



## D303 Announces 2017-18 Pre-School Program Key Dates

District 303's Early Childhood program will conduct an on-line registration lottery beginning **Friday, January 13 through Monday, January 23** for preschool classes at Fox Ridge, Ferson Creek and Norton Creek schools. The five-day-a-week, ½ day, morning or afternoon preschool program is open to 3-5 year old children who reside within

the D303 school boundaries and who are 3 years old by September 1, 2017. Children who are 5 years old by September 1, 2017 will not be eligible for enrollment.

The tuition cost for the program is \$285\* per month. A \$100\* annual non-refundable registration and materials fee will also be required. (\*Tuition and registration and materials fee are pending Board of Education approval.)

Observational tours will be offered to all D303 community parents. No registration required.

Norton Creek tour: Monday, January 9, 2017 from 9:30-10:30 AM

Fox Ridge tour: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 from 1:00-2:00 PM

Ferson Creek tour: Wednesday, January 11, 2017 from 9:30-10:30 AM

The lottery will take place on Tuesday, January 24 and parents will be notified that day via email if their child was randomly selected. Registrants not chosen will be placed on a waiting list and will be notified if space becomes available. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Basketball Crosstown Classic 3.0 to Appear on CN100 Game of the Week

The St. Charles North and St. Charles East boys basketball teams have split their first two meetings of the season. East winning on a buzzer beater right after Thanksgiving and North winning due to a supreme defensive effort one week later. The third matchup in the series has been selected by the Comcast Network as the CN100 Game of the Week. The game takes place on **Saturday, January 7** at 6 p.m. in the St. Charles North H.S. Gym. The full production of the game can be seen on Comcast Xfinity Cable on channel 100 at Noon and 4 p.m. on Sunday, January 8. Jim Blaney, Kenny McReynolds and Camron Smith will call the action.



## D303 Parent University Presents the Film "Paper Tigers"

Join us for District 303 Parent University when we present the Documentary Film "Paper Tigers" on **Wednesday, January 25** at 7 p.m. in the Norris Cultural Arts Center, 1040 Dunham Rd. in St. Charles. This screening is being provided in

collaboration with the St. Charles Education Association, St. Charles Education Support Professionals, and St. Charles Transportation and Maintenance.

Paper Tigers is an intimate look into the lives of selected students at Lincoln High School, an alternative school that specializes in educating traumatized youth. Set amidst the struggling rural community of Walla Walla, WA, the film intimately examines the inspiring promise of Trauma-Informed Communities - a movement that is showing great promise in healing youth struggling with the dark legacy of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs). Following six students over the course of a school year, the film shows Lincoln's staff trying a new approach to discipline: one based on understanding and treatment rather than judgment and suspension.

[Click here](#) to RSVP and reserve your place. Those who RSVP are invited to come to the St. Charles East H.S. Commons at 6 p.m. for a light meal prior to the movie.

(Due to some of the mature subject matter addressed in "Paper Tigers", parents may find the film to be unsuitable for younger audiences.)



## 2017 District 303 Board of Education Election Key Dates

**Thursday, February 2, 2017** – Last day to file a declaration of intent to run for the school board as a write-in candidate in the April 4 election.

**Tuesday, April 4, 2017**- Election Day

For more information about the nature and duties of serving on a school board, visit the Illinois Association of School Board's website at: <http://www.iasb.com/elections/>.

## School Event of Interest

The St. Charles North Boys Volleyball Team will host a free volleyball clinic on Friday, February 3 for all boys in grade 5th through 8th. The clinic will take place in the North H.S. Main Gym from 6 – 8:30 p.m. If you have questions, contact Todd Weimer at [todd.weimer@d303.org](mailto:todd.weimer@d303.org)

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# Kindergarten Enrollment February 1, 2017

DO NOT WAIT until summer to enroll your new kindergarten student. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year will be at all Community Unit School District 303 elementary schools on February 1. Enroll at the elementary school where children in your area currently attend.

## 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bell-Graham Elementary	(331) 228-2100	Munhall Elementary	(331) 228-2600
Corron Elementary	(331) 228-6900	Norton Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2700
Ferson Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2300	Wasco Elementary	(331) 228-2900
Lincoln Elementary	(331) 228-2500	Wild Rose Elementary	(331) 228-3000

## 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m.

Fox Ridge Elementary (331) 228-2400

## 9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Anderson Elementary	(331) 228-3300	Davis Primary	(331) 228-2200
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The following information is required when enrolling for kindergarten\*:

- Reliable proof of child's identity and age (birth certificate+, passport, visa, etc.)
- Verification of Parent/Guardian Identity
- Two documents as proof of residency
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN)

For additional information regarding Kindergarten, [click here](#).

## Norris Cultural Arts Center Presents "Meeting the Lincolns"

On Sunday, February 5 at 3 p.m. - just ahead of Lincoln's birthday and Presidents' Day – the Norris Cultural Arts Center will present a program called, "Meeting the Lincolns," featuring renowned Lincoln portrayers Michael Krebs and Debra Miller, who recreate the 16th President and First Lady Mary Todd Lincoln in astonishing realism. Krebs and Miller are highly experienced in presenting performances of the Lincolns that are educational and highly engaging. Their performance in the Norris Gallery will include a Q&A session. Following the performance audience members will have an opportunity to meet Krebs and Miller.

Please see this page for more information: <http://norrisculturalarts.com/event/meeting-the-lincolns/>



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# The St. Charles Education Foundation Scholarship Deadline Is March 3

The St. Charles Education Foundation is once again offering four \$1000 scholarships, two scholarships to students at St. Charles East and two scholarships to students at St. Charles North. The applications are due March 3, 2017. Applications and more information are available at <http://stced.org/>.



## Additions to the Community Backpack

### Click the Link to view the flyer

- Fox Tales Newsletter
- Fox Valley Summer Activities Fair
- Kid's College Classes at Elgin Community College
- St. Charles North Boys Volleyball Clinic
- Calling Grades 3-10 for Mulan JR
- Calling Grades Pre-K-3 for A Fairy Tale Theatre Offering
- Calling Grades 7-12 for School of Rock

**Click here to view more community events happening soon!**



## Mark Your Calendars

### January 16

Martin Luther King, Jr Holiday (No Classes)

### January 20

Teachers' Work Day  
(Middle, High Schools No students)  
Teacher Institute Day  
(Elementary Schools No Students)

### February 20

Presidents' Day Holiday (No Classes)

### March 3

Teachers' Institute Day  
(Middle, High Schools No Students)  
Teacher Work Day  
(Elementary Schools No Students)

## Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

### Monday, January 9

Regular BOE Meeting - 7 p.m. at Thompson Middle School



## Get the App!

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