

District 303 E-NEWS

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East Students Receive Life-Saving Training

On October 18, Mrs. Cameron's Advanced Healthcare Concepts class invited D303 Certified School Nurses, Wendy Landers and Karen Madura, to train students in "Stop the Bleed," a program focused on teaching the basic skills in bleeding control principles. D303 Certified School Nurses were trained as stop the bleed instructors last spring.

After reviewing the concepts they learned in class, students attentively listened to Mrs. Madura and Mrs. Landers explain and demonstrate the proper use of tourniquet application. "It doesn't feel like a class because I am learning about what I like," commented junior student, Veronica.

Following the demonstration, students practiced with a partner, adjusting the tourniquet on themselves, and feeling how tight it needed to be placed for it to properly work. They also reviewed the situations



in which a tourniquet might be needed and how best to approach those situations. The pace at which the tourniquets cut off circulation to their limbs surprised the students and helped them understand the implication of using such a technique.

Assistant Principal for Instructional Programs, Mr. Orszula, also visited and engaged in the learning activity, allowing students to adjust the tourniquet on him and learn from their observations.

For the second part of the training, students practiced proper use of direct pressure and packing a wound combined with tourniquet application. After successfully completing the classroom instruction course and demonstrating the skills, Mrs. Cameron and her students received a certificate from the American College of Surgeons, Committee on Trauma.

This is the first group of students to be formally trained in this life-saving program.





This is not a school board meeting.
No policy can be formed or
action taken.



NOVEMBER 2 - 8:30 - 10:00 A.M.

COMMUNITY COFFEE

Join District 303 Superintendent
Dr. Jason Pearson, School Board
President Carolyn Waibel, and
School Board Secretary
Jillian Barker for a cup of coffee
and casual conversation about the
school district.

Kava Diem
1 Illinois Street, St. Charles

Third Annual Orchestra Fest

On October 22, 8th grade students from Thompson and Wredling middle schools joined Chamber Orchestra students from St. Charles East and North high schools for the 3rd Annual Orchestra Fest rehearsal and concert. The concert is a celebration of the rich history of orchestral music in the District.

Middle school students practiced and learned from the upperclassmen while also having the opportunity to share what they love most about music and their instruments. This event was made possible thanks to the guidance and support from the middle school directors, Don Kovach, Jim Pesek, and Angie Wifler, as well as the high school directors, Daniel Beder from East, and Andy Masters from North.



Anderson Students Help the St. Charles Community

For seven weeks, Anderson's Community Service After School Club members work on a variety of projects that support the needs of the St. Charles community. Most recently, they met on October 17 to make sack lunches and write inspiring and uplifting notes for Lazarus House residents.

"This club is filled with kids who volunteer their time to stay after school and work together to help our community," commented Anderson Principal, Mr. Jarot.

This year, students have also made arts and crafts projects for kids battling cancer, as well as cloth chew toys for dogs at the local animal shelters. With support

from their club advisor, Ms. Reyes, students will work on a new project involving plastic bags and recycling.

"I always remind students that they can make a difference, no matter how small it may seem. I love seeing how inspired they are to help others," added Ms. Reyes.



Author Alan Gratz Makes History Come Alive

Wredling 6th and 7th-grade students were beyond excited to welcome young adult writer, Alan Gratz, on October 16, when he spent time signing books and sharing stories about his life, travels, and the inspiration behind the characters in his novels.

Students first learned about Alan last year when they read *Refugee* for their Global Read Aloud. Students became more and more interested in the author, his books, and his characters, even researching information about the countries where the characters are from. Students worked on a variety of projects and activities related to the book and concluded by building a raft inspired by the events that happened in the book.

With support from LRC Media Specialist, Mrs. Cannon, and Anderson's Bookshops, they were able to get Alan to visit Wredling. During the book signing, students talked to him about their favorite characters, which books they enjoyed the most, and how much they love reading in their free time.



During the presentation, students learned about the first story Alan wrote, "The Mummy and the Vampire," laughed as he recounted his attempts at playing sports, and were inspired to learn about world history and people from different countries.

On October 21, 2019, members of the New Elementary School Day Think Tank met for their second of three meetings. As a reminder, this working group is comprised of parents, teachers, and administrators.

The meeting centered around several themes that emerged from stakeholder feedback related to the desire for students to have more play and movement in their day, as well as



for students to have more opportunities to develop their social emotional skills. Prior to the meeting, Think Tank members read three different articles to deepen their understanding of these topics.

At the meeting, the Think Tank engaged in discussions and activities centered around innovative learning as it relates to play, movement, and social emotional skill development. Using their understanding of innovative learning and the analysis of stakeholder feedback, the group drafted guiding principles that will be used to provide further guidance on the development of the learning experiences that will be offered to students as part of the new elementary school day.

The Think Tank will meet again in December to continue to provide input and guidance and make recommendations regarding potential learning experiences.

