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March 26, 2021



North Student Wins National Silver Medal at Scholastic Art Competition



More than 80,000 students submitted nearly 230,000 works of art and writing to the 2020 Scholastic Awards. The work *Contemplation* by St. Charles North Junior, Natalie Lamb, was selected by some of the foremost leaders in the visual and literary arts for excellence in originality, technical skill, and the emergence of a personal voice or vision, earning her a National Silver Medal. Only 2,000 works received a National Medal, which places Natalie within the top 1% of all submissions.

Last semester, art students in Mrs. Dodd's class worked on a variety of projects that showed different skills, one of them being the Reflection and Shadows unit, which was Natalie's favorite.

"I had a crazy set up with this photoshoot," said Natalie. "I asked my brother to stand in my bathtub with a mirror in front of him while I poured water all over his face. In the end, I was able to capture some pretty cool pictures like *Contemplation*," she added.

With support from Mrs. Dodd who shared the information about the Scholastic Art Competition, Natalie submitted her final project to the competition.

"I was a little bit hesitant about submitting my photo because I didn't believe that I would get far into the competition. But to my surprise, it ended up winning a National Silver Medal!" she exclaimed.

Natalie's work will be published in the Scholastic Art Online Galleries at artandwriting.org in June. Her work will also be listed in the Yearbook 2021, a companion publication to The Best Teen Art and The Best Teen Writing anthologies which feature a selection of work by National Medalists.

Since 1923, the Awards have celebrated teen artists and writers from across the country. Natalie is now part of that legacy, joining the ranks of notable alumni, including Tschabalala Self, Stephen King, Kay WalkingStick, Charles White, Joyce Carol Oates, and Andy Warhol—all of whom won Scholastic Awards when they were teens.

Writing the Stories of our Lives

For District 303 students, meeting new authors always brings great joy. Lulu Delacre's virtual presentation on March 23 and 24 was nothing short of amazing, especially because it was all in Spanish for Davis and Richmond K-5 students.

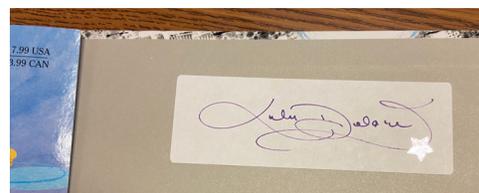
Students could not contain their excitement when she began her presentation in Spanish, holding up their books to the camera for her to see. As she shared stories about her childhood in Puerto Rico, she expressed how much she loved to draw since she was a little girl. This passion led her to study art in France, where she discovered picture books and her true calling for writing and illustrating. She also commented on how lucky students are since they can easily access books in English and Spanish, which helps them improve their reading, writing, and language skills.



During the presentation, students were curious to learn about her inspiration for the books and characters, what made her write books in Spanish, and if she had any tips for aspiring writers. She shared that her heritage

and traditions inspire her books, which she hopes will help students from all backgrounds learn about Latin cultures and feel connected with the stories, whether they read them in English or Spanish.

As her presentation came to an end, she encouraged all students to view their life experiences as a story of their own which they can share through their art and writing. Each student received a copy of one of the author's books and a hand signed bookplate for their home library.



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.

 Listen here!



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 will be posted on district.d303.org by 8:00 a.m. on April 6.

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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](#).

District-Wide March Book Madness 2021

During the month of March, District 303 remote and in-person elementary students participated in the first-ever district-wide book bracket: "March Book Madness 2021," in partnership with the Youth Services Department from the St. Charles Public Library.

Every day, students read and listened to books that were recorded by the elementary LRC directors and the Youth Services Librarians at the St. Charles Public Library. On a weekly basis, they used Google Forms to vote for their favorite of two books while eliminating books in a "bracket" style competition.



"This is the first time it's happening across all elementary buildings and we're excited to have all students participate," expressed Munhall LRC/Media Specialist, Mrs. Kaye. This fun tournament motivated students to find new and exciting books to read and to engage in thoughtful discussions with their peers about the characters, their stories, and the lessons highlighted in those books.

Some schools also hosted a spirit week to kick off the event in conjunction with Read Across America week, encouraging students to dress as their favorite characters or to wear crazy hats and fun clothing.

