

Chalk Board News



Spring | Summer **July 2017**

“All of us do not have equal talent, but all of us should have an equal opportunity to develop our talent.” - JOHN F. KENNEDY

Dear Winfield School District 34 Community,

Schools bring out different memories and emotions in all of us. Al Bundy from Married With Children often shared the highlight of his school experience, scoring four touchdowns in a single football game. Other people often joke, “I walked five miles to school, uphill, both ways, through the snow.” And if that hill is Summit Drive, that walk was a legitimate challenge. However, when we pull away the simple moments, our memories and emotions related to our schooling are so much more.



Schools are a place for each child to find their dreams. Some children come to school with ambitions of growing up and becoming a member of the police force, fire department, doctor, or astronaut. Other children enter school undecided, hoping to find that intriguing spark which will ignite their ambitions for lifelong discovery and career. Either way, as a community public school, each year is our opportunity to help our students propel themselves forward.

It was a great pleasure to join Winfield School District on January 1st. While I was not here on a daily basis, throughout the transition process I was able to begin the learning journey, discovering why Winfield is so special. This district is an amazing place because of our students, our staff, and our community. Whether it's preschoolers examining leaves, middle school students doing thermal scans of model houses, or intermediate students acting the roles of historical figures in a wax museum,

our teachers and our students engage learning in ways we could only dream of as kids.

Each child gets each school year only once. Whether it is entering preschool for the first time or completing the journey in eighth grade, this year will be different than school years past and school years future. It is our hope to make this journey a unique one. A year that challenges them, a year that inspires them, and a year that brings out more memories than simply walking to school through adverse weather conditions. We look forward to working together to help our children take that next step to discovering and achieving their dreams. I look forward to joining our students, staff, and community on this amazing adventure.

Best Wishes,
Matt Rich, Ed.D.
Superintendent, Winfield Schools

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CHALLENGE, INSPIRE AND EMPOWER PASSION
WITHIN ALL LEARNERS.**

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Students Interview retiring D34 Teachers



Q: Do you have any pets?

Dr. Kell: I have an Irish Wolfhound named Millie and I have a St. Bernard rescue dog whose name is Maggie.

Q: What was your role on the school board?

Dr. Kell: I am not on the school board but I work with the board to put agendas together and brings policies to the board, as

well as information about how our facilities are doing, and discussing the district's learning. There are seven people are on the board. Five currently have kids in the district.

Q: How many years did you go to college? What degrees do you have?

Dr. Kell: I went to college for 12-13 years and I have a bachelor's degree in education. I have a Master's degree, PhD in education and an E.D.S, which is my superintendent degree.

Q: Have you ever taught adults?

Dr. Kell: I taught adults in a vocational training program in special education and summer camps.

Q: What is your favorite?

Animal: Dogs; **Flower:** Daisy; **Food:** Pizza;

Book: Poems, by Robert Frost;

Movie: Mr. Blandings Builds a Dreamhouse

Sport: Football (if the Bears get their act together), and track and field.



Mrs. Butler

Q: How long have you been working here at Winfield? How many classes have you taught?

Mrs. Butler: I have taught here for 24 years and I have taught 2nd and 3rd grade. I have also taught in New Jersey.

Q: What do you plan to do next? What are you going to do in your free time?

Mrs. Butler: I want to travel and see places I have never seen before. I also want to see my family and read. I have hobbies like gardening that I am going to do. I also want to go to Australia and Africa.

Q: What was your favorite subject to teach? What was your favorite activity to do with your class?

Mrs. Butler: My favorite subjects to teach were Reading and Social Studies. My favorite activity to do with my class was the African Unit.

Q: What was your favorite thing about Winfield Schools?

Mrs. Butler: I like that it is small so I can meet the families. I get to know all of the students through 8th grade.

Q: What are you going to miss the most about Winfield School?

Mrs. Butler: The kids and the teaching. My favorite teachers to hang out with. I love the kids.



Mrs. Ciezak

Q: How long have you been working here at Winfield? How many classes have you taught?

Mrs. Ciezak: I have been working here for 11 years. I have taught preschool, third grade and now second grade.

Q: What do you plan to do next? What are you going to do in your free time?

Mrs. Ciezak: After I retire I plan to travel, cook, plant a garden, read more often, and last but not least exercise. I really want to go to Europe and Australia.

Q: What was your favorite subject to teach? What was your favorite activity to do with your class?

Mrs. Ciezak: My favorite subject to teach would be math. My favorite activity to do with my class would be the ocean projects.

Q: What was your favorite thing about Winfield Schools?

