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Wredling's mxINCubator Market Experience

"This is a new product; it's never been invented and it's only \$10," said 7th-grade Wredling student, Josh, as he pitched his product idea, "The Come-Back Ball," to a parent who visited the Wredling mxINCubator Marketplace on December 16.

Students and family members walked around the LRC and learned more about the different products students created as part of the class. Some were even able to test the models. Several students made their models using the 3D printer, like the "Namez Cup" with detachable name-tags. Others used materials such as cardboard to create a Mini Snack Cabinet.

Students created products intended to solve a problem or help people accomplish a variety of tasks, ranging from improved video game controllers and "umbrella matches" that help prevent people's fingers from burning when lighting a match, to eye-saving book stands, and a deluxe

calorie-counting smartwatch.

Prior to this culminating experience, community mentors visited classrooms where students pitched their product ideas on December 4. Mentors provided feedback and helped students improve their prototypes and businesses. Mentors asked questions related to the students' marketing strategies, target customers, and desired profit, and encouraged them to think more like entrepreneurs.

"I can see how excited students are about their product ideas and many are great startup business ideas that they can even start right now," remarked returning community mentor, Eric Jens, from Frehner-Jens (a consulting company).



◆◆◆◆ We Want Your Feedback! ◆◆◆◆

District 303 participates in the annual Illinois 5Essentials Survey that collects feedback from our students, teachers, and parents. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will enable you to share your thoughts on important elements of school effectiveness. All responses are confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Parent Survey is currently open and will remain so through February 14, 2020. To take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey. Make sure you enter **Kane County** in the box for county even if your home or your child's school is in DuPage County. This will allow you to correctly select your child's school.

Kindergarteners Build Simple Machines

Kindergarten students at Davis Primary used Lego STEM Kits to build simple machines as part of their Push and Pull PLTW Unit. Students used the legos as their tools to build a car, a spinner, a pinwheel, and a teeter-totter following step by step directions to learn about those forces in action.



As they worked in teams, they communicated with each other making sure everyone collaborated equally, with some students tasked with finding the correct pieces and others tasked with assembling them. Once their models were ready, students put them to the test. While some initially didn't work, they made modifications and placed the pieces correctly to make them work the right way.

Testing Speed and Energy at Wild Rose

Using PLTW VEX IQ kits, 4th graders at Wild Rose built vehicles to test for speed and energy. Work being done in the Collisions Unit helped students better understand the relationship between speed, kinetic energy, and potential energy.

Before the trials began, students created a ramp by taping poster board to the wall that included marks showing different starting points from where to release the car. Once the ramps were secured, students released the cars, collected data about the distance traveled and logged it in their PLTW Launch Logs.



PLTW teaches students how to overcome obstacles so when the car's wheels did not roll correctly or it traveled a different path, or the ramp wasn't secure enough, they made adjustments. Making the necessary modifications ensured that students had more accurate results.

At the end of the trials, the groups discussed their observations and compared their initial predictions with the average distances they recorded. They also reflected on the reasons why the car traveled different distances and how kinetic and potential energy affected those results.

It's not too late to register for Little Saints Preschool!

The Little Saints program is scheduled from Tuesday, January 28, 2020 until Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at St. Charles East High School. It will continue to be a FOUR DAY PROGRAM and the cost will remain at \$125.

This preschool experience runs in conjunction with the Early Childhood Practicum classes where the high school students perform the roles of the "teachers." The students plan, create, and lead various age appropriate learning experiences that foster growth in the different developmental areas.

[Click here for more information and to register for the Little Saints Preschool.](#)

Please contact Erin Linde, at erin.linde@d303.org for any questions or concerns.

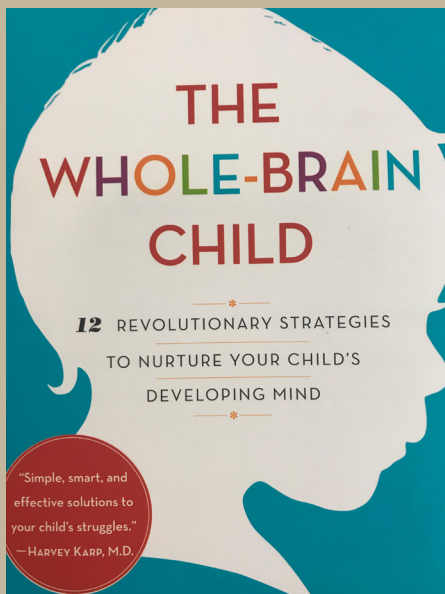


Wasco Students Spread Kindness in the Community

In an effort to spread kindness and help others in the community, the Wasco Wellness Team, made up of 3rd-5th grade students, hosted a canned food and supply drive during the first week of December. Collection boxes were decorated to match the food groups from "My Plate" and donations were sorted into the different categories to tie into nutrition education in PE.

