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WINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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State of Illinois School Districts' Honor Roll Recognition

Twenty DuPage County schools were recognized in Itasca on April 22, 2013 for being named to the 2012 Illinois Honor Roll, which celebrates schools showing substantial academic improvement.

Districts that received recognition include Benjamin Elementary District 25, Bensenville Elementary District 2, Bloomingdale Elementary District 13, Carol Stream Elementary District 93, Itasca Elementary District 10, Lombard Elementary District 44 and Winfield Elementary District 34.

The ceremony was held at Peacock Middle School in Itasca, and there State School Superintendent Chris Koch also spent some time talking to Nicole Marcinkus, a 7th-grader at Peacock, who interviewed Koch for the school newspaper.



Dr. Chris Koch, state superintendent; Dawn Reinke, D34 principal; Dr. Gwynne Kell, D34 superintendent

Dear Friends,

Upon reflection at the end of yet another successful school year this year can only be summed up as: emotional. Beginning with the devastating effects of Hurricane Sandy on the eastern seaboard, to the horrific events at Sandy Hook Elementary School in December, to the Illinois floods of April and the tornado devastation in Oklahoma we have all been feeling much grief from these events, one after another. As a school community we have responded with compassion and sympathy as well as with understanding that the world we live in challenges us by our reactions to such events. As a result, our responsibility as a school district is to ensure that our students and staff feel safe in our school environment. To that end we are constantly reviewing and revising policies and procedures. Some of this work can be categorized as routine for we review policies throughout the school year. But in addition to our typical policy review cycle we have been called upon to scrutinize even further our day to day operations. While we pride ourselves on being known as a welcoming district to all visitors we know that we must be more vigilant enforcing those procedures to ensure necessary safeguards are in place for those "worst case" scenarios. Many thanks is extended to our community and families for your understanding and patience as we adopt and implement some of those security measures that we know will instill that sense of security for all who visit Winfield D34.

Over the summer we will be erecting a fence/gate along the Beecher Street Primary School playground perimeter. In an effort to minimize the exposure that our students have

on a daily basis to the pedestrian traffic along Beecher Street and to provide a protective barrier for the many balls that roll into the street. We feel that this fence will provide another layer of security for our students. No visitors will have access to the playground during school hours and all visitors will sign in at one of our school offices. It is a simple solution as a result of receiving funding for the fence through the 2013 Community Chest Grant awarded to us from Cadence Health.

Finally, as a district we have many safeguards in place to monitor the content of what our children are exposed to via the internet in school. However, it is during unsupervised time outside of school that most children engage in inappropriate behavior via the internet. Parents, please partner with us by monitoring your child's internet usage by putting controls in place while children are at home. Please review and use the internet safety resources on page 4 of this newsletter. Make sure you have your children's passwords as it is a privilege, not a right to use the internet. Navigate the internet with them; monitor their conversations on social media sites not only with their friends that you know but most importantly those "friends" that you have never met. As a district we are committed to teaching our students to practice good cyber citizenship but we cannot do it alone.

Thank you and enjoy your summer.

Gwynne Kell, Ph.D.
Superintendent



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Welcome Our Two New Board Of Education Members:



Lynn Kammes

Life-long resident who previously served on the Board of Education from 1988-2007. Her grandchildren currently attend District 34 and her son-in-law is serving as the PTO co-president.



Elizabeth Lee

First appointed to Winfield Board of Education in May, 2013, Liz is the parent of a current student. She is also a veteran teacher in Glen Ellyn District 41.

Welcome To Our New Staff:

Sonja Magnuson- Third Grade

Matt Wdowiarz – Fifth Grade

Rebecca First – Middle School Language Arts

Students Interview Retiring Middle School Language Arts Teacher Mary Kersten

By *Grace Vanco (7th Grade)*
and *Natalie Thompson (7th Grade)*

Q: How long have you been teaching?

A: I have been teaching for 36 years for 25 of those years, I have been here in Winfield.

Q: What changes in education have you observed from the time you began teaching until now?

A: The biggest change is a shift from the curriculum as the focus to students as the focus. We now focus on how a student learns best and not on moving students through the curriculum, regardless of their needs.

Q: What have you learned from teaching?

A: I have learned patience. Nothing ever goes exactly the way you plan, so you need to be flexible. There is always more than one way to do something.

Q: What will you miss the most about teaching in Winfield?

A: I will miss my students most of all!

Q: Do you plan on keeping in touch with your students after retirement?