Mrs. Ciezak: My favorite thing about Winfield School would be working with different students and helping students with math and other subjects.

Q: What are you going to miss the most about Winfield School?

Mrs. Butler: What I am mostly going to miss about Winfield School is the activity level and the students being excited to see me in the morning.

Dr. Kell

Q: How long have you been working here at Winfield? How many classes have you taught?

Dr. Kell: I've worked at Winfield for eight years (since 2009). I do not teach classes.

Q: What do you plan to do next? What are you going to do in your free time?

Dr. Kell: I plan to move to Asheville, North Carolina, and build my own house, which is in the mountains. I also want to get another dog and teach yoga.

Q: What was your favorite thing about Winfield Schools?

Dr. Kell: My favorite thing was the kids. I like the small district, as well as the families in the district.

Q: What are you going to miss the most about Winfield school?

Dr. Kell: I'm going to miss the kids. I was 11 years old when I started babysitting and have worked with kids throughout my life. I'm in my 50's (but she does not look like it).

Q: When did you decide you wanted to be a superintendent?

Dr. Kell: I never really planned to be a superintendent. I was working in a district in 2002 when a colleague suggested I become a superintendent. So I thought it might be cool and fun and I went back to school in 2006 to become one.

Q: What grades or subjects have you taught?

Dr. Kell: I taught high school, middle school, elementary school, and adults as well.

Q: What are some moments you will never forget from your career?

Dr. Kell: I will never forget my first time as a superintendent. Also all of the programs, such as some satellite special education programs. Also, I'll never forget graduating. I was the first person in my family to go to college and graduate.

Q: Where did you grow up?

Dr. Kell: I grew up in Park Forest, Illinois in two different sides of town.



Mrs. DeMeyer

Interviewed by: Jamie Sticha, John Bartlett, and Carolyn Fleming

Q: How long have you been working here at

Winfield? How many classes have you taught?

Mrs. DeMeyer: I have worked for 18 years at Winfield. I haven't taught large classrooms, but mostly smaller classrooms. I taught 5th grade Math. I work with many kids in 6th Social Studies, Science, etc. When I was younger I wanted to work in Education. I assisted children in all classes.

Q: What do you plan to do next? What are you going to do in your free time?

Mrs. DeMeyer: I would like to visit places in Europe, Wyoming, and Montana. I like to read about and visit National Parks. I love to garden. My favorite book is Thesis my Words, which is about this girl who can't read and write, then she travels west, and she teaches herself how to read and write. I want to do more volunteer work.

Q: What was your favorite subject to teach? What was your favorite activity to do with your class?

Mrs. DeMeyer: I love Language Arts and Social Studies. I like to work with kids and teach

help them learn to do new stuff. I really like field trips and overall having fun. I also like to do hands on activities.

Q: What was your favorite thing about Winfield School?

Mrs. DeMeyer: My favorite things were the students and the staff. They were all very fun and super nice. The children and the staff really made a difference at Winfield School.

Q: What are you going to miss the most about Winfield School?

Mrs. DeMeyer: I will miss working with all the children the most. I love to help other kids learn in special education. I'm going to miss the staff very much also. I will also, miss the field trips.



Mrs. Sasveld

Q: How long have you been working here at Winfield? How many classes have you taught?

Mrs. Sasveld: I've been here at Winfield schools

since 1980. I've taught 3rd grade first, then a split class of 2nd and 3rd graders, after that another split class but, with 4th and 5th graders, then finally just a class of 4th graders.

Q: What do you plan to do next? What do you plan to do in your free time?

Mrs. Sasveld: I plan to travel a lot to go see my family, want to volunteer in agency, and join book clubs.

Q: What was your favorite subject to teach? What was your favorite activity to do with your class?

Mrs. Sasveld: My favorite subject to teach was math because when kids say were struggling I need helped, then get the answer and then they were like "OOHH." "My favorite activity to do with my class was field day, the planet reports, plays (acting) and questions about books.

Q: What was your favorite thing about Winfield schools?

Mrs. Sasveld: The kids, teachers, and all good friends at Winfield school, also at restaurants, and other places where we can talk. I also loved how all the kids were being motivated.

Q: What are you going to miss the most about Winfield Schools?

Mrs. Sasveld: I am going to miss all the students and fun activities. I am definitely going to miss the kids, teachers, and all the good friends in Winfield.

