

District 303 E-NEWS

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April 12, 2024

April Fools' Day at Wasco

Wasco teachers who take part in MAPLE Fest (Music, Art, Physical Education, LRC, and Empower) surprised students by teaching a new content area for a class period as a fun April Fools' Day joke. Teachers reported to their newly assigned class and tried to convince students that they were going to teach that new content area for the remainder of the school year.

The Switcheroo:

LRC staff → art classroom

Art staff → PE class

PE teacher → Empower class

Empower teacher → PE class

PE teacher → music classroom

Music teacher → LRC



During the lessons, teachers incorporated their regular content into their new class. LRC/Media Specialist, Kerri Furlong, read the picture book "The Art Lesson," by Tomie dePaola, and then completed an art project. PE teacher, Julie Misner, taught a music lesson with lots of physical activity, making students move as they learned, sang, and played instruments. By the end of the lessons, the teachers confessed to students that it was only for a day. This experience, however, provided students and staff with a new perspective on the different content areas, and lasting memories.



Thompson Organizes Food Drive

The Thompson Middle School Team 6-1 collected over 150 boxes of cereal for its Spring Breakfast Cereal Drive benefiting Lazarus House and the Northern Illinois Food Bank. Thank you to everyone who donated and shout out to Diane Bemer's class for collecting an outstanding 60 boxes of cereal.



Anderson and Lincoln students made some funny comments to describe the partial solar eclipse they witnessed on April 8: "It looks like a banana; it looks like a big toenail; it's getting dark!"

Eclipse activities varied across the District, from outdoor viewing to classroom projects and observing the NASA livestream.

At Corron, kindergarteners and 1st graders transformed their eclipse glasses into an Eclipse Mask with a special astronaut lens for safe eclipse viewing. Students designed and colored their masks, adding a personal touch to the experience, and Art Teacher, Rebecca Hubss, secured the eclipse glasses to the mask with tape and elastic. Students in Haley Haneberg's 5th Grade STRIVE class used Oreo cookies as an interactive way to understand the change in moon phases. The class first watched informational videos and reviewed the names of the different phases and the order or process in which the moon changes. Then, students were given a worksheet with blank spaces to label the phases in the correct order and then had to use the Oreos and frosting to create a visual of the corresponding phase, making for a sweet and a bit messy learning activity.

Science classes at St. Charles North High School observed the celestial event with their eclipse glasses and used a telescope to enhance their learning experience. They took notes of what they observed and experienced, such as a temperature difference, how the light dimmed to a green/gray color, and commented on how the wind came to a halt.

In the art studio at Wild Rose, students got to take home their own eclipse drawing, which they created using black paper and chalk pastels.



Wredling Veterans' Food Drive

The Wredling Middle School Student Council, in partnership with Random Acts Matter, organized a Veterans' Food Drive during Random Acts of Kindness Week in February. This was an opportunity for the school community to come together to make a positive impact and express gratitude to those who have served our country.



Students encouraged the entire school community to participate, with the Wredling Builders Club and Student Support Services groups helping with the promotion, collection, and boxing of the food. Then, a team of veterans picked up, unloaded, sorted, and distributed the food to the local, homebound veterans in the Tri-City/South Elgin area, and the Hines VA Clinics in North Aurora and Hoffman Estates.



Notice to Destroy Special Education Records

Community Unit School District 303, in St. Charles, Illinois, set to destroy temporary special education paper records for former students. Temporary records of students who graduated or transferred out of district, and/or had inactive special education records, will be destroyed after June 1, 2024. Included in the destruction are documents from the school years of 2000-2010, and with the birth year of 1997. Also, included in the destruction are temporary records that have been digitized from the school years of 2018-19, 19-20, 20-21, 21-22, and 22-23. Also included are health records for students that graduated in 2020, 2021, and 2022 these records are maintained electronically. If a parent or student has reason to believe that these records may be of continued usefulness, they are encouraged to contact C.U.S.D. #303, Department of Student Services, 331-228-6732, to obtain a copy of these records, in accordance with the Illinois School Student Records Act, and relevant rules and regulations.

Special Education records may include reports of psychological or social work evaluations, reports of multi-disciplinary planning conferences, reports of annual reviews, copies of individual educational programs, or other verified information of clear relevance to the education of the student. Copies of the Rules and Regulations to Govern District 303 Student Records are available for inspection at each school site and at the District Central Office.



2024-2025 School Year

RETURNING STUDENT REGISTRATION

OPENS APRIL 22



Families of current District 303 Kindergarten–11th grade students can view registration instructions, important due dates and fee waiver details online.

