

District 303 E-NEWS



St Charles District 303



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Thankful Students Give Back

Team Time at Wredling provides students with opportunities to build relationships, make connections, and work together on classroom or community projects. Before the Thanksgiving break, Wredling 8th graders spent their Team Time working in groups to make fun crafts and goodie bags for Lazarus House, a St. Charles organization that provides shelter, food and support services to those in need. During its Thanksgiving dinner, over 60 residents received gift bags with personalized bracelets, M&M turkey bags, decorated tealights to look like snowmen, personalized drawings and wonderful cards to make the residents' day a little more special.



Toy Drive for Big Hearts of Fox Valley

The Wild Rose Student Council members organized a successful toy drive benefiting Big Hearts of Fox Valley back in November. The amazing Wild Rose community came together and donated many wonderful toys for those in need and helped bring a smile to childrens' faces.



St. Charles Gymnastics Takes 1st Place



The St. Charles North-East Girls Gymnastics Co-op competed on December 1st at the Deerfield Pink Invitational which was held in support of breast cancer awareness. The team took 1st place with a score of 138.65, defeating several neighboring district teams.

Draft Boundary Maps Now Available

Survey Open Through Dec. 10, 2023

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[VIEW CONCEPT 1 MAPS](#)

[VIEW CONCEPT 2 MAPS](#)

[TAKE THE
BOUNDARY
SURVEY](#)

District 303 families, staff and community members are invited to share their feedback on draft boundary maps that were unveiled during public meetings on November 28 and 29 by demographer RSP & Associates. The survey is open through December 10. These maps were developed by RSP based on guiding principles that were previously approved by the Board.

Based on feedback submitted through the survey, RSP may make changes to the draft maps before the Board votes on a final concept. Please note, official feedback to be considered will only be gathered through the survey.

The Board is expected to vote on a final concept at its meeting on February 12, 2024. The maps, survey and presentation from RSP can be viewed on the District's [boundary updates webpage](#).

Ya Están Disponibles los Borradores de los Mapas de Límites

La encuesta está abierta hasta el 10 de diciembre

[VER LOS MAPAS DEL
CONCEPTO #1](#)

[VER LOS MAPAS DEL
CONCEPTO #2](#)

[COMPLETAR
LA ENCUESTA](#)

Se invita a las familias y miembros de la comunidad del distrito 303 a que compartan sus opiniones con respecto a los borradores de los mapas de límites que fueron presentados durante las reuniones públicas el 28 y 29 de noviembre por el demógrafo RSP & Associates. La encuesta está abierta hasta el 10 de diciembre. Estos mapas fueron desarrollados por RSP basados en los principios orientadores que fueron previamente aprobados por la Junta Educativa.

En función de los comentarios recibidos a través de la encuesta, RSP podrá introducir cambios en el borrador de los mapas antes de que la Junta Educativa vote por el concepto definitivo. Tenga en cuenta que la información oficial que se tendrá en cuenta sólo se recogerá a través de la encuesta. Para tomar la encuesta en español, ingrese a la encuesta y seleccione el botón "Español."

Se espera que la Junta Educativa vote por un concepto final durante su reunión el 12 de febrero del 2024. Puede ver los mapas, la encuesta, y la presentación por RSP a través de la [página web del distrito de actualizaciones de los límites](#).

Student Athletes Earn High Finishes at Special Olympics

Congratulations are in order for the outstanding D303 United students athletes who recently competed in Regional Basketball Skills and State Bowling events.

On December 2, the Special Olympics Illinois State Bowling Tournament took place in Peoria, Illinois with the following results:

Clive Newman from St. Charles East earned 1st Place in the Singles M4 Division, while Brogan Backer from Anderson placed 3rd in the R6 Ramp Division.

The Special Olympics Illinois Regional Basketball Skills Competition was held the following day on December 3 in Grayslake, Illinois with the following results:

Lincoln student Myra Cacini and Thompson student Joshua Harman each took 1st place and qualified to compete at the Special Olympics Illinois State Tournament in March 2024 in Bloomington.