Sports & Activities

Garden Club

The Garden Club consisted of nine students and was directed by Mrs. Angelacos. They met once or twice monthly for the entire school year. Much work was done to beautify the grounds of our schools. Mr. Wilson (kindergarten parent) of Wheaton Mulch donated his time and plants while Proseks donated flowers. The students cleaned, trimmed and planted throughout the year and they even created a butterfly garden!

Engineering Club

Mrs. Cori Nelson instructed twenty 3rd -5th graders for our first Engineering Club. During the six-week program, students were assigned tasks to learn the basics of engineering that would help them create a final project. For their final project, the students were required to design a trap for an invasive toad in Australia. The traps had to be set from four feet away to avoid the poison that the toad can shoot.

Art Club

Mrs. Eaton sponsored the Art Club. There were three sessions of Art Club, 7 weeks each. In each session, our goals were to use the extended time to create wonderful works of art for ourselves and for our school community. The first session included nineteen 3rd and 4th graders. The students created

over-sized ornaments as decorations for the Holiday Music Spectacular as well as color-filled paintings inspired by an animal of their choice. The second session had seven 6th - 8th grade students. As a group they designed, problem-solved and painted the tall trees that were used as the forest in this year's drama production Camp Omigosh. Students in this second session also painted with acrylics on canvas, created one-of-a kind compositions inspired by their own photo - taken in the school with the iPads. The third session of Art Club wrapped up the year with seventeen 5th and 6th grade students. They each molded, designed and glazed unique bowls and plates - fired and ready to eat off of! They also chose to make a card for a child or family at Ronald McDonald House or they worked in groups to create a poster meant to inspire other students. The posters are hanging around the building.

Chess Club

Chess Club met for 10 sessions and included thirty-six 2nd through 5th grade students playing at the beginning or intermediate level. We also had twenty middle schools students who volunteered as chess coaches and managers. Beth Nelson, math teacher, sponsored this club and because of the success of the club, Stephen Rogers, teacher, was added on

to help with the high number of students who joined. The season ended with a club tournament that was well attended by both chess players and their families.

Drama Club

Mr. Wdowiarz directed thirty-five students in this year's performance of Camp Omigosh. This year Kaitlin Kilgore won the inaugural Winfield District 34 Drama Club award for her outstanding effort in the club in all of the four years she was eligible. Kaitlin not only was a strong actress in all four years of performances, but also contributed greatly doing both make-up and set design. She and the other 8th graders will be missed. Next season will be the first season on record where the 8th grade class of actors and actresses will choose the production. Look out for next year's performance in the spring!

Volleyball

The twenty-four players on the girls Volleyball teams both had tremendous success and heartbreak this season. Mrs. Honaker noted there was an incredible improvement amongst the girls in both individual skills and how they played as a team. The Varsity team ended their season with a heartbreaking loss in the conference tournament

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but were able to cheer on the Junior Varsity team to the title of Conference Champions.

Basketball

The boys' basketball team had twenty-three players this year and was coached by Mr. Leisering, Language Arts teacher.

JV Basketball: For their first time playing together as a team, the Junior Varsity boys built a solid foundation for next year. They lost in the second round of the tournament, but they competed in each game. They were always vocal and supportive of their teammates, and they worked hard to improve every day.

Varsity: After winning the championship last year, the boys had high expectations for themselves. Although they fell short in the tournament, the boys competed hard every game, and they learned good lessons about responding to adversity.

Mrs. Honaker coached the fourteen girls on the Winfield girls' basketball team. The team demonstrated a great deal of dedication and hard work throughout the duration of their season. With only seven girls on each team, these players

were asked to go above and beyond sometimes playing in games with no breaks. Their hard work definitely paid off as the Varsity team ended their season undefeated and with the title of Conference Champions. In addition to this, our very young Junior Varsity team showed unbelievable growth and have definitely laid the groundwork for a promising future for girls' basketball teams here at Winfield.

Cheerleading

This year our cheer squad consisted of fifteen members and was directed by Mrs. Burt and Mrs. Doucet. Most of the squad joined in the 5th grade and have continued through the middle school years. This made our team strong in numbers, which allowed them to progress quickly in learning new skills and routines. This year we would like to congratulate Emily Bramos who has already made the West Chicago HS D94 Cheer Team for FY18. Emily began cheering for Winfield when she came to us in the 7th grade and will continue that cheer spirit now in high school. This squad works very hard each season and continues to represent Winfield School in a spirited and positive way!

