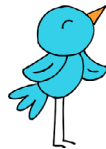


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March 22, 2019

Learning during Anderson After-School Clubs

Learning does not stop for Anderson Elementary students after school is dismissed. On Thursdays, students from Kindergarten through 5th grade participate in after-school clubs and activities organized by ELL teacher, Annie Marinacci. While some activities are focused on fun, others provide students with some additional help with projects and assignments. All learning opportunities enhance collaboration between students.

The STREAM lab at Anderson is a place where students work on coding projects and robotics challenges. “Makey Makey” circuits enable students to experiment with different conductive and nonconductive materials that make music.

Kindergarten teacher and yoga expert, Mrs. Peterson, teaches students how to connect with their bodies and minds during yoga sessions. Each week students focus on a different area such as breathing and relaxation techniques, peace and quiet, improving flexibility and building strength. In addition, they learn about different types of yoga practices in other countries.

This is a great place for art club members to make slime using glue, baking soda, contact solution, and shaving cream and learn about different coloring techniques such as combining shaving cream and food coloring.

Other clubs feature indoor sports that teach students problem-solving techniques with card games and dice, while the theater and drama club help students interact with each other through a variety of self-expression.



Lincoln Elementary's 90th Anniversary Celebration



Community members, students, staff and parents celebrated Lincoln Elementary's 90th anniversary on March 21.

Special guests included alumni Mary Agnes Fisher, Joy Kacacek, Ray Kobald, and Viola Nelson. Mayor Rogina read a proclamation honoring the anniversary event that was also attended by Superintendent Dr. Jason Pearson, School Board President Kathy Hewell and School Board member Carolyn Waibel.

Lincoln Principal, Michelle Woodring highlighted activities in which students have been involved during

the school year, emphasizing student growth in the areas of reading, writing, and critical-thinking skills. As part of the ceremony, students delighted everyone by singing a verse from the old East Side School song.

St. Charles resident and Lincoln Elementary School Alumnus, Ray Kobald, spoke about his experiences being a student at Lincoln. He showed a picture from when he was in 5th grade and chuckled as he compared it to a current one. As a sculptor, he guided students through the process of building sculptures. He showed several pictures of some of his most well-known sculptures throughout St. Charles as students quickly recognized many of them, such as the Star Gazer and the Nice Pear.

As a culmination, President Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd Lincoln made a special appearance. Students attentively listened to the stories the president shared about his childhood, and were amazed by how different his childhood was compared to theirs. Mr. Lincoln said he was honored to have a school named after him. He reflected on the importance of education and encouraged students to continue to learn.



[Click here to view Lincoln Elementary School:
Celebrating a St. Charles Story](#)

Author Andy Griffiths Visits Norton Creek



Norton Creek students welcomed Australian children's author, [Andy Griffiths](#), during an assembly in the community room on March 12. Mr. Griffiths kept students from youngest to oldest enthralled with his stories about how he created his ever-growing Treehouse book series. When he opened the floor up to questions, students were most interested in whether or not he had a treehouse, if the characters in the book were real, and what his favorite room in the treehouse was.

Students laughed at his stories about his friend and colleague Terry, who illustrates the books and also appears as a character in the series, as well as other characters Mrs. Know It All and Mr. Big Nose. They laughed with his suggestions and were amazed by the infinite adventures that could be experienced in the ever-growing treehouse, such as toasting marshmallows in the room with the volcano, flying airplanes in the flying room, and spending time in the boxing elephant room.

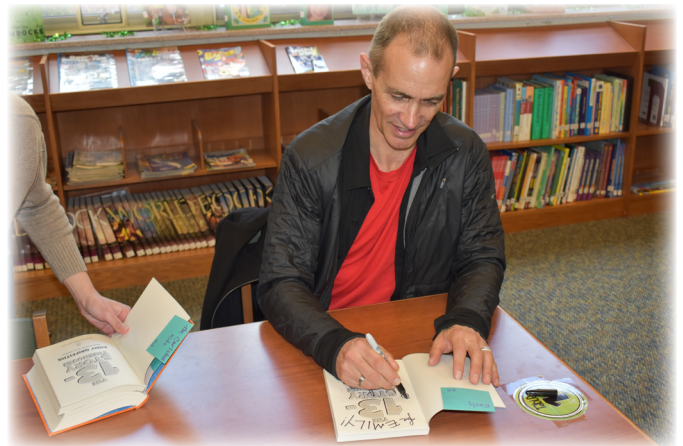
He showed students pictures of different trees and treehouses from around the world, and guided them through the process to build a treehouse, all the while encouraging them to be creative and original with their own ideas.