On December 17 after school, members of the Wellness Team and their families loaded all the food and household items

into cars and delivered their donations to the Elburn Food Pantry. At the food pantry, students organized and shelved the items with help from one of the volunteers, Ms. Rita. She shared information about the hours of operation and how they serve families from the area. Additionally, the food pantry also delivers to individuals who live in a nearby senior housing residence. Through this experience, students learned about ways to help the community and how their donations have a greater impact than they thought.



The Whole Brain Child Book Study

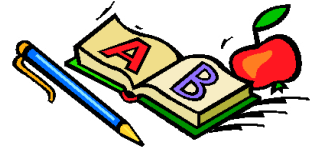
District 303 Parent University presents our second annual book study. In *The Whole Brain Child*, Daniel J. Siegel (neuropsychiatrist and author of the bestselling book *Mindsight*) and parenting expert, Tina Payne Bryson, demystify the meltdowns and aggravation, explaining the new science of how a child's brain is wired and how it matures. The "upstairs brain," which makes decisions and balances emotions, is under construction until the mid-twenties. Conversations will be based upon the book as well as supplemental workbook activities.

If you registered for the book study, please remember to pick up your book at the Administration Center, 201 S. 7th Street, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.



Kindergarten Enrollment

February 5, 2020



If your child will be 5-years old on or before September 1, 2020
it's time to register for kindergarten.

DO NOT WAIT until summer to enroll your new kindergarten student. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will be at all Community Unit School District 303 elementary schools on **February 5**. 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

9:00 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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Community Unit School District 303 offers both Half Day and All Day Kindergarten programs. All Day Kindergarten is a fee-based program for the additional 1/2 day of instruction. Information regarding All Day Kindergarten fees can be found on the District website at district.d303.org in the Schools menu titled "Kindergarten Information".

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)

*New student residency and enrollment information, *including links to required notices and kindergarten enrollment forms*, can be found on the District 303 web site (district.d303.org/registration).

+Required to comply with the Missing Children Records Act [325 ILCS 50/5]

Complete information about physical examinations, dental examinations and immunizations will be available at the February enrollment event. Students are expected to have all requirements completed by the first day of school. Student assignments will be available in August.

Enroll on February 5.

Your cooperation will enable the school to better serve your child.



inscripción de kinder

5 de febrero, 2020



Si su hijo/a cumplirá 5 años en o antes del 1^{ro} de septiembre del 2020 es hora de inscribirlo para asistir a la escuela.

NO ESPERE al verano para inscribir a su nuevo estudiante de kinder. La inscripción de kinder para el año escolar 2020-2021 será en todas las escuelas primarias el **5 febrero**. Inscribáse en la escuela primaria a la que asisten los niños de su vecindario.

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El Distrito Escolar Comunitario 303 ofrece programas de Kinder de Medio Día o del Día Entero. El Kinder del Día Entero es un programa basado en el pago de las tarifas por el 1/2 día adicional. Información referente a la cuota de tarifas para el programa de Kinder del Día Entero estará disponible en febrero.

La siguiente información es **requerida** a la hora de inscripción para el Kinder:

- Pruebas confiables de identidad y edad (certificado de nacimiento+, pasaporte, visa, etc.).
- Verificación de la identidad de los padres
- Dos documentos como comprobantes de domicilio (p. ej., licencia de conducir, contrato firmado de arrendamiento o alquiler, factura por servicios públicos, etc.)*
- Número de Identificación de Parcela/Lote (PIN por sus siglas en inglés: Parcel Identification Number)*

*Nueva residencia de estudiante e información, **incluyendo enlaces a los avisos necesarios y formas de inscripción de kinder**, pueden encontrarse en el sitio web de Distrito 303 (district.d303.org/registration).

+Requerido para cumplir con la Ley de Registros de Niños Desaparecidos [325 ILCS 50/5]

Información detallada sobre exámenes físicos, exámenes dentales y vacunas estará disponible el día de inscripción en febrero. Se espera que los estudiantes tengan todo los requisitos cumplidos para el primer día de clases. Se harán asignaciones tentativas de los estudiantes en junio. Las asignaciones finales estarán disponibles en agosto.

Inscripción el 5 de febrero.

su coóperacion permítira a la escuela ayudar mejor a su hijo/a.

Upcoming School Board Meetings

January 6
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

January 13
School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

January 21
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

January 23
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

2019-2020 Calendar Highlights

December 20
Last Day of School in 2019

Winter Break
December 23 - January 3



January 7
School Resumes



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.

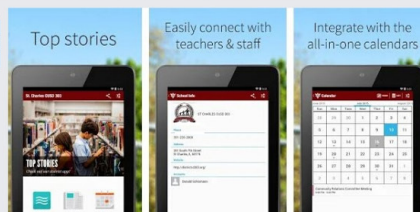
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