANDWICH, BLT WRAPS**

To pre-order sandwiches & wraps contact Ceres Manager:
Jan Lee (630) 909-4982 or jlee@winfield34.org

ALA CARTE SPECIALS

Tuesday-Whole Grain Bosco Sticks

**Wednesday-Soup of the Day, Hot Pretzel,
Hamburgers**

**Thursday-Whole Grain Chicken Corn Dog
Friday-Pop Corn Chicken**

Menu is subject to change based on availability
and quality of food items

Around the World in a Lunch Period – Jamaica



Join the Cultural Explorations group as we take a break from the cold in Jamaica. Jamaica is a well-known tourist destination and one of the largest islands in the Caribbean. Some people think of music when they consider this island. Reggae, ska, and dancehall music styles are popular around the world. Did you know . . .

- Kingston is Jamaica's capital and largest city?
- English is the official language, but most people also speak Creole or Jamaican patois?
- Jamaican cuisine reflects African, Indian, Spanish, Chinese, and British influences?
- Food staples include starchy and non-starchy vegetables, fruits, beans, rice, seafood, poultry, and spices?

In January, you will have the opportunity to sample jerk chicken, rice and peas (the Jamaican way of saying "rice and beans"), collard greens, and roasted sweet potatoes. The term "jerk" refers to a preparation method where meat is dry-rubbed or wet-marinated with a mixture that incorporates allspice and Scotch bonnet peppers. Enjoy your tasty and healthy meal!

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