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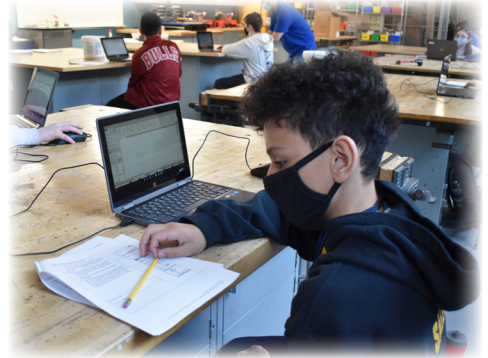
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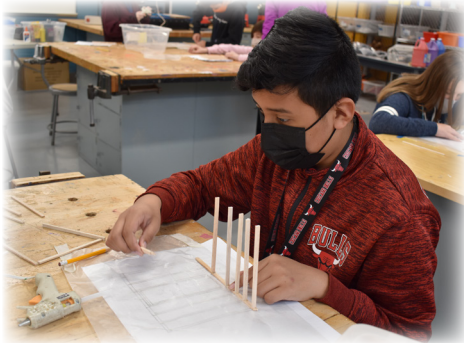
6th Graders Prepare for High School-Level Courses

Thompson Middle School students enrolled in Project Lead the Way courses engage in hands-on learning experiences that prepare them for high school PLTW courses.

In the Green Architecture class, 6th graders were tasked with designing and building scaled models of a shed using a CAD program to draw and design their scale models. This new technology challenged students to problem-solve and adapt to programs used in the PLTW Civil Engineering course at the high school level. Students drew the interior walls and followed requirements to make sure one of the four walls had a door and another a window.



For the next phase of the project, students worked in teams to build and frame the walls of a scaled model of a shed. Each team member had to design and build one 8x10 wall using balsa wood. Students applied math skills to ensure their scaling calculations were correct, noting how one square of the graph paper they used equaled four inches.



"If their walls were too big or too small, students communicated with each other and provided feedback to fix those things," said Mr. Harmon. "It's great to see students finding solutions to their problems and working together to figure things out as they work," he added.

When students encountered challenges, they checked their designs for correct measurements, or modified walls they had built to ensure they were perfectly aligned. Once they finished assembling all four walls of their shed, they worked together to figure out the dimensions of the roof.

Through this activity, students learned how to work together and communicate with each other as they developed problem-solving skills to find solutions to their problems that gave them the confidence to partake in new and unique projects.



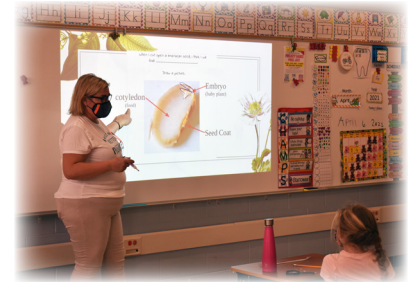
Bell Graham 1st graders in Mrs. Paul's class put on their scientist hats and dissected lima beans as part of their Plant Adaptations Science unit to learn more about how a plant's parts help it survive.

Students used their pencils to pry open the lima beans, which had been soaked in water overnight to soften their outer layer. After carefully removing the seed coat, students poked a few holes to split open the lima bean.



They observed the different parts and shapes, and wrote about what they observed in their journals.

After learning the proper names of the parts, they discussed the functions of each part of the seed. Students were amazed to learn how that small seed and all its parts eventually develop into the roots, stems, and leaves of a plant.



Once they made predictions about how the plant will grow, each student took home a lima bean for a new project. This activity also prepared 1st graders for their new science unit: Animal Adaptations.

Social-Emotional Resources for Families

In partnership with Riverview Counseling, District 303 has posted video resources that support the social emotional needs of families. The videos are found on the [district website](#) and cover topics such as supporting students with remote learning, strategies for structure and consistency, suicide prevention and awareness, and parent self-care.

VOICES OF DISTRICT 303

Hits the Airwaves



Nowadays, it seems like you can find podcasts hosted by authors, celebrities, business experts, and musicians. The conversations can take you back in time, tell you a story, or help you learn something new.