To everyone's excitement, the winner of the championship tournament was announced on March 25. With 1,451 votes, the book "All the Way to the Top" by Annette Bay Pimentel was named the winner of the March Book Madness 2021 competition.

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.



District 303 Technical Support Resources for Families and Staff

Please [use this link](#) to access our Technical Support Resources page where you will find technology information, troubleshooting, and assistance to get you started.

Read Across America (to Georgia!)

Traditionally, Mrs. Dixon's class participates in NEA's Read Across America, a national celebration of reading. And this year, her remote 5th grade students had the opportunity to participate in this celebration by partnering with a 5th grade class from Parsons Elementary School in Suwanee, Georgia.



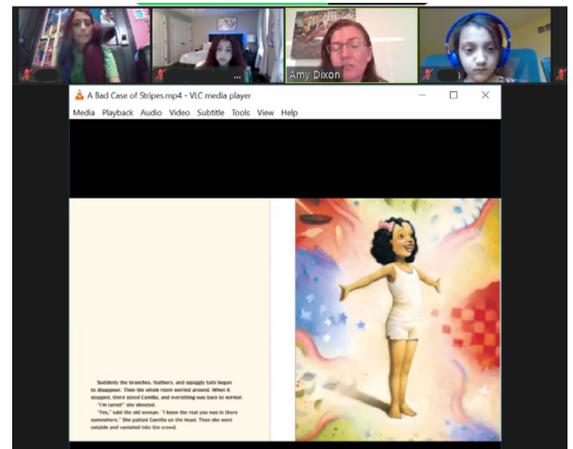
Before their connection, 5th graders participated in the kick off event on March 1 as presenters. Throughout the week, students prepared for their virtual connection with Mrs. Rogers' 5th grade class in Georgia on March 17.

Mrs. Britt, Parsons Elementary Media Specialist, first shared interesting facts and information about their school district and the many activities students can do like visit museums and aquariums. Then, Mrs. Dixon's students excitedly shared interesting facts about their school, their virtual classes, and all the fun things they like to do in St. Charles and Illinois. Students took turns

reading out loud the book "A Bad Case of Stripes" by David Shannon and then discussed the book for the first part of the virtual connection.

Mrs. Rogers' students took turns sharing what they've been learning in class. One student shared his creative writing story and another student shared his opinion writing piece on the benefits of having recess. Mrs. Dixon's students took notes of all the tips that were shared as they will also be working on writing their own opinion pieces.

Both classes took turns asking and answering questions, and expressed how much they enjoyed connecting and learning from students from different schools.



Meal Distribution Schedule Spring Break

- Monday, March 29 -

Pick up locations:

Time:

7 days
worth of
meals

Anderson Elementary	8:00-9:00 AM
Munhall Elementary	8:00-9:00 AM
Wasco Elementary	8:00-9:00 AM
Thompson Middle School	7:30-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM
St. Charles East	7:30-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM
St. Charles North	7:30-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

Cumberland Green	11:00-11:30 AM
St. Charles Place	11:45 AM-12:15 PM

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 above. No pre-ordering is needed.

Horario de Distribución de Comidas Vacaciones de Primavera

- Lunes, 29 de Marzo -

Lugares para recoger:

Horario:

Comida
para 7
días

Primaria Anderson	8:00-9:00 AM
Primaria Munhall	8:00-9:00 AM
Primaria Wasco	8:00-9:00 AM
Secundaria Thompson	7:30-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM
Preparatoria East	7:30-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM
Preparatoria North	7:30-8:30 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM

Cumberland Green	11:00-11:30 AM
St. Charles Place	11:45 AM-12:15 PM

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.

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:

<u>Pick-Up Dates:</u>	<u>Number of meals provided per child:</u>
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

<u>School Locations:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
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

<u>Neighborhood Locations:</u>	<u>Time:</u>
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

Seal of Biliteracy

February 25, 2021



Do you communicate in another language other than English? Are you enrolled in a world language course at STCE/SCN? If you answered yes to either of these questions, you may want to consider taking the Seal of Biliteracy exam.

Students who meet the state-approved proficiency level in speaking, listening, reading and writing, may receive the Seal of Biliteracy or Commendation distinction on their diploma and transcript. In addition, many colleges and universities accept the State Seal of Biliteracy as equivalent to two years of foreign language coursework taken in high school and may provide college credit.

