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Bringing Learning to Life Through Simulations

As a way to connect classroom learning to real life, St. Charles East students in the Advanced Healthcare Concepts class visited the Advocate Sherman Hospital Simulation Lab in Elgin. During their visit, students practiced a variety of medical emergencies and procedures on two of their mannequins: Sherman and Victoria.



“We try to mimic real-life as much as possible. We can give you a reading and test you on how to deliver a baby, but it’s not the same as actually

getting your hands on the mannequins and practicing those skills to better understand it,” said Gwen Wilke, Clinical Educator and Simulation Lab Coordinator at Advocate, who welcomed students and Mrs. Cameron to the Simulation Lab.

In one of the Simulation rooms, Kris Knudson-Brown, Simulation Operation Specialist, introduced them to Sherman. Like a real human, Sherman talks, sweats, blinks, and even seizes, depending on the simulations prepared for the day. “I design the simulation for our medical personnel or residents to practice and then roll it out. Occasionally, I add a few elements of surprise to create different situations and then we evaluate their response and skills,” she added.

Students took Sherman’s pulse, listened to his heart and lungs using a stethoscope,

and practiced their CPR skills on him when his vital signs dropped. Through the simulation, Kris helped students improve their techniques by monitoring the pressure and depth of their CPR maneuver. During observations, students asked questions, discussed procedures and correctly answered Gwen’s tricky questions, which made Mrs. Cameron very proud.



For the second part of the tour, students met Victoria in the delivery room where East students Kallie and Kayla helped deliver a baby.

Through the process, students asked many questions about caring for pregnant patients before delivery, the delivery process, and what to do in case of a medical emergency. “With Victoria we can practice c-sections and vaginal births, delivering premature babies, and she also has a postpartum belly, which allows us to simulate different scenarios to be better prepared,” added Kris.

By the end of this experience, students left feeling more confident in their skills and had a better understanding of the career options that are available for them.



◆◆◆ We Want Your Feedback! ◆◆◆

District 303 participates in the annual Illinois 5Essentials Survey that collects feedback from our students, teachers, and parents. Your participation in the parent portion of the survey will enable you to share your thoughts on important elements of school effectiveness. All responses are confidential and will never be connected to you or your child.

The Parent Survey is currently open and will remain so through February 14, 2020. To take the survey, please visit <https://survey.5-essentials.org/Illinois/> and select the appropriate survey. Make sure you enter **Kane County** in the box for county even if your home or your child's school is in DuPage County. This will allow you to correctly select your child's school.

A Special Night for Special Kids!

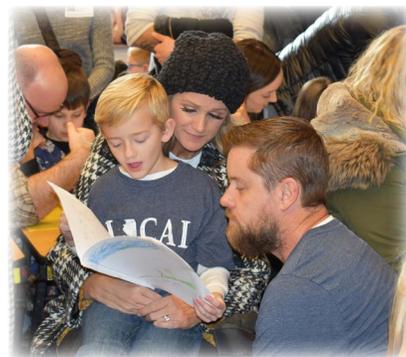
Dressed as Santa's elves, St. Charles East and North students brought the Christmas spirit to the Special Night for Special Kids event at Davis Primary on December 4. The volunteers lead a variety of holiday-themed games, told stories, and helped students and families in the crafts stations. Families enjoyed sweet treats and snacks, and worked together on decorating gingerbread houses.



Students were delighted to meet Olaf and Elsa, the Minions, and other fun characters who smiled and posed for photos. However, no one caught the students' imagination more than Santa himself who attended the event! He listened to what was on the minds of these dear students and smiled as he listened to their wishes. We greatly appreciate all the volunteers, administrators, staff, and students who made this a treasured night!

Wasco Writing Celebration

Wasco 2nd-grade students celebrated their writing accomplishments by welcoming their families to the "Starbooks Cafe" on November 22. Teachers transformed the community room into a cozy cafe where students proudly shared their personal narrative stories and their opinion writing pieces. Students' work included an autobiography section, a self-portrait, as well as a description of the writing pieces. Visiting families read the students' pieces and asked questions about their writing. Before they left, they were encouraged to write a compliment or praise on the "WOW!" wall which was then hung by the 2nd-grade hallway.

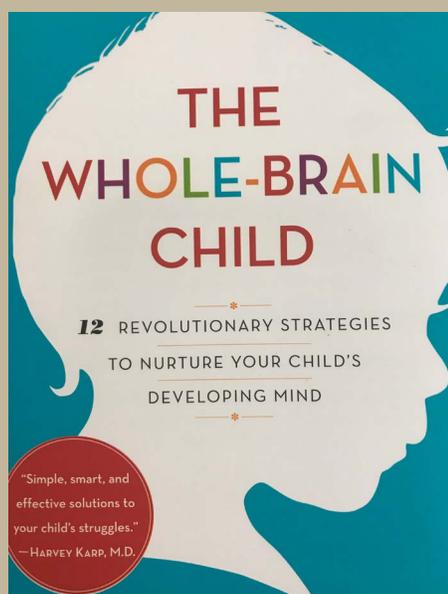


One-of-a-kind Global Murals

The 2019 Global Traveling Mural Project gives students from around the world the opportunity to create a 10-ft mural representing their community and share it with schools in other countries. The one-of-a-kind murals represent the world-wide communities by celebrating friendship, acceptance, and collaboration. More than 320 schools, classrooms, and libraries participated. Wredling 6th grade students participated in this activity for the first time when their 10 unique pieces were sent to other schools.