Parent University Presents:



Josh Ochs: *Digital Citizenship*.

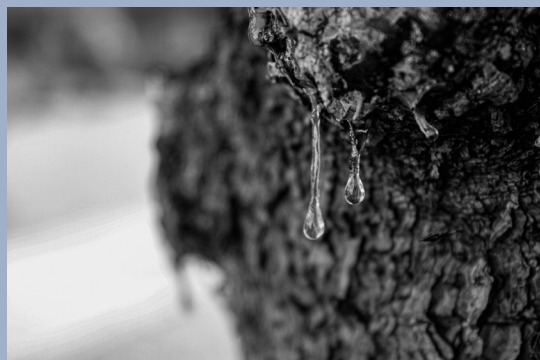
Wednesday, October 30, 2019

6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Thompson Middle School Cafeteria

[Click here to register for the Digital Citizenship](#) presentation!

He will be spending time in both middle and high schools talking with students about their digital footprint. During his time with parents on October 30, Josh will show parents how to protect their children on 40+ apps. All District 303 parents will have access to Josh's own Parent University resources for the next year.



Kane County Regional Office of Education 2019 Student Photography Contest

St. Charles North High School student, Morgan Hahn's digital photo, "Sappy Ant," qualified as a finalist in week three of the Regional Office of Education 2019 Photo Contest. [Click here to see the photos.](#)

"Sappy Ant" by Morgan Hahn; kanecountyconnects.com



On **November 21, 22 and 23**, St. Charles North High School Madrigals singers will be holding a Renaissance-themed dinner where guests will be treated to an evening of music, laughter, and a gourmet meal from Tarragon Catering.

This event will take place at the Baker Church in downtown St. Charles, in the dining hall of a Medieval Palace as guests of the Kings Court. [Click here for tickets for this event!](#)

Interactive Sound Wave Stations for First Graders

As part of their Project Lead the Way Light and Sound unit, Ferson Creek students explored four sound wave stations to learn more about sound and how it travels through different mediums.

In the first station, students used pencils, pens, and other metal objects against a metal water bottle to produce different sounds. In the second station, students snapped rubber bands against a hollow plastic box, stretching the rubber bands in different directions and lengths to experiment with the sounds.

For the third station, Certified School Nurse, Mrs. Landers, allowed students to use a stethoscope to hear their hearts. Students were amazed by the sound of their heartbeat and how loud it was. As they completed each station, students drew a sketch of the activity and what they did to produce sound, answering questions related to each station to help them reflect on what they did to produce sound and how they differ.

In the last station, students welcomed District 303 parent, Mrs. Puri, who delighted everyone with her harp music. She taught students how different strings can make different sounds based on their length and tension, and how the wooden frame helps amplify the sound it makes.



2019 Illinois Music Education Association Audition Results

More than 70 St. Charles East High School Band, Jazz Band, Choir, Vocal Jazz and Orchestra students participated in the Illinois Music Educator Association District 9 auditions on Tuesday, October 1st. Many of these students completed auditions in two or three musical areas, requiring the preparation of multiple sets of materials. The following students were selected through these auditions to participate in the District 9 Music Festivals in November, where they will rehearse and perform with the best high school musicians from the western suburbs under the leadership of top educators and professional musicians.

Choir	Vocal Jazz	Concert Band	Instrumental Jazz	Orchestra
Andrew Biallas	Austin Aquino	Sage Overstreet	Tom Edgar	Jason Bijonowski
Grace Bishop	Andrew Biallas	Andrew Pahadi	Allison Edgar	Storey Childs
Keira Denker	Grace Bishop		Will Leidig	Trudie Childs
Liam McCarron	Liam McCarron		Taytum Newell	Lasey Emmerich
Maya Nair	Addison Petrine		Michael Parchaiski	Harry Graham
Trinity Sanders	Maya Steinke		Henry Pierce	Benjamin Hom-
Stephen Torres	Jacob Stenstrom		Austin Settiani	mowun
Autumn Womack	Natalie Wiley		Madison Solomon	Grace Jackson
	Autumn Womack		Lindsey Zauhar	Jacy Jacobus
				Ayu Seiya
				Nathan Throneburg
				Ethan White

The following students from St. Charles North were selected through the 2019 ILMEA Auditions: Jack Morby, Band and Jazz Band; Maggie Kinney, Choir and Vocal Jazz; Chloe Kraut, Vocal Jazz; and Eliana Eng, Orchestra.

The following Thompson Middle School students were selected through the 2019 ILMEA Auditions:

Concert Band	Jazz Band	Orchestra
Olivia Burgan	Ryan Katz	Derek Hibben
Ume Hashimoto-Jorgensen	Ethan Grimes	Grady Mellican
	Derek Hibben	Lucy Wilfong

Lucy was also chosen as the finest viola player and will sit first chair at the festival on Nov. 9 at Huntley High School.