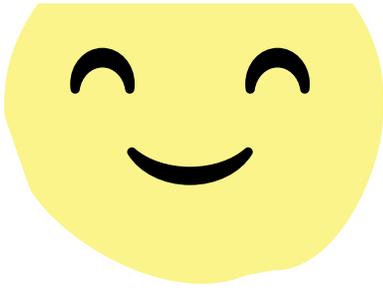
Please visit the [St. Charles East Website/North Website](#) to find out more information about the test, the associated fee, and registration for the exam. The test will be administered on Saturday, April 10. The deadline for signing up is **Wednesday, April 7th**.

¿Te comunicas en otro idioma en casa? ¿Estás inscrito en un curso de idioma del mundo en STCE/SCN? ¿Te gustaría poner tu dominio de ese idioma a la prueba? Si tu respuesta es sí a alguna de estas preguntas, considera tomar el examen de alfabetización bilingüe.

Estudiantes que demuestren comprensión de discurso, comprensión auditiva, lectura y escritura, a un nivel aprobado por el estado podrán recibir el Sello de Alfabetización Bilingüe o un reconocimiento distinguido en su diploma y en su expediente académico. Además, varias universidades y colegios aceptan el Sello de Alfabetización como un equivalente de dos años de un curso de lenguaje extranjero tomado en la preparatoria y pueden proveer crédito universitario.

Visita la página de [STCEast/STCNorth](#), para saber más información, cargos asociados, o para registrarte al examen. El examen será administrado el 10 de Abril. El último día para registrarse es el **miércoles 7 de abril**.





EVENT HOSTED BY TEAM POLARIS
FROM ST. CHARLES NORTH HS

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN...

PROJECT DANCE PURE JOY!

APRIL 9TH 2021, 7:00PM

YOUTUBE PREMIERE

SCAN THE QR CODE OR CHECK OUT [BIT.LY/PDPUREJOY](https://bit.ly/PDPUREJOY)
FOR LINK TO WATCH & GET INVOLVED

Project Dance is an event to promote awareness for individuals with special needs.

Although our event will be looking a bit different this year, we have stopped at nothing to bring "PURE JOY" to our community. Join us for the MORALE DANCE, guest performances, dance challenges, and feel pure joy as you watch with us!



MORE INFO!



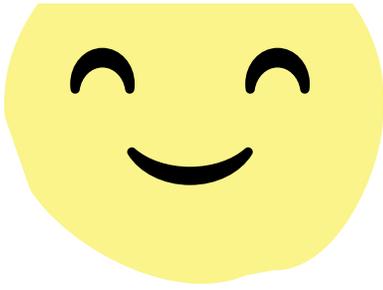
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**LEARN THE
MORALE DANCE**



EVENTO ORGANIZADO POR TEAM POLARIS
DE LA ESCUELA ST. CHARLES NORTH

NO PODEMOS ESPERAR POR VERLOS NUEVAMENTE...

PROJECT DANCE ¡PURA ALEGRÍA!

9 DE ABRIL DEL 2021 A LAS 7:00PM

ESTRENO EN YOUTUBE

ESCANEA EL CÓDIGO QR O VISITA EL ENLACE [BIT.LY/PDPUREJOY](https://bit.ly/PDPUREJOY)
PARA VER EL VIDEO Y PARTICIPAR

Project Dance es un evento para promover la concienciación sobre las personas con necesidades especiales. Aunque nuestro evento será un poco diferente este año, no nos hemos detenido ante nada para traer "PURA ALEGRÍA" a nuestra comunidad. ¡Acompáñanos en el BAILE DE LA MORAL, en las actuaciones de los invitados, en los retos de baile y siente pura alegría mientras lo ves con nosotros!



¡MÁS INFORMACIÓN!



@SCNTEAMPOLARIS



[PÁGINA: PROJECT DANCE PURE JOY](#)



**APRENDE EL BAILE DE
LA MORAL**

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? ¹²

**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? ¹³

**¿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 12

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

April 19

Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:30 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

Spring Break

March 29 - April 2

Classes Resume on April 5, 2021

May 24

D303 High School Graduation Day

May 28

Last day for students if no "emergency days" used



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