Each section included drawings of the students' favorite restaurants and shops in St. Charles, local parks they visit during the summer, and the iconic Chicago skyline along with snowflakes and Navy Pier. They also had an opportunity to include personal touches, such as drawings of characters of their favorite shows, local sports teams, and even a hand-drawn Wredling Redhawk logo. Nine sections of the Wredling mural were sent to schools in Alaska, California, Canada, New York, Virginia, and Wyoming.

Prior to starting the mural project, students video-chatted with students at other schools in an effort to learn more about their schools and communities.



The Whole Brain Child Book Study

District 303 Parent University presents our second annual book study. In *The Whole Brain Child*, Daniel J. Siegel (neuropsychiatrist and author of the bestselling book *Mindsight*) and parenting expert, Tina Payne Bryson, demystify the meltdowns and aggravation, explaining the new science of how a child's brain is wired and how it matures. The "upstairs brain," which makes decisions and balances emotions, is under construction until the mid-twenties. Conversations will be based upon the book as well as supplemental workbook activities.

If you registered for the book study, please remember to pick up your book at the Administration Center, 201 S. 7th Street, on Monday, December 9, between 10:00–11:00 a.m. and 5:30–6:30 p.m. in the District 303 Board Room.

It's time to register for Little Saints Preschool!



The Little Saints program is scheduled from Tuesday, January 28, 2020 until Tuesday, May 12, 2020. St. Charles East High School will continue a FOUR DAY PROGRAM and the cost will remain at \$125.

This preschool experience runs in conjunction with the Early Childhood Practicum classes where the high school students perform the roles of the "teachers." The students plan, create, and lead various age appropriate learning experiences that foster growth in the different developmental areas. [Click here for more information and to register for the Little Saints Preschool.](#) Please contact Erin Linde, at erin.linde@d303.org for any questions or concerns.

THE ST. CHARLES EDUCATION FOUNDATION D303 TRIBUTE PROGRAM

Now you can honor or thank a District 303 staff member by making a donation to The St. Charles Education Foundation in his or her name. Throughout the year, your personalized message will be sent to the staff member in a card. Your tax-deductible contribution will help fund grants that benefit District 303 students and classrooms.

Make a donation by visiting www.stced.org and clicking "Ways to Help."

For more information, email tribute@stced.org.



Kane County Regional Office of Education 2019 Student Photography Contest

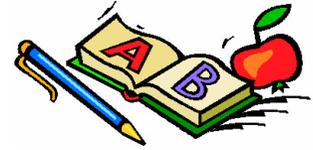
St. Charles North High School student, Layla Abu Asal, was recognized in week nine of the Regional Office of Education 2019 Photo Contest for her digital photograph, 'Light of the Lord.' [Click here to see the rest of the photos recognized in week nine of the contest.](#)

"Light of the Lord" by Layla Abu Asal; kanecountyconnects.com



Kindergarten Enrollment

February 5, 2020



If your child will be 5-years old on or before September 1, 2020
it's time to register for kindergarten.

DO NOT WAIT until summer to enroll your new kindergarten student. Kindergarten enrollment for the 2020-2021 school year will be at all Community Unit School District 303 elementary schools on **February 5**. Enroll at the elementary school where children in your area currently attend.

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Bell-Graham Elementary	(331) 228-2100	Munhall Elementary	(331) 228-2600
Corron Elementary	(331) 228-6900	Norton Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2700
Ferson Creek Elementary	(331) 228-2300	Wasco Elementary	(331) 228-2900
Lincoln Elementary	(331) 228-2500	Wild Rose Elementary	(331) 228-3000

9:00 a.m.-11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Anderson Elementary	(331) 228-3300	Davis Primary	(331) 228-2200
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Community Unit School District 303 offers both Half Day and All Day Kindergarten programs. All Day Kindergarten is a fee-based program for the additional 1/2 day of instruction. Information regarding All Day Kindergarten fees can be found on the District website at district.d303.org in the Schools menu titled "Kindergarten Information".

The following information is required when enrolling for kindergarten*:

- Reliable proof of child's identity and age (*birth certificate+, passport, visa, etc.*)
- Verification of Parent/Guardian Identity
- Two documents as proof of residency
- Parcel Identification Number (PIN)

**New student residency and enrollment information, including links to required notices and kindergarten enrollment forms, can be found on the District 303 web site (district.d303.org/registration).*

+Required to comply with the Missing Children Records Act [325 ILCS 50/5]

Complete information about physical examinations, dental examinations and immunizations will be available at the February enrollment event. Students are expected to have all requirements completed by the first day of school. Student assignments will be available in August.