Thompson student Cameron Pullen earned 2nd place, Thompson student Alex Colomeet earned 3rd place, Corron student Anthony Wollack placed 5th, Thompson student Kailey Patterson placed 6th, and Norton Creek student Blayne Johnston earned a Participation Ribbon.



Clive Newman



Brogan Backer



Myra Cacini



Joshua Harman



Cameron Pullen



Alex Colomeet



Anthony Wollack



Kailey Patterson



Blayne Johnston



Elementary and Middle Schools Earn High Marks by US News

Ten District 303 elementary schools and both middle schools earned strong rankings in the 2024 Best Elementary and Middle Schools from U.S. News and World Report. The District 303 schools placed among the top 40% in the state.

[Click here to view](#) the 10 schools that earned a Best Elementary Schools badge, and [the two middle schools](#) that earned a Best Middle Schools badge. Learn more [here](#) about the U.S. News Best Elementary Schools and Best Middle Schools. [Read our other story here](#) about East and North also earning high rankings from U.S. News and World Report.

Parent Education Series

Two Parent Education sessions remain for the month of December. RSVP below to view a film on the challenges facing teenagers, and how to detect vaping, drug and alcohol use. These sessions have been changed to virtual meetings to help accommodate participant schedules. You will be emailed a link to the digital meeting after registering.

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES PRESENTS

Let's Talk About It: Screenagers Next Chapter Film Screening & Dialogue

Presented by Delaney Ruston,
MD & Screenagers Filmmaker

December 13 at 6:00 pm

Changed to Virtual

Visit **district.d303.org/parent-education** to register.



SCREENAGERS **NEXT**
CHAPTER
UNCOVERING SKILLS FOR STRESS RESILIENCE

LA SERIE DE EDUCACIÓN PARA PADRES PRESENTA

Hablemos de ello: Proyección de la película Screenagers Next Chapter y Diálogo

Presentado por Delaney Ruston,
MD & Directora de Screenagers

13 de diciembre a las 6:00 pm

Cambiado a formato Virtual

Visite **district.d303.org/parent-education** para registrarse.



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Sesión en Inglés

PARENT EDUCATION SERIES PRESENTS

How Do I Know? A Parent's Guide to Detecting Vaping, Alcohol and Drug Use

Presented by Detective Rich Wistocki

Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2023

6:30–8:30 pm

Changed to Virtual

Visit district.d303.org/parent-education to register.



LA SERIE DE EDUCACIÓN PARA PADRES PRESENTA

¿Cómo lo sé? Guía para padres sobre la detección del vapeo, el consumo de alcohol y drogas

Presentado por el Detective Rich Wistocki

Martes, 19 de diciembre del 2023, de 6:30–8:30 pm

***Cambiado a formato Virtual**

Visite district.d303.org/parent-education para registrarse.



Sesión en Inglés

Check out the
Community Backpack

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

CLICK HERE



When safety concerns emerge due to hazardous amounts of snow, ice, and extreme cold, the District 303 Superintendent may choose to implement a full-day school closure, delayed start or early dismissal.

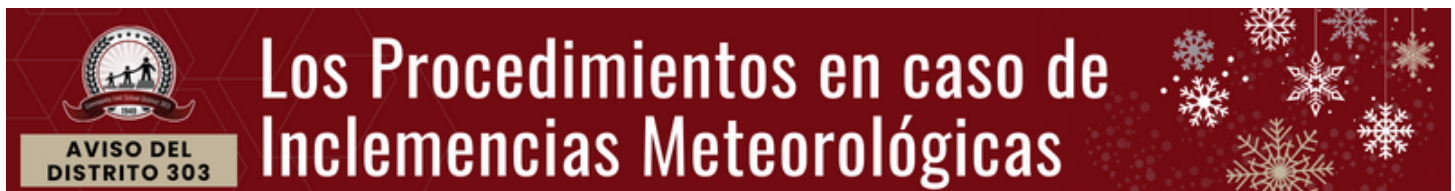
When Will a Decision Be Made?