Dr. Pearson has launched *Voices of District 303*, a periodic podcast that tells the stories of the people and programs of District 303. We invite you to join Dr. Pearson for 30 minutes as he talks with staff members and students about what is happening in District 303. You can find the link to [Voices of D303 here](#) or on the district website under "News."

Do you have an idea for an episode? Send a message to Carol Smith at carol.smith@d303.org.



ELEMENTARY INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFER WINDOW

Elementary 3 Intra-District Transfer Information

Intra-District Transfer Requests must be submitted online between:

8:00 A.M. 4/6/21 - 4:00 P.M. 4/19/21

A link to the request form is posted on the district website:

[Intra District Transfer Page](#)

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If approved, please note that:

- Siblings are not guaranteed placement due to fluctuating class sizes at schools and each grade level
- Transportation is the responsibility of the parents
- The transfer is for one school year and will require re-application the following school year

*Link Available
8 AM 4/06/2021
through
4 PM 4/19/2021*

Please [click here](#) to view the Elementary Intra-District Transfer page and [School Board Policy 7:30 Student Assignment and Intra-District Transfer/Choice.](#)

Student Learning in Motion

Does the mass of a car affect its kinetic energy? That is what 8th grade Thompson students in Mrs. Voth's science class had to determine through a series of trials as part of their Force and Motion Science Unit.

Students used the scientific method to design an experiment using a variety of materials to find an answer to their hypothesis. All students were provided with:

- 2 track pieces
- 1 ramp
- 1 cart
- 1 block
- 3 steel cylinders
- 1 meter stick
- 1 marker
- masking tape



One group of students timed and measured the distance the small cart traveled with three different weights. Another group added a small wooden block in front of the cart to measure how far the cart pushed it, adding more weight to the cart after several trials. After logging their data, students used their Chromebooks to record and take pictures of each trial, which they used to support their hypothesis about the effects mass has on kinetic energy.

Students created slideshows and presented their lab report to their classmates using the scientific method. This activity allowed students to engage in thoughtful discussions as a class about their results and what they learned through the trials.



The Kane County Health Department has informed the district that there will be more than 20,000 appointments available for people to receive the COVID-19 vaccine during the week of April 19-23. The

vaccine is now available to those who are 16 years of age and over. For additional information, or to schedule an appointment, visit www.kanevax.org or call 855-4-KaneVax.

El Departamento de Salud del Condado Kane ha informado al distrito escolar que se tendrán más de 20,000 citas disponibles para las personas que estén interesadas en recibir la vacuna de COVID-19 durante la semana del 19 al 23 de abril. Las vacunas están disponibles para las personas mayores de 16 años en adelante. Para obtener mayor información, o para agendar una cita, visite el sitio web www.kanevax.org, o llame al siguiente teléfono, 855-4-KaneVax.

Submit to the Community Backpack

District 303 distributes information electronically from non-profit organizations, intergovernmental agencies and business partners for which it grants approval. Information can be posted on this Community Backpack webpage throughout the school year. Those wishing to submit information to be posted must do so electronically by emailing a completed [CB Flyer Request Form](#) and a PDF of the requested posting to the District 303

Administration Center, in care of [Janelle Magana](#) at least ten days in advance of the desired posting date. Additionally, when submitting the first posting request of the school year, a completed [Certificate of Not-For-Profit Status Form](#) must also be completed and submitted with a copy of the groups 501(c)3 certificate.



Prior to submitting, please [read details regarding our distribution guidelines](#). The decision to post is at the discretion of District 303 administrators, based on these guidelines.

Join the local community on Saturday, May 1, from 12-5 pm at Pollyanna in St. Charles for live music, a silent auction, and food along the beautiful Fox River.

The St. Charles Education Foundation event will raise funds to support the students and classrooms in District 303 schools with grants and scholarships. Music by Shout Section Big Band – a group of St Charles music alumni! Also, food truck vendor, Chef Jesse Avery of Nice Buns, will be offering his "Asian Fusion" filled, steamed bao buns. Silent auction items donated by District 303 PTOs and other local businesses will be on display for your bidding pleasure. You may also join virtually for live mobile bidding.