A: Yes! I am starting a blog for my family, friends, colleagues, and students.

Q: If you were not a Language Arts teacher, what kind of teacher would you be and why?

A: I would have continued being a Special Education teacher. I have a real heart for kids who have trouble learning for one reason or another.

Q: What are you most looking forward to about retirement?

A: I will have a chance to spend time with my sons in Seattle and my sister in Los Angeles.

Q: What advice do you have for your students?

A: Find your dream and do everything you can in order to reach it. Believe in yourself. You can do anything!



Welcome SASSED!

A big WELCOME to the two STARS II classrooms of the SASSED (School Association for Special Education in DuPage) cooperative that will be located in our Primary East building starting August 2013.

Students in this program will be in the primary grades and have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Teachers Christina Carlson and Laura Colic along with their para-professionals and support staff including occupational therapists and

speech and language therapists provide very specialized programming for these students. We are very excited as a district to welcome them as part of our staff and look forward to having a long relationship with them here in our district.

PTO and Foundation Information

Thank you for your continued support of our Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) and Education Foundation which benefit District 34 programs.

Those individuals interested in becoming a member, making a donation, or who would like more information, should visit www.winfield34.org or contact the following individuals:

PTO: Eileen Tibble; emtibble@gmail.com
or Dan Janowick; danjanowick@hotmail.com

Winfield Education Foundation

Donna Bartlett; donnajets@att.net

Fundinco

Winfield Education Foundation has raised \$1633.96 through the Fundinco program.

Remember that you can continue to support our Education Foundation's fundraising efforts by making your summer vacation and back-to-school purchases through Amazon by clicking first onto Fundinco.

The link below will take you directly to our Fundinco homepage where you can start shopping by clicking the Amazon button:

www.fundinco.org/orghome.php?orgid=8

Thanks for your support of Winfield programs.



Please visit our newly designed website at www.winfield34.org to learn more about our wonderful programs and staff.

Special Recognition & Thanks

Third Grade Outdoor Nature Project Donations:

Mrs. Loiacono donated \$100
Sartore/Rhode Families outdoor furniture
We collected \$152 in donations from staff, students and parents
Target donated \$25

Music Center of Deerfield

\$25 gift for Outstanding Musician of the Year Award

LEAP donors:

Ball Horticultural Company: \$250
Carton Craft: \$4,000
Exchange Club of West DuPage: \$500

Junior Achievement

Sent several volunteers this year in Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 5th grade classrooms. The volunteers provide wonderful lessons on economics for every age.

Wheaton Sports Center

Donation of 30 Reebok Core Boards

Cadence Health

\$14,500 for two Crossing Guards
\$32,480 for one full time district nurse and an additional \$1400 to cover a substitute nurse in our nurse's absence

Participation in Cadence Employee Assistance Program

\$1000 received October 2010 for healthy snacks for low-income students (would request annually if possible)
Cadence provides annual free flu shots on site for D34 staff
Beneficiary of annual Community Chest grant dollars per District request (FY2013 received \$12,000)
\$5000 contribution to cover lunches for students qualifying for Free and Reduced lunches
\$350 heart rate monitors for physical education class

SPORTS

Winfield 7th and 8th grade girls' basketball teams both won third place finishes in the SEAC conference tournament held this past March.



Coach Regalado wished the 8th graders good luck and hopes that all of the 7th graders will return to play again next season.

Winning is great, sure, but if you are really going to do something in life, the secret is learning how to lose. Nobody goes undefeated all the time. If you can pick up after a crushing defeat, and go on to win again, you are going to be a champion someday.

~ Wilma Rudolph



Winfield's four grade level teams competed in the SEAC conference track meet held at West Chicago High School on Monday, May 13th. The sunny day represented how well our athletes shined. The 6th and 7th grade girls, 8th grade girls and 8th grade boys teams all earned a first place finish while the 6th and 7th grade boys earned a second place finish. Many of our 43 athletes also earned a first place finish in their individual events.

Internet Safety

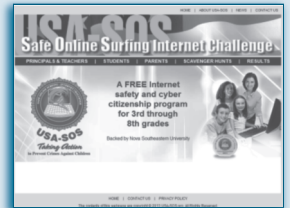
We are all responsible!

Website Resources

*It is required by law that students receive Internet Safety education in grades 3 and up.