"It was amazing that we were able to secure such a remarkable author," said Mrs. Hubbard, LRC Media Specialist. "Aside from the piles of books Anderson's Books sent to us—which is an amazing addition to our

library—they were able to support us with this author visit." There are now newly autographed copies of his books in the Norton Creek Library.

Andy Griffiths concluded his visit by inviting students to his and Terry's treehouse. "It's open seven days a week, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and every night we have a marshmallow party and you are all invited!" he exclaimed, to which the students enthusiastically agreed to attend by reading.

Mrs. Michelle Poelsterl's 3rd-grade class presented their guest with their own unique drawings of treehouses complete with rooms, pools and roller coasters. "In case you run out of ideas for the rooms for the next treehouse book," joked Mrs. Hubbard.



Bell-Graham Poetry Slam

Bell-Graham Elementary School second grade students in Mrs. Robinson's class concluded their poetry unit with a Poetry Slam event on March 19 and March 21. Students dressed in black, which is customary for a poetry slam, confidently read the poems they had written about their hobbies, pets, favorite season, and even love.

For several weeks, students studied poetry, including rhyme, and rhythm while reading poems, as well as vocabulary used to write their own poems. Mrs. Robinson encouraged students to focus on writing about a topic about which they were passionate, or about something that interested them.

As they practiced and revised their poems, they made sure to include essential elements and adhere to the characteristics of poems, whether it was a conversation poem, a story poem (recounting a specific moment), or a riddle poem (revealing hints about the subject directly to the reader).

On the day of the event, students prepared an area of the classroom to serve as the stage and arranged the classroom so the audience could better appreciate their poems. Mrs. Robinson explained the appropriate etiquette when attending a poetry slam, such as snapping their fingers instead of clapping to show support and to listen with an open mind.

Each student had an opportunity to share their poem, and in the end, congratulated each other on their writing and creativity, and the unique style in which they presented their poem.



St. Charles North Teacher Appreciation Social



St. Charles North High School Educators Rising members honored teachers who have positively impacted their lives during the annual Teacher Appreciation Social on March 19. The Educators Rising club cultivates highly skilled educators by guiding young people on a path to becoming accomplished teachers, beginning in high school and extending through college and into the profession.

Students recounted stories about how teachers show an interest in their academic lives as well as the things

about which they are passionate outside of school. Sophomore Kaitlyn moved everyone to tears as she detailed how Mrs. Bruhn made her feel comfortable in class, showed an interest in her hobbies, and encouraged her to step out of her comfort zone.

“Many students struggle to pick just one teacher, but choosing one makes the event more special as the speech or message is more personal,” said Jenna Bruhn, Social studies Teacher and Educators Rising Advisor.

During her speech, one student focused on a unique memory about her biology teacher Mrs. Migliazzo, whose unwavering and friendly smile, even after a long school day, never faltered and became contagious.

U.S History teacher and Educators Rising Advisor Monica Boehle summed it up by telling the honorees, “You are fostering our future teachers and educators, and we appreciate all you do for them as this shows how you have made a difference in a student’s life.”

Lincoln 1st Grade Reading Awards Ceremony

Lincoln Elementary School families came to school to celebrate their first-grade students' reading achievements as part of a Reading Awards Ceremony.

In keeping with the celebratory occasion, students dressed up with boys sporting dress shirts and ties, and girls wearing fancy dresses and tiaras. Staff members wore elegant evening gowns and jewelry to complement their outfits. As students walked down the red carpet, and into the LRC, parents and staff members cheered.

Students were awarded certificates in categories such as: using pictures to make inferences, finding the definition of an unknown word using context clues, and also how they shared their readings with others and engaged in book discussions. The awards ceremony celebrated their achievements, the growth they demonstrated throughout the school year, and how they met their personal reading goals.

After receiving their award, families took pictures in front of a green screen, which made it look like students were on an actual red carpet. The background added by LRC Media Specialist, Mrs. Judy Dainko, made the event more special.

The evening culminated with students pulling out their favorite books from the shelves in the LRC and reading with their parents. "We always encourage students to take books home and other materials as that helps improve their reading skills," added Mrs. Gina DiPalermo, Lincoln's Reading Specialist.



SCN Students Earn Over \$1 Million in Art Scholarships

St. Charles North High School art students were selected to exhibit their work at the 6th annual Illinois High School Art Exhibition in February at Bridgeport's Zhou B and Bridgeport Art Center. The Bridgeport Art Center is home to the IHSAE's signature events: the awards ceremonies, early college scholarship announcements, college recruitment fair and senior scholarship announcements.

The Senior Scholarship Exhibition included 532 senior artworks, including works by St. Charles North students Alexander Misner, Allison Martinez, Amy Vasilopoulos, Ashriel Grace Del Rosario, Ben McCurley, Dylan Cabrera, Eamon Baloun, Gerri Solomon, Holly Reinertson, Julianna Engesser, Kara Holcomb, Niles Thiselton, Taylor Petersen, Thomas Jackson and Zuzanna Strapoc.