Get your tickets at www.stcedfoundation.org and link to live online bidding!

Returning Student Online Registration



Returning Student Registration for 2021-2022 will open at 9:00 a.m. on April 26. All acknowledgments and authorizations are contained in a single electronic, online registration form that will be easily accessible from most electronic devices (computer, Chromebook, and Smartphones). Please refer to the parent guide located on the web page for detailed instructions on how to complete the form.

Beginning April 26, parents can sign into the **Returning Student Online Registration** form located in the **Parents/Community menu** of the District website. Parents/guardians will use their Home Access Center (HAC) credentials to sign in and select individual students to complete each registration.

The electronic registration forms for elementary and middle school students should be completed by June 1. High School online registration forms should be completed no later than July 1.

Registration fees for all grades will be available in Pushcoin beginning July 1, and will be billed to reflect the early bird discount if paid by July 31. Pushcoin will email invoices for accounts with balances due on the 15th of each month until paid in full.

For families who may qualify for a fee waiver, and are not directly certified by the state, a 2021-2022 district fee waiver application will be available on the District 303 website in July, accessible from the Parent/Community menu.

Students entering sixth and ninth grades require proof of a physical exam prior to the first day of school. Please visit the District 303 [health services web page](#) for more information.



Información de Inscripción en Línea



La **Inscripción para Estudiantes que Regresan para el 2021-2022** abrirá el 26 de abril a las 9:00 a.m. Todos los acuses de recibo y autorizaciones ahora se encuentran en un único formulario de inscripción electrónico en línea que puede ser fácilmente accesible desde la mayoría de los dispositivos electrónicos (computadora, Chromebook, y teléfonos inteligentes). Por favor, consulte la guía para padres que se encuentra en la página web para obtener instrucciones detalladas sobre cómo completar el formulario.

Comenzando el 26 de abril, los padres pueden ingresar al **Formulario Electrónico de Inscripción para Estudiantes que Regresan** bajo el menú de **Padres/Comunidad** en el sitio web del Distrito. Los padres/guardianes deberán usar sus credenciales del Centro de Acceso para el Hogar (HAC) y seleccionar a cada estudiante de manera individual para completar su inscripción.

Los formularios de inscripción en línea de los estudiantes de primaria y secundaria deberán completarse antes del 1° de junio. Los formularios de inscripción en línea de los estudiantes de preparatoria deberán completarse a más tardar el 1 de julio.

Las cuotas de inscripción para todos los grados estarán disponibles en PushCoin comenzando el 1° de julio y se hará la cuenta a deber que refleje el descuento de inscripción temprana si se paga para el 31 de julio. El sistema de PushCoin enviará por correo electrónico las facturas de las cuentas con saldos vencidos el día 15 de cada mes hasta que se paguen en su totalidad.

Para las familias que pueden calificar para una exención de tasas, y no están directamente certificadas por el estado, estará disponible una aplicación para la exención de tasas del Distrito para el 2021-2022 en el sitio web del Distrito 303 en Julio. Igualmente, esta aplicación se podrá acceder mediante el menú de Padres/Comunidad.

Para los estudiantes que entran al 6° y 9° grado se requiere un comprobante de examen físico antes del primer día de clases. Por favor, [visite la página web de servicios de salud](#) del Distrito 303 para más información.