USA-SOS

www.usa-sos.org/



NetSmartz

www.netsmartz.org

Additional materials available-

DVD: English/Spanish, Poster, Activity Cards, Safety Pledges, Resource Manual

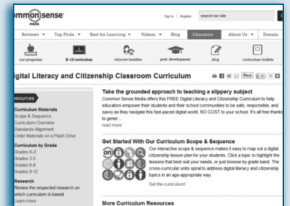


Common Sense Media

www.commonsense-media.org/educators/curriculum

Digital Literacy & Citizenship

Classroom Curriculum



Brainpop Jr.

www.brainpopjr.com/
artsandtechnology.com/
technology/internet-safety/



Faux Paw

www.ikeepsafe.org/educators/fauxpaw/



Garfield

www.learninglab.org/



Additional Resources:

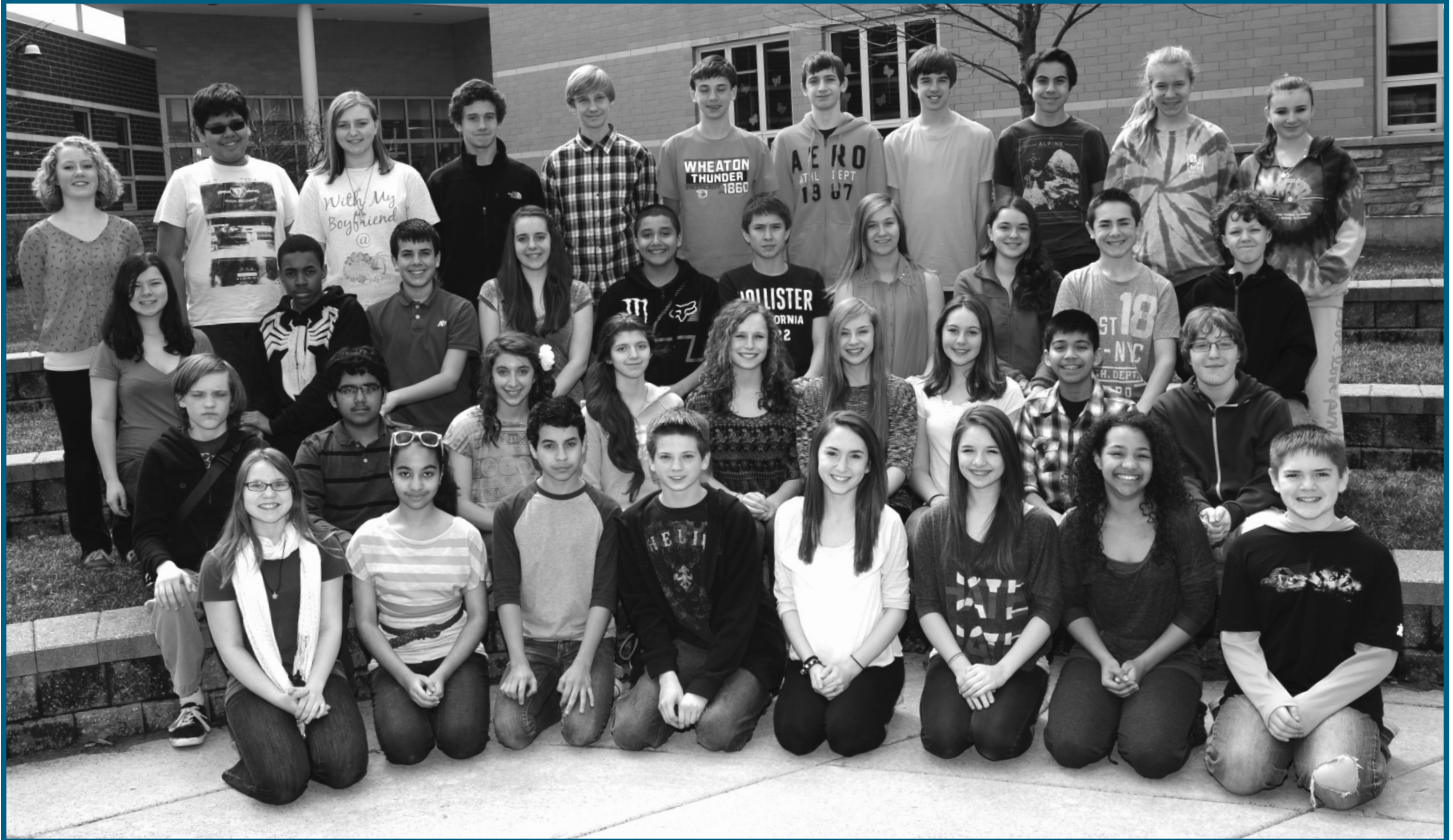
www.netsmartz.org/safety/safetytips

YouTube Playlist...