Four-thousand students, teachers, parents, college representatives, school district administrators, and guests attended the state's largest high school student art exhibition that is also widely considered the gold standard amongst high school student art exhibitions nationwide.

District 303 is pleased to announce that the St. Charles North students who attended qualified for \$1,941,112 in scholarship funds from colleges and universities across the country.



ELEMENTARY INTRA-DISTRICT TRANSFER WINDOW

Intra-District Transfer Requests must be submitted online between:

8:00 A.M. 4/2/19 - 4:00 P.M. 4/15/19

A link to the request form will be posted on district.d303.org by 8:00 a.m. on April 2.

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



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through

4 PM 4/15/19

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Hope Hustle

Online registration

2/12/19 - 4/3/19

Please visit bit.ly/hopehustle2019 for additional information.



HOPE HUSTLE 

APRIL 7, 2019

Students, staff, parents, and community members will come together to promote suicide prevention efforts and awareness, as well as positivity through teamwork.

- 5K Race, 5K Fun Run/Walk, and Youth Mile
- St. Charles East High School Campus and Norris Stadium Track
- Online registration is open until April 3

 For additional information, visit bit.ly/hopehustle2019





Logo Needed for Great D303 Read

The "Great D303 READ" is a community-wide literary event aimed at finding the top 100 favorite children's books of D303. Children and adults throughout the community may nominate their favorite children's books, and from those favorites, the top 100 will be identified. A winner will be crowned "D303's Number One Best-Loved Children's Book."

If you would like to design a logo that will be used on promotional materials, please use the following criteria and include:

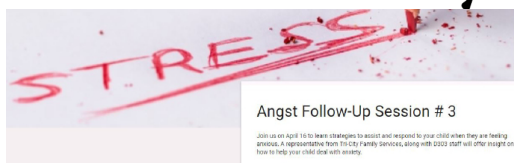
- Children's literature and the love of reading
- The year 2020
- The name The Great D303 READ
- If you plan to illustrate your logo using Illustrator or Photoshop, please send a PNG file, along with the underlying authoring files, to the LRC/Media Specialist at your school
- Hand drawn logos may also be submitted in person to your LRC/Media Specialist
- All submissions must be received by April 9, 2019.

2018-2019 Preschool Vacancy Notification

The 2019-20 Community Pre-school Program Lottery closed on February 4. To add your child's name to the notification of vacancies list, [click here](#). If you have any questions, please contact the Early Childhood Office at 331-228-4834. You can also visit the [Early Childhood page](#) of our website for more information regarding the D303 Community Preschool Program.



Parent University



FOLLOW-UP ANGST SESSION #3

Join us on April 16 to learn strategies to assist and respond to your child when they are feeling anxious. A representative from Tri-City Family Services, along with D303 staff will offer insight on how to help your child deal with anxiety.

4/16/19, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Wild Rose LRC

[Click here to register.](#)

Summer School & Camps

We offer a variety of summer school, athletic and music camp opportunities at our schools. Visit our [Summer School & Camps page](#) to view brochures that provide detailed information on the various offerings and grade levels served for each offering at each school. Registration can be completed by visiting [PushCoin](#).



Please note that additional summer brochures will be posted as the information becomes available.

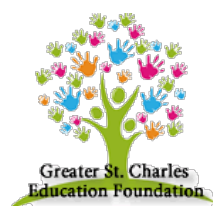
St. Charles Education Foundation's Annual Gala

Mark Your Calendars Now for our Annual Gala and Distinguished Alumni Awards on *Saturday, April 6th* at Hotel Baker. Hope to see you there!

Already know you can't make it? Please [DONATE WHAT YOU CAN](#) to plant the seeds for a beautiful future for D303 schools and students!

Donate to our cause, and find out more about who we are, and all we do, at: www.stced.org

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SPRING BREAK

3/25 - 3/29



**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU BACK
AT SCHOOL ON MONDAY, APRIL 1.**

Community Backpack



Upcoming School Board Meetings

April 1

Policy Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

April 4

Community Relations Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

April 8

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

April 15

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

April 25

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

May 13

School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - Norton Creek

April 20

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

2018-19

Calendar Highlights

March 22

End of 3rd Quarter (Middle, High School)

March 25-29

Spring Break - No School

April 16

Parent University: ANGST Follow-up Session #3

April 18

K-5 PM Parent/Teacher Conf. (K-5 AM class only)

April 19

School Improvement Day - No School

May 27

Memorial Day - No School

June 2

High School Graduation Day

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