District 303 Meal Distribution Schedule

Breakfast and lunch meals are FREE for all children between the ages of 1 and 18, and can be picked up at any of the locations and times indicated below. No pre-ordering is needed. Pick up your FREE meals on the dates below:

Pick-Up Dates:

Number of meals provided per child:

Monday, April 5	3 meals
Thursday, April 8	4 meals
Monday, April 12	3 meals
Thursday, April 15	4 meals
Monday, April 19	3 meals
Thursday, April 22	4 meals
Monday, April 26	3 meals
Thursday, April 29	4 meals
Monday, May 3	3 meals
Thursday, May 6	4 meals
Monday, May 10	3 meals
Thursday, May 13	4 meals
Monday, May 17	3 meals

School Locations:

Time:

Elementary Schools	2:00-3:00 PM
Middle Schools	8:45-9:15 AM and 3:45-4:30 PM
High Schools	7:30-8:00 AM and 2:45-4:30PM

Neighborhood Locations:

Time:

Cumberland Green Apartments	11:00AM-11:30AM
St. Charles Place Apartments (Intersection of N. 15th St. & Brook St.)	11:45 AM-12:15PM

Meal Schedule Updated 3/22/2021



Distribución de Comidas del Distrito 303

Los desayunos y almuerzos son GRATIS para todos los niños entre las edades de 1 a 18 y puede recogerlos en cualquiera de los lugares y horarios que se indican en la lista. No se necesita pre-ordenar. Venga a recoger sus comidas GRATIS en las siguientes fechas:

<u>Fechas para recoger:</u>	<u>Número de comidas proporcionadas por niño(a):</u>
Lunes, 5 de abril	3 comidas
Jueves, 8 de abril	4 comidas
Lunes, 12 de abril	3 comidas
Jueves, 15 de abril	4 comidas
Lunes, 19 de abril	3 comidas
Jueves, 22 de abril	4 comidas
Lunes, 26 de abril	3 comidas
Jueves, 29 de abril	4 comidas
Lunes, 3 de mayo	3 comidas
Jueves, 6 de mayo	4 comidas
Lunes, 10 de mayo	3 comidas
Jueves, 13 de mayo	4 comidas
Lunes, 17 de mayo	3 comidas

<u>Escuelas en donde puede recoger:</u>	<u>Horario:</u>
Escuelas Primarias	2:00–3:00 PM
Escuelas Secundarias	8:45–9:15 AM y 3:45–4:30 PM
Escuelas Preparatorias	7:30–8:00 AM y 2:45–4:30PM

<u>Lugares en la comunidad donde puede recoger:</u>	<u>Horario:</u>
Apartamentos Cumberland Green	11:00AM–11:30AM
Apartamento St. Charles Place (Intersección de N. 15th St. & Brook St.)	11:45 AM–12:15PM



Actualizado 3/22/2021

Compass Academy Registration Now Open!

Compass Academy will open in the fall of 2021 at the Haines Center, but applications are now being taken for enrollment in this new District 303 program. The program, which is open to all incoming 9-12 grade students, offers flexible scheduling, project-based learning, and competency-based education.

Students interested in registering may complete the application found on the [Compass Academy webpage](#). The webpage also includes the Academy Information Guide, brochure, and Frequently Asked Questions document.

Students who attend Compass Academy will have the opportunity to take some classes and participate in extracurricular activities at their home high school. For more information, please contact Academy Director Sharon Stanley at Sharon.stanley@d303.org or (331) 228-3387.

¡Ya están abiertas las Inscripciones para Compass Academy!

Compass Academy abrirá en el otoño del 2021 en el Centro Haines, pero ya están abiertas las inscripciones para este nuevo programa del Distrito 303. El programa, que está abierta para todos los estudiantes entrantes del 9° al 12° grado, ofrece horarios flexibles, aprendizaje basado en los proyectos, y educación basada en la competencia.

Los estudiantes que estén interesados en inscribirse pueden completar la aplicación que se encuentra en el [sitio web de Compass Academy](#). La página web también incluye la guía de información, folletos informativos, y un documento de preguntas frecuentes.

Los estudiantes que asistan a la Compass Academy tendrán la oportunidad de tomar algunas clases y participar en actividades extracurriculares en su escuela preparatoria de origen. Para mas información, por favor contacte a la Directora de la Academia, Sharon Stanley, en Sharon.stanley@d303.org o (331) 228-3387.



HAVE YOU BEEN AFFECTED BY COVID-19?