www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLp_1Xf81DKTPjJZBBg5BmEC3CSF16Pxb1

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2013

Adrian Arias	Maggie Clancy	Erin Gauss	Evander Lopez	Kurtis Schramer	Joy Vogt
Ross Behr	Ethan Clark	Grace Giambrone	Matthew Lustig	Zyon Shores-Navata	Dylan Walker
Caroline Borowiec	Elizabeth Cyr	Isabella Guizzetti	Todd Lustig	Lisa Sigidin	Hannah Watson
Norvin Briones	Nessah Dean	Anthony Hostetler	Jacob Malay	Michelle Sivak	Phelan Welch
Jesse Bunn	Delaney Doell	Kori King	Amelia Morgan	Robert Szulczewski	Abinaya Wiggins
Drew Clancy	Jacilyn Doncoes	Jacob Kurian	Christian O'Neil	Tyler Toman	Xavier Zerpa
	Caroline Fuller	Evelyn Lee	Alexis Pointer	Alexander VanDoren	



High Honor Roll

Ross Behr
Jesse Bunn
Elizabeth Cyr
Jacilyn Doncoes
Isabella Guizzetti
Kori King
Jacob Kurian
Todd Lustig
Amelia Morgan
Michelle Sivak
Robert Szulczewski
Alexander VanDoren
Dylan Walker
Phelan Welch

Honor Roll

Ethan Clark
Erin Gauss
Matthew Lustig
Jacob Malay
Christian O'Neil
Zyon Shores-Navata
Lisa Sigidin
Hannah Watson
Abinaya Wiggins

Student Council

President Award
Christian O'Neil

Student Council

Secretary Award
Robert Szulczewski

Student Council

Executive Board Award

Isabella Guizzetti
Kori King
Tyler Toman

Student Council

Representative Award

Jesse Bunn
Elizabeth Cyr
Evander Lopez

Henry Howard Award

Evander Lopez

Band Award

Norvin Briones
Jesse Bunn
Maggie Clancy
Elizabeth Cyr
Erin Gauss
Kori King
Evelyn Lee
Evander Lopez
Matthew Lustig
Todd Lustig
Amelia Morgan
Kurtis Schramer
Zyon Shores-Navata
Tyler Toman
Joy Vogt
Xavier Zerpa
Abinaya Wiggins

Art Award

Norvin Briones
Elizabeth Cyr
Nessah Dean
Erin Gauss
Isabella Guizzetti
Evelyn Lee
Evander Lopez
Matthew Lustig
Amelia Morgan
Kurtis Schramer
Michelle Sivak
Joy Vogt
Abinaya Wiggins
Zyon Shores-Navata

Drama Outstanding

Achievement
Jacilyn Doncoes
Matthew Lustig
Todd Lustig
Amelia Morgan
Kurtis Schramer
Michelle Sivak
Joy Vogt

Outstanding

Athlete Award
Ross Behr
Kori King

Outstanding

Participation Award

Ross Behr
Delaney Doell
Alexis Pointer
Robert Szulczewski

John Hemmer

Spirit Award

Alexis Pointer
Dylan Walker

President's Council for

Physical Fitness

Presidential Award 85%

Ross Behr
Kori King
Alexis Pointer
Dylan Walker
Phelan Welch

President's Council for

Physical Fitness

National Award 80%

Delaney Doell

American Legion Award

Jacilyn Doncoes
Alexander VanDoren

Principal Award

Joy Vogt
Dylan Walker

President's Council for

Physical Fitness

Certificate Award 50%

Elizabeth Cyr
Grace Giambrone
Anthony Hostetler
Evelyn Lee
Evander Lopez
Jacob Malay
Christian O'Neil
Robert Szulczewski
Hannah Watson

Language Arts Award

Jesse Bunn
Jacilyn Doncoes
Erin Gauss
Isabella Guizzetti
Kori King
Michelle Sivak
Phelan Welch

Science Award

Ross Behr
Elizabeth Cyr
Isabella Guizzetti
Kori King
Jacob Kurian
Alex VanDoren
Phelan Welch

Odell Showalter Award

Mary Anne Lustig

Math Award

Jesse Bunn
Jacilyn Doncoes
Isabella Guizzetti
Michelle Sivak
Alex VanDoren
Dylan Walker

Special Recognition

Math Award

Ross Behr
Jacob Kurian

Foreign Language Award

Isabella Guizzetti
Jacob Kurian
Michelle Sivak
Dylan Walker

Geography Award

Jacob Malay
Robert Szulczewski

Current Events Award

Christian O'Neil
Dylan Walker

Technology Award

Caroline Borowiec
Alexis Pointer

Mark Your Calendar

NOTE: Beginning this school year (2013-14), per state law, the first and last days of school will now be a full student attendance day.