Track

Our middle school Track team consisted of twenty-six students with coaches Mr. Kahlfeldt and Mr. Rogers. The athletes did a good job taking advice and learning events, getting and staying in shape, and performing well at meets. Even with our small size and mostly 6th graders, we were able to get first place in some events at meets (like the mile/1600m and Shot Put) vs bigger schools with many 8th graders. For the first time in a long while, we were unable to run a conference meet, but we did go against Avery Coonley (the only other SEAC conference school with a Track team) at the Mooseheart meet. We are very fortunate to have good relationships with non-conference schools to get invited back each year. This year, we had meets scheduled vs Westmont Junior High School, Lisle Junior High School, Benjamin, and Franklin Middle School at Wheaton North High School, Monroe Middle School at Wheaton North High School, Mooseheart Academy, and Stratford Junior High School at Glenbard North High School.



Chess Club



Engineering Club



Garden Club



Boys Basketball



Art Club



Cheerleading



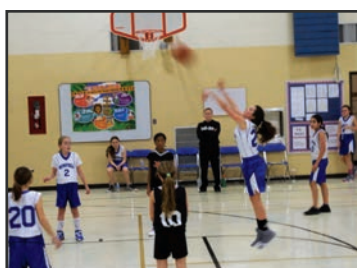
Girls Basketball



Track



Girls Volleyball



CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2017

Sophia Black	Leo Johnson	Abigail Perezchica
Emily Bramos	Amber Karales	Abigail Rigert
Charles Cardenas	Kaitlin Kilgore	Riana Russo
Hunter Coco	Michael Knollenberg	Cameron Stewart
Margaret Culver	Zachary Langellier	Bryce Swift
Cal Doucet	Eve Linden	Ellany Trushov
Nathan Gavin	Brittany Lingle	Nicholas Varjan
Paul Gloss	Joy Ludwig	Evan Wing
Lillian Hansen	Kara McIlvaine	Benjamin Zolota
Sarah Hurley	Robert Nickrand	



Oh the places you'll go, today is your day! Your mountain is waiting so... get on your way! – Dr. Seuss

High Honor Roll

Emily Bramos
Charles Cardenas
Margaret Culver
Eve Linden
Cameron Stewart
Evan Wing

Honor Roll

Cal Doucet
Nathan Gavin
Paul Gloss
Sarah Hurley
Leo Johnson
Amber Karales
Kaitlin Kilgore
Zachary Langellier
Abigail Rigert
Abigail Perezchica
Bryce Swift
Ellany Trushov

Concert Band

Charles Cardenas
Margaret Culver
Paul Gloss
Sarah Hurley
Kaitlin Kilgore
Michael Knollenberg

Eve Linden
Brittany Lingle
Joy Ludwig
Abigail Perezchica
Riana Russo
Cameron Stewart
Bryce Swift
Ellany Trushov

Art Club Participant

Emily Bramos

Robert M. Tyle Science Award

Zachary Langellier

American Legion Award

Emily Bramos
Nicholas Varjan

Outstanding Musician of the Year

Kai Herrera

Principal's Award

Cal Doucet
Kaitlin Kilgore

Special Tiger Paw Art Award

Kaitlin Kilgore

Drama Awards - 4 Year Drama Award

Kaitlin Kilgore
Abigail Perezchica

8th Grade Award

Lillian Hansen
Sarah Hurley
Nick Varjan

Outstanding Athlete Award

Margaret Culver
Bryce Swift

John Hemmer Spirit Awards

Emily Bramos
Cal Doucet

Math Awards

Emily Bramos
Margaret Culver

Social Studies - Geography Awards

Charles Cardenas
Margaret Culver
Paul Gloss
Brittany Lingle
Abigail Rigert

Social Studies - Current Events Awards

Eve Linden
Nick Varjan
Evan Wing
Ben Zolota

Foreign Language Awards

Charles Cardenas
Sarah Hurley
Eve Linden
Ben Zolota

Science Awards

Emily Bramos
Charles Cardenas
Margaret Culver
Paul Gloss
Sarah Hurley
Zachary Langellier
Abigail Rigert
Evan Wing

Language Arts Awards

Emily Bramos
Charles Cardenas
Margaret Culver
Cal Doucet
Sarah Hurley

Abigail Rigert
Evan Wing

Chess Club Assistants

Emily Bramos
Nathan Gavin
Paul Gloss
Lillian Hansen
Amber Karales
Kaitlin Kilgore
Michael Knollenberg
Robert Nickrand
Cameron Stewart

Volunteer Service Awards

Emily Bramos
Margaret Culver
Cal Doucet
Nathan Gavin
Paul Gloss
Lillian Hansen
Sarah Hurley
Leo Johnson
Amber Karales
Kaitlin Kilgore
Zachary Langellier
Eve Linden
Brittany Lingle
Kara McIlvaine