In most cases, decisions are made on the morning of the inclement weather event. To the extent possible based on forecasted or actual weather conditions, an announcement will be made **at 5 a.m. or before** to either 1) Close all schools or select schools, and cancel activities, or 2) Delay the start of onsite operations. Please note, if District 303 does not send a notification about school closings or modified operations, we are operating as normal.

How Will I be Notified?

District 303 will send notifications to families through the Finals site (formerly ParentLink) system by text message, phone call and email based. Parents/guardians can access the [Home Access Center](#) to view and edit their contact settings. To receive timely emergency communications, we strongly encourage families to enable text notifications. For most people, this is the fastest way to receive and view important messages.

Learn more on our [inclement weather webpage](#).



Cuando surgen preocupaciones de seguridad debido a cantidades peligrosas de nieve, hielo y frío extremo, el Superintendente del Distrito 303 puede elegir implementar un cierre de las escuelas de día completo, un comienzo retrasado o una salida temprana.

¿Cuándo tomará una decisión el Distrito 303?

En la mayoría de los casos, se toman las decisiones en la mañana del evento con inclemencias del tiempo. En la medida de lo que sea posible según las condiciones meteorológicas previstas o actuales, **el Distrito 303 hará un anuncio a las 5 de la mañana o antes** para 1) Cerrar todas las escuelas o algunas escuelas y cancelar actividades; o 2) Retrasar el inicio de las operaciones en el sitio. Tenga en cuenta que, si el Distrito 303 no envía una notificación sobre el cierre de las escuelas o la modificación de las operaciones, estamos operando con normalidad.

¿Cómo se me notificará?

El Distrito 303 enviará notificaciones a las familias a través del sistema Finals site (anteriormente ParentLink) por medio de mensajes de texto, llamadas telefónicas y correo electrónico. Los padres/guardianes pueden acceder al [Centro de Acceso para el Hogar \(HAC\)](#) para ver y editar sus configuraciones. Para recibir las comunicaciones de emergencia a su debido tiempo, recomendamos encarecidamente a las familias que activen las notificaciones de texto. Para la mayoría de las personas, esta es la forma más rápida de recibir y ver mensajes importantes.

Puede obtener más información en nuestra [página web sobre las inclemencias del tiempo](#).

Upcoming School Board Meetings

December 11

School Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting will begin at 5:00pm with the Board going into closed session. The open session portion of the meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

December 18

Policy Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

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

December 21

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

January 8, 2024

School Board Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

January 16, 2024

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

2023-2024 School Calendar Highlights

December 13

-High School Early Release Day

-[Parent Education](#) - Let's Talk About It: Screenagers

Next Chapter Film Screening & Dialogu

December 19

[Parent Education](#) - How Do I Know? A Parent's Guide to Detecting Vaping, Alcohol and Drug Use

December 20

High School Early Release Day

December 22

Last Day of School in 2023

Winter Break: Dec. 25 - Jan. 5; School Resumes Jan. 9

Early Release Dates & Times for the 2023-2024 School Year



All Grade Levels (Pre-K-12)

Early Release Days

~~August 30~~

~~September 27~~

~~October 25~~

~~November 29~~

January 24

February 21

March 20

April 24

High School Early

Release Days

Every Wednesday

AM Early Childhood: 9:00 - 11:05 a.m.

PM Early Childhood: 12:05 p.m. - 2:10 p.m.

AM Kindergarten: 8:00 - 10:30 a.m.

PM Kindergarten: 11:40 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Transition: 7:45 a.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Elementary School: 8:00 a.m. - 2:10 p.m.

Middle School: 8:40 a.m. - 2:52 p.m.

High School: 7:20 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.