The following Wredling Middle School students were selected through the 2019 ILMEA Auditions:

Concert Band	Jazz Band	Orchestra
Caitlyn Carey	Sophia Rubin	Adam Turner
Alexa Cater	Arthur Sharaburyak	Joseph Weisner
Abby Hayes	Nicole Vandermeij	Jamie Heuser
Clay Heilman		
Daniel Jones	Jazz Band	Orchestra
Lauren Martin	Alexa Cater	Allison Goade
Devin Reder	Sophia Harp	Alyssa Watanapongse
	Arthur Sharaburyak	

2019 Illinois Music Education Association Student Photos



Thompson Middle School students, Orchestra



*Thompson Middle School students,
Concert Band and Jazz Band*



*Thompson Middle School
student, Jazz Band*



*Thompson Middle School students,
Concert Band and Jazz Band*



Wredling Middle School students, Orchestra

Wredling students create intricate and original jack-o-lanterns using power tools!
Thanks to Wredling's PTO for supplying the pumpkins and D303 Facilities for delivering them.





Big Hearts of Fox Valley NFP is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to brightening the lives of underprivileged children in our community. We're committed to identifying and coming together to meet social, emotional and basic needs of those around us.

It was almost Christmas time and as we looked under our tree to see the piles of wrapped presents for our children, we thought about the little ones that wouldn't be opening presents on Christmas morning. We decided to reach out to our children's school social worker to see if there were any families that may need some assistance providing Christmas gifts to their kids. We, like many others, didn't realize there was a large number of families in need within our own community.

That's where this all started. In 2014, we were able to help provide Christmas gifts to kids in need within our own school.

Since 2014, we have been coordinating a Christmas gift sponsorship program to help the underprivileged children in School District 303 receive gifts from wish lists that each child personally creates. We work with School District 303 social workers who gather wish list information from families they feel may need some assistance providing Christmas gifts for their children. These wish lists are comprised of a few toy ideas along with clothing and shoe sizes. Many of these kids are in need of basic things like winter coats, boots, gloves, socks, etc. In 2018, we were able to provide gifts to 443 children from birth up to 8th grade. This year, we are excited to be expanding our efforts. We estimate that we will be able to support more than 600 children.

Each year we host a gift wrapping event at our Excel Automotive Repair shop. The entire community is invited to come together to wrap the donated gifts and to celebrate the magic of Christmas. With help from several local community sponsors, we always have plenty of food, drinks and entertainment for the entire family. This is a **FREE** event open to the public and is a great opportunity to show kids about the importance of giving back. In 2018, more than 600 people came together to wrap over 2400 gifts!



Big Hearts of Fox Valley Committees are in the process of creating a few other events that will happen in the upcoming years. We're excited to include an event to benefit high school aged kids as well. Our future goal is to partner with all community individuals and businesses in order to achieve our goal which is to make the lives of the children around us a little brighter.

We hope you will join us in our efforts,
♥ - The Mobley Family



Making a difference in our community by providing needed items to local children.



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Lunchroom Supervisors Needed!



District 303 is looking for candidates to serve as Lunchroom Supervisors for the 2019-2020 school year under Organic Life. The application form along with additional information about the required forms can be found online, <http://district.d303.org/employment>.

Contact Patricia Burton at 331-228-5242 or patricia.burton@d303.org to arrange for delivery of completed application. Please do not attempt to apply online, as application forms need to be printed.

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

Community Unit School District 303 is currently recruiting bus drivers for the 2019-2020 school year.

Starting pay for the part-time positions that are 4-5 hours per day is \$19.36 per hour. Drivers are responsible for a variety of routes including student pick-up in the mornings and drop off in the afternoons. Special routes for field trips, extra-curricular activities and the Fox Valley Career Center are also scheduled through District 303 transportation.

The District will train qualified candidates who want to obtain their Commercial Driver's License. The process takes about 6 weeks so those interested should apply in the next few weeks to give them time to be trained prior to the beginning of the school year.

Interested individuals may apply online at <http://district.d303.org/employment>, visit the Transportation Office at 901 S. Peck Rd., or call the Transportation Office at 331.228.5180.



Upcoming School Board Meetings

October 28
Special School Board Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:45 p.m.

October 29
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

November 4
Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

November 11
School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

November 18
Policy Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

2019-2020 Calendar Highlights

October 30
Parent University: Digital Citizenship Presentation
Thompson Middle School Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

November 13
School Improvement Half-Day (No students afternoon)



High School Graduation Reminder



The graduation ceremonies for St. Charles East and St. Charles North High School will be on *Thursday May 21, 2020.*

The St. Charles Education Foundation D303 Tribute Program

Now you can honor or thank a District 303 staff member by making a donation to The St. Charles Education Foundation in his or her name. Throughout the year, your personalized message will be sent to the staff member in a card. Your tax-deductible contribution will help fund grants that benefit District 303 students and classrooms.

Make a donation by visiting www.stced.org and clicking "Ways to Help."

For more information, email tribute@stced.org.