July 23, 24, 25, 30, 31 and Aug. 1

Basketball Camp boys and girls grades 4-6, \$45
10-11:30 a.m.

Volleyball Camp boys and girls grades 6-8, \$45
12-1:30 p.m.

Registration required

July 15

Special Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.

Special Board Workshop Closed Session 6:15 p.m.

Aug. 19 Institute Day

Aug. 20 Institute Day & Meet the Teacher Kdg.-5th
Grade 2:30-3:30

Aug. 21 First full day for Kdg.-8th,
PreK Meet the Teacher - A.M. 8:30-9:30,
PreK Meet the Teacher - P.M. 12:45-1:45
Preschool Screenings

Aug. 22 PTO Welcome Wagon 8:45-9:30 & 1-1:45
Board of Education Meeting
6:45 Budget Hearing 7:00 regular meeting

Aug. 23 Cadence Sports Physicals for
7th & 8th graders 1:00-3:15

Aug. 27 PTO Back to School Ice Cream Social on
Primary Playground 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Sept. 2 Labor Day NO SCHOOL

Sept. 7 Good Old Days
12:00 Band Performance, 1-3 p.m.
Student Council Penny Carnival

Sept. 8 Good Old Days 1 p.m. Staff in Parade

Sept. 10 PTO Meeting 7 p.m. in Central Commons

Sept. 11 PreK-5th Grade Curriculum Night

Sept. 12 6th-8th Grade Curriculum Night

Sept. 20 PTO Family Movie Night

Sept. 26 Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

Sept. 27 Early Dismissal

Oct. 14 Columbus Day NO SCHOOL

Oct. 24 Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

Oct. 25 Early Dismissal

Oct. 28 No School, Teacher Workday

Nov. 4 Parent-Teacher conferences 4:30 p.m.

Nov. 7, 12, 14 Parent-Teacher conferences 3:30 p.m.

Nov. 14 Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

Nov. 15-29 No School

Dec. 16 Board of Education Meeting 7 p.m.

Dec. 23 Winter Break Begins

School calendar information may be found on the Winfield District 34 website at www.winfield34.org.

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Parking... Problems and Solutions

Since our staff will be growing next year with the addition of the two special education cooperative classrooms, the SASSED staff will be parking in the first 15 spots in the Lion's Park lot at the end of the block on Beecher Street.

This should alleviate any potential congestion. We are also rearranging the restricted parking spots in front of the Primary School. There will only be two Reserved Parking spots for the Administration for easy access throughout the day. All other spots will now be open for either visitors or staff. They are not for drop off or pickup of students. Our staff will be encouraged to park in one of the parking lots behind both buildings, which will create more visitor accessibility. Additional spots will be designated in the Primary Parking lot with signage specifically for SASSED staff. Additionally, SASSED buses

will be picking up students at the end of the day between 2:45 and 3 p.m. at the Primary gym door. You will not be able to line up for preschool pick-up until all buses have exited our parking lot after 3 p.m. If you are picking up or dropping off your children for preschool by the Primary gym, we continue to ask that you remain in your car in the line and do not park in any of the parking spaces unless you are coming inside for business. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sports Physicals

Cadence Health once again is offering sports physicals to any of our students entering seventh or eighth grade for \$25 on Friday, August 23 from 1-3:15 p.m. at Winfield Central School. Take advantage of this great, convenient way to cover all sports for the school year.

CONSTRUCTION ALERT Winfield Road Bridge

Early July the construction on the Winfield Road Bridge will begin, which will close the road to all traffic. The timeline to complete the work is weather and contractor dependent. It could be complete by the end of August or weeks later. Please be mindful that this could result in our district having to detour parking, drop/off and pick/up of students until Winfield Road is open. We will send out eBlast, post on our website and make every attempt to contact families regarding any alterations to our traffic management. Thank you .

Contact Us:

Please send your comments, questions or suggestions to Superintendent Dr. Gwynne Kell at the District Office or email, gkell@winfield34.org

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