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**DO YOU NEED ASSISTANCE PAYING YOUR
RENT, MORTGAGE, OR UTILITIES?**

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- **ONE APPLICATION PER HOUSEHOLD IS ALLOWED.**
- **HOUSEHOLDS IMPACTED BY COVID-19: LOSS OF INCOME, LOSS OF EMPLOYMENT, OR CHILDCARE.**
- **MUST BE AN ILLINOIS RESIDENT.**
- **HOUSEHOLDS INELIGIBLE FOR FEDERAL STIMULUS CHECKS AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED HOUSING FUNDS FROM PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE CARES ACT.**
- **LOW-INCOME, LIMITED ENGLISH PROFICIENT (LEP) INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE NOT RECEIVED HOUSING FUNDS FROM OTHER PROGRAMS FUNDED BY THE CARES ACT.**

**THE FAMILY FOCUS ILLINOIS WELCOMING CENTER (IWC)
CAN HELP YOU
RECEIVE FUNDS TO PAY RENT, MORTGAGE, OR UTILITIES!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION & TO
SEE IF
YOU ARE ELIGIBLE,
CONTACT
SAMANTHA ZUNIGA
331-256-5065**



¿TE HA AFECTADO EL CORONAVIRUS? ¹¹

**¿NECESITA AYUDA PARA PAGAR EL ALQUILER,
HIPOTECA, O LOS SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS?**

¿QUIÉN ES ELIGIBLE?

- **SE PERMITE UNA SOLICITUD POR HOGAR.**
- **HOGARES AFECTADOS POR CORONAVIRUS: PÉRDIDA DE INGRESOS, PÉRDIDA**
- **DE EMPLEO, O CUIDADO DE NIÑOS.**
- **LOS HOGARES QUE NO SON ELEGIBLES PARA LOS**
- **CONTROLES FEDERALES DE**
- **ESTÍMULO Y LOS BENEFICIOS DE DESEMPLEO QUE NO**
- **HAN RECIBIDO FONDOS**
- **DE VIVIENDA DE PROGRAMAS FINANCIADOS POR LA**
- **LEY CARES.**
- **PERSONAS CON DOMINIO LIMITADO DEL INGLÉS**
- **QUE NO HAYAN RECIBIDO**
- **FONDOS DE VIVIENDA DE OTROS PROGRAMAS**
- **FINANCIADOS POR LA LEY**
- **CARES.**

**¡EL CENTRO DE BIENVENIDA DE ILLINOIS (IWC) EN
FAMILY FOCUS PUEDE AYUDAR
RECIBIR FONDOS PARA PAGAR EL ALQUILER, LA
HIPOTECA O LOS SERVICIOS PÚBLICOS!**

¿QUIÉN ES ELIGIBLE

**PARA MÁS INFORMACIÓN Y
PARA
SABER SI ES ELIGIBLE,
CONTACTE A
SAMANTHA ZUNIGA:
331-256-5065**



Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 19

Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Special School Board Meeting - 6:30 p.m.

April 26

Policy Committee Meeting - 5:00 p.m.
Business Services Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

May 10

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

May 17

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

2020-2021 Calendar Highlights

May 24

D303 High School Graduation Day

May 28

Last day for students if no
“emergency days” used

May 31

Memorial Day Holiday

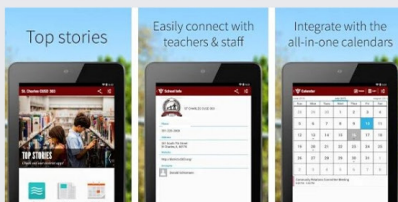


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The official St. Charles CUSD 303 app gives you a personalized window into what is happening at the district and schools. Get the news and information that you care about and get involved.

BUS DRIVERS AND ASSISTANTS NEEDED!



- District 303 is currently recruiting bus drivers and assistants
- Starting pay for the part-time positions that are 4-5 hours per day is \$19.68 for drivers and \$15.61 for assistants
- The District will train qualified candidates who want to obtain their Commercial Driver's License
- Interested individuals may apply online at district.d303.org/employment, visit the Transportation Office at 901 S. Peck Rd., or call 331.228.5180