CLICK HERE
for more
information

Other Important Dates

JUNE 1

Elementary and Middle School Online Registration due

JULY 1

High School Online Registration due

JULY 8

2024–2025 Fees posted in PushCoin

JULY 8

Fee Waiver Applications available online

JULY 31

Early Bird discount if fees paid by July 31

AUGUST 14

First Day of School

Fechas Importantes

1º DE JUNIO

Plazo de inscripción en línea para los estudiantes de primaria y secundaria termina

1º DE JULIO

Plazo de inscripción en línea para los estudiantes de preparatoria termina

8 DE JULIO

Las cuotas para el año escolar 2024–2025 se publican en las cuentas de PushCoin

8 DE JULIO

Las Solicitudes de Exención de Cuotas están disponible

31 DE JULIO

Descuento por pago anticipado si las cuotas se pagan antes del 31 de julio

14 DE AGOSTO

Primer día de clases



Año Escolar 2024-2025

LAS INSCRIPCIONES PARA ESTUDIANTES QUE REGRESAN

ABREN EL 22 DE ABRIL



Las familias de estudiantes actualmente en Kindergarten a 11º grado en el Distrito 303 pueden ver las instrucciones de inscripción, fechas de vencimiento importantes y detalles de exención de cuotas en línea.

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para más información

Check out the **Community Backpack**

Learn about local events, community organizations, and activities throughout the school year.

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The St. Charles Education Foundation held its annual fundraiser on April 5 at St. Charles Bowl. Several District 303 representatives joined the Foundation Board and members of the community for Luau on the Lanes. Attendees and visitors to the Foundation’s website could contribute to auction items that were donated, which included gift baskets from school PTOs, among other items. Proceeds from the event go toward teacher grants and student scholarships. For the 2022–2023 school year, the Foundation provided funding for 20 projects across District 303 schools totaling \$14,000. The Foundation also last year awarded four graduating seniors each with \$1,000 scholarships. Learn more at www.stcedfoundation.org.



Thompson Writing Contest Winners

Thompson was well-represented at a recent community contest, with a dozen students being recognized for their creative writing skills. The competition, which was hosted by the local branch of the nonprofit American Association of University Women (AAUW), encouraged middle schoolers to craft an original piece in one of three categories (poetry, fiction, or nonfiction). This year there were over 300 entries.

Students spent several weeks on their compositions, going through a peer review process and having one-on-one meetings with their instructors prior to submitting them for review. Congratulations to all the students who earned top places and to all who participated:

- Bella Casey, 1st Place Poetry
- Melanie Guzman, 1st Place Non-Fiction
- Olivia Vancura, 1st Place Poetry
- Zoe Lotesto, 2nd Place Poetry
- Tallulah Bell, 3rd Place Non-Fiction
- Aria Bhate, 3rd Place Non-Fiction
- Julia Grawender, 3rd Place Poetry

- Fiction Honorable Mention: Peter Morton
- Poetry Honorable Mentions: Guliana Munoz, Matthew Russ, and Erin Skidmore
- Non-Fiction Honorable Mention: Jane Tegmeyer



Left to Right: Olivia Vancura, Trisha Abbinante, Language Arts Teacher, Melanie Guzman, and Aria Bhate

NEW EPISODE!



VOICES OF DISTRICT 303

THE POWER OF PLCS

Chief Academic Officer Dr. Christine Igoe, ELA Coordinator Dr. Amanda Wojcik, and ISC Meghan Madigan discuss how a renewed emphasis on Professional Learning Communities has led to better English/Language Arts outcomes for students in District 303.



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE
LINCOLN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL'S

95TH

ANNIVERSARY & END OF
THE YEAR CELEBRATION

Friday, May 10, 2024

**5-6 pm | Open house for all, including
alumni, former staff, and community
members**

**6-8 pm | Event for Lincoln families and
community**

*211 South 6th Avenue
St. Charles, IL 60174*



Transition to Kindergarten

Especially for Spanish Speaking Families

Spanish interpretation will be provided.



Davis LRC
April 17, 2024
5:30 - 6:30 PM

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Enrollment
- One-Way Dual Language Program
- English Language Learning

Register
here

Transición al Kindergarten

Especialmente para familias hispanohablantes

Se proporcionará interpretación en español.



En el LRC de Davis
17 de abril de 2024
5:30 - 6:30 PM

TEMAS INCLUIDOS:

- Inscripción
- Programa Unilateral de Lenguaje Dual
- Aprendizaje del Idioma Inglés

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FINAL PITCH NIGHT

MAY 10, 2024

St. Charles East High School
Norris Cultural Arts Center
1040 Dunham Rd, St. Charles, IL
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Hear the pitches of potential businesses from five high school teams as they compete to earn seed money for their enterprise!

[View Upcoming School Board Meetings](#)

Note: District 303 Board and Board Committee meetings will be held at Thompson Middle School in the LRC (705 West Main Street, St. Charles, IL). A permanent meeting venue will become available later this year.

April 15
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

April 29
Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

May 13
School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

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

April 23
Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

[2023-2024 School Calendar Highlights](#)

April 17
High School Early Release Day

April 19
School Improvement Day (No Students)

April 24
All Grade Level (PreK-12) Early Release Day

May 1
High School Early Release Day

May 8
High School Early Release Day

May 15
High School Early Release Day