Abigail Perezchica
Abigail Rigert
Cameron Stewart
Ellany Trushov
Evan Wing

Student Leadership Team Awards

Margaret Culver
Cal Doucet
Lillian Hansen
Sarah Hurley
Leo Johnson
Eve Linden
Brittany Lingle
Kara McIlvaine
Abigail Perezchica
Abigail Rigert
Cameron Stewart
Ellany Trushov
Evan Wing

Perfect Attendance Award

Leo Johnson
Kaitlin Kilgore

Winfield PTO

Winfield PTO's mission is to organize activities that foster the connection between home and school life and provide resources benefiting district children and their families. We are proud to be part of a collaborative community of District 34 staff, families, and local businesses working to do just that.

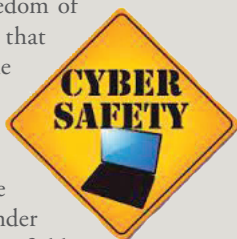
This summer, please consider participating in these ongoing programs to help raise money for our students and teachers:

- **Box Tops for Education** (labels found on a variety of products, plus the new bonus app for your smartphone)
- **Tyson Project A+ Labels**
- **Ink/Toner Cartridge Recycling** (bring in any used cartridges to the school office)
- **Shoparoo** (snap pics of your receipts via an app for your smartphone)
- **Kellogg's Family Rewards** (link your grocery store rewards card to your Kellogg's account or snap pics of your receipts... no more labels or codes on products)
- **Coca-Cola Give** (use codes from Coca-Cola beverages to donate to our school via Coke.com/give website)
- **Winfield Flower Shoppe "Helping Hands"** (mention Winfield School PTO when placing your order)

See the PTO website or contact PTO for more details on these initiatives. <http://www.winfield34.org/pto>

Online Safety During Summer Vacation

While we hope everyone enjoys the freedom of summer, we want to also remind parents that there are potential dangers during the summer months, and it's important to be aware of what they are. Brochures on Online Safety are provided in each of the Winfield School offices and there are many resources and tips provided under the Technology Department on our Winfield website. The Internet and social media can be a great source of fun and social interaction for our kids; it can also be a dangerous place. While it feels like home is the safest place for our children - the more time they spend online the more they could potentially be exposed to a variety of content. Please monitor your child's device often and have a safe summer!



Mark Your Calendar

Summer Sport Camps: July 25-27 and July 31-Aug. 3

\$45.00 per child per sport

9-10:30 a.m. Basketball Camp (boys and girls) grades 4-6

11-12:30 p.m. Volleyball (boys and girls) grades 6-8

Registration required

- Aug. 17 Institute Day
- Aug. 18 Institute Day / Meet the Teacher
PreK.-8th Grade 2:30-3:30 p.m.
- Aug. 21 First full student attendance day PreK-8th
- Aug. 24 Board of Education Meeting /Budget Hearing; 6:55 p.m.
- Aug. 25 Northwestern Sports Physicals for 7th & 8th graders
12:30-3:00 p.m.
- TBD PTO Back to School Ice Cream Social on Primary
Playground 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 4 Labor Day / NO SCHOOL
- Sept. 6 PTO Budget Review at 6:30 p.m. and meeting at 7:00 p.m.
in Central Commons
- Sept. 10 Good Old Days 1:00 p.m. Staff in Parade
- Sept. 12 Grades 6-8 Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- Sept. 14 PreK-5th Grade Curriculum Night 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- TBD PTO Astronomy Night
- Sept. 22 School Improvement Day
Early Dismissal/Half Day PTO Social at Noon
- Sept. 28 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 4 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Central Commons
- Oct. 9 Columbus Day / NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 11 Fall Picture Day
- Oct. 26 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Oct. 27 School Improvement / Teacher Work Day / NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 30 Parent-Teacher conferences 3:45-6:15 p.m.
- Oct. 30 Tiger On-line Auction Begins
- Nov. 1 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Central Commons
- Nov. 2, 6, 9 Parent-Teacher conferences 3:15-6:15 p.m.
- Nov. 10 Tiger On-line Auction Ends
- Nov. 13 Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Nov. 20-24 No School
- Dec. 1 Yearbook, Group and Candid Photos
- Dec. 7 PTO Meeting 7:00 p.m. in Central Commons
- Dec. 11 PTO Lou Malnati's Pizza Sale starts
- Dec. 14 Board of Education Meeting / Levy Hearing 6:55 p.m.
- Dec. 20-
Jan. 2 Winter Break
- Jan. 3 School Resumes

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