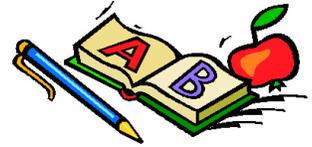
Enroll on February 5.

Your cooperation will enable the school to better serve your child.



inscripción de kinder

5 de febrero, 2020



Si su hijo/a cumplirá 5 años en o antes del 1^{ro} de septiembre del 2020 es hora de inscribirlo para asistir a la escuela.

NO ESPERE al verano para inscribir a su nuevo estudiante de kinder. La inscripción de kinder para el año escolar 2020-2021 será en todas las escuelas primarias el **5 febrero**. Inscríbase en la escuela primaria a la que asisten los niños de su vecindario.

9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Primaria Bell-Graham	(331) 228-2100	Primaria Munhall	(331) 228-2600
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El Distrito Escolar Comunitario 303 ofrece programas de Kinder de Medio Día o del Día Entero. El Kinder del Día Entero es un programa basado en el pago de las tarifas por el 1/2 día adicional. Información referente a la cuota de tarifas para el programa de Kinder del Día Entero estará disponible en febrero.

La siguiente información es **requerida** a la hora de inscripción para el Kinder:

- Pruebas confiables de identidad y edad (certificado de nacimiento+, pasaporte, visa, etc.).
- Verificación de la identidad de los padres
- Dos documentos como comprobantes de domicilio (p. ej., licencia de conducir, contrato firmado de arrendamiento o alquiler, factura por servicios públicos, etc.)*
- Número de Identificación de Parcela/Lote (PIN por sus siglas en inglés: Parcel Identification Number)*

*Nueva residencia de estudiante e información, **incluyendo enlaces a los avisos necesarios y formas de inscripción de kinder**, pueden encontrarse en el sitio web de Distrito 303 (district.d303.org/registration).

+Requerido para cumplir con la Ley de Registros de Niños Desaparecidos [325 ILCS 50/5]

Información detallada sobre exámenes físicos, exámenes dentales y vacunas estará disponible el día de inscripción en febrero. Se espera que los estudiantes tengan todo los requisitos cumplidos para el primer día de clases. Se harán asignaciones tentativas de los estudiantes en junio. Las asignaciones finales estarán disponibles en agosto.

Inscripción el 5 de febrero.

su cooperación permítira a la escuela ayudar mejor a su hijo/a.



Big Hearts of Fox Valley NFP is a registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization dedicated to brightening the lives of underprivileged children in our community. We're committed to identifying and coming together to meet social, emotional and basic needs of those around us.

It was almost Christmas time and as we looked under our tree to see the piles of wrapped presents for our children, we thought about the little ones that wouldn't be opening presents on Christmas morning. We decided to reach out to our children's school social worker to see if there were any families that may need some assistance providing Christmas gifts to their kids. We, like many others, didn't realize there was a large number of families in need within our own community.

That's where this all started. In 2014, we were able to help provide Christmas gifts to kids in need within our own school.

Since 2014, we have been coordinating a Christmas gift sponsorship program to help the underprivileged children in School District 303 receive gifts from wish lists that each child personally creates. We work with School District 303 social workers who gather wish list information from families they feel may need some assistance providing Christmas gifts for their children. These wish lists are comprised of a few toy ideas along with clothing and shoe sizes. Many of these kids are in need of basic things like winter coats, boots, gloves, socks, etc. In 2018, we were able to provide gifts to 443 children from birth up to 8th grade. This year, we are excited to be expanding our efforts. We estimate that we will be able to support more than 600 children.

Each year we host a gift wrapping event at our Excel Automotive Repair shop. The entire community is invited to come together to wrap the donated gifts and to celebrate the magic of Christmas. With help from several local community sponsors, we always have plenty of food, drinks and entertainment for the entire family. This is a FREE event open to the public and is a great opportunity to show kids about the importance of giving back. In 2018, more than 600 people came together to wrap over 2400 gifts!



Big Hearts of Fox Valley Committees are in the process of creating a few other events that will happen in the upcoming years. We're excited to include an event to benefit high school aged kids as well. Our future goal is to partner with all community individuals and businesses in order to achieve our goal which is to make the lives of the children around us a little brighter.

We hope you will join us in our efforts,
 ♥ - The Mobley Family



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Making a difference in our community by providing needed items to local children.



Upcoming School Board Meetings

December 9
School Board Meeting - 7:00 p.m.

December 12
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

December 16
Learning & Teaching Committee Meeting - 5:30 p.m.

January 6
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

2019-2020 Calendar Highlights

December 20
Last Day of School in 2019

Winter Break
December 23 - January 3

January 7
School Resumes



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