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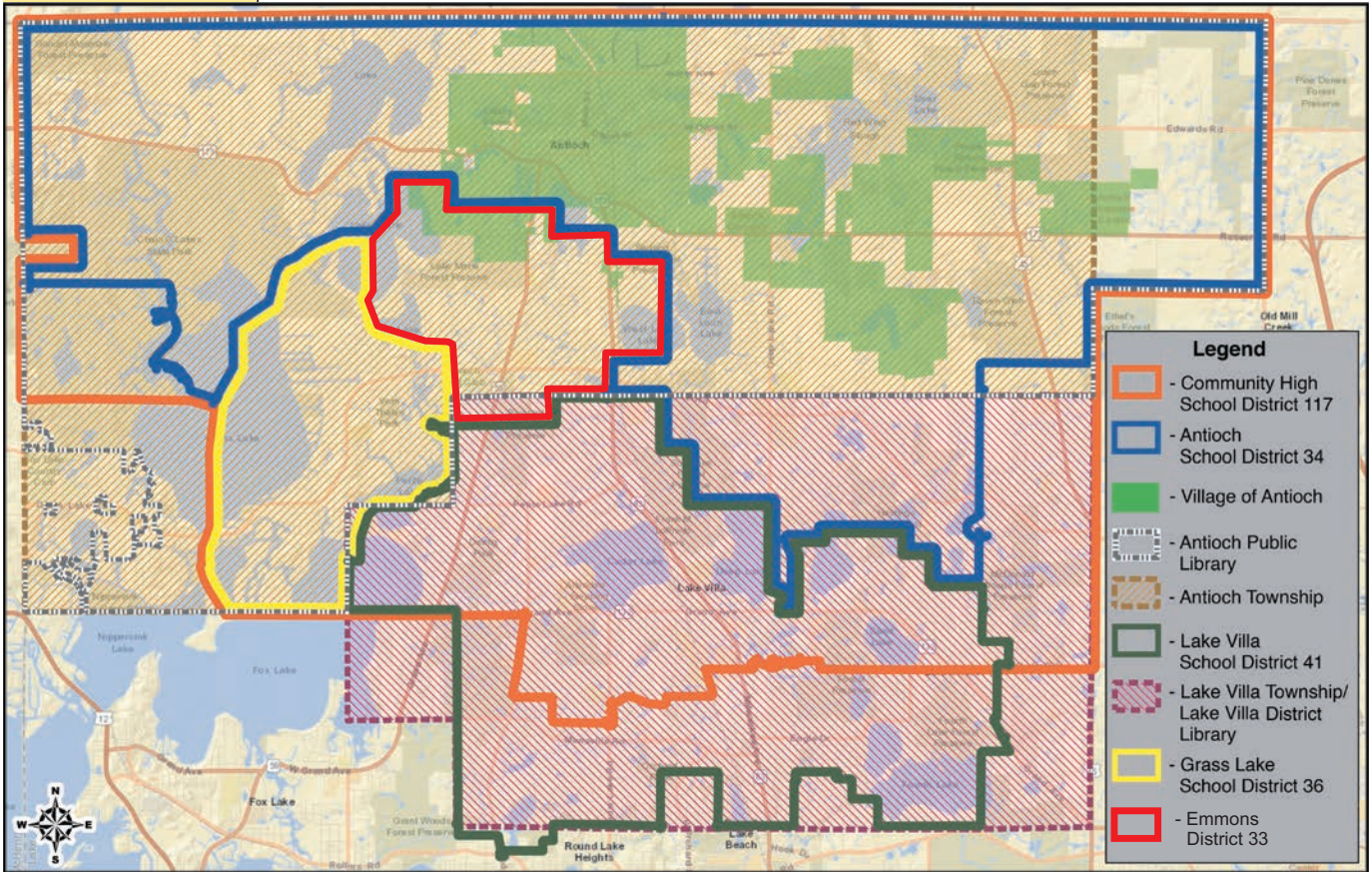
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Kringle's Christmas Village

Thanksgiving-New Year's Day.
Open daily 10-8 pm, located at 510 Orchard Street in Downtown Antioch

Dickens Holiday Village

Thanksgiving-New Year's Day.
Located indoors at Kringle's Christmas Village, open daily 10-8 pm, 510 Orchard St.

Christmas Musical Light Show

December 1-24, 6 pm till 9 pm. Drive up to the Antioch Bandshell and watch & listen from your Car!

Find Frosty

December 1-24. Count the snowmen in participating shops in downtown Antioch for a chance to win a prize!

Comedy Night & Snowmen Charity Auction

February 5, 2022. Come for the Fun and support our community. Tickets available at

Check AntiochChamber.org for more information

Raymond Chevrolet-Kia is a proud sponsor of the Antioch Chamber's Holiday Programs 2021



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SHARING FACILITIES | CHSD117

Sharing Facilities & Embracing Opportunities

District 117 includes two incredible high schools, Antioch and Lakes. Both schools have established traditions of success in the classroom and on the field of competition. For many years both ACHS and LCHS have shared resources to enhance the overall experience for all students across the district. These shared resources have been on full display throughout the first months of the 2021-2022 school year. The D117 tennis complex has played host to multiple tournaments, conference championships, and IHSA state series events. The new D117 field house has provided safe practice areas for programs from both schools throughout the fall during inclement weather episodes, on top of playing host to 2 major girls' volleyball invitationals. The ACHS field turf has been utilized by LCHS programs for practices and competitions.

While the sharing of facilities is well known in athletics, it is important to note that clubs, activities, and fine arts also share spaces and resources. The highlight of these being the new professional recording studio located at ACHS that students from LCHS can also utilize.

Sharing of facilities is not the end but rather the beginning of providing opportunities to all students across D117. Our schools have increased access to multiple student opportunities during the first semester. We created a district wide archery club. The club, which started at LCHS a few years ago, was not offered at ACHS due to lack of robust student interest. The solution? Provide ACHS students wishing to participate access to opportunity and transportation. The result? 15-20 ACHS students travel to LCHS weekly to be part of the archery club. In the same vein, ACHS and LCHS have received approval from the IHSA to run a CO-OP speech program. This desire was driven by LCHS students wanting opportunities to be involved in a speech team that was not available at LCHS.

District 117 looks forward to enhancing opportunities going forward.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP | CHSD117

Monthly Leadership Workshops

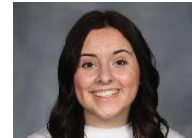
High School Conferences from throughout the state typically provide leadership training to a distinct group of student leaders chosen by coaches and teachers. These students join with other area high schools to engage in a half-day leadership conference, learning valuable tools to support and further their leadership qualities. With so many question marks at the start of the school year, our Conference (the NLCC) cancelled their annual leadership conference for 2021-22. While this was disappointing, it presented an opportunity for D117 to find a solution and increase leadership training opportunities to a larger audience of district students. Starting in September at both schools, Coach Darnell Rios began working with both large and small groups of students. Coach Rios is a life improvement coach whose sole focus is helping people discover the best version of themselves. Some meetings are centered on motivation while others ask students to think deeply about broad-based questions, such as, "What is your Why?" The trainings will continue monthly for the remainder of the school year and are open to all D117 students.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP | CHSD117

Board of Education Student Ambassadors

Nathan Knoll & Paytin Rasmussen from ACHS and Aarya Patel & Angelina Roman Alcocer from LCHS, were selected to serve as the 2021-2022 Ambassadors to the Board of Education. We greatly appreciate their willingness to share their time. They do an incredible job representing the students and our learning community.





HOMECOMING CELEBRATIONS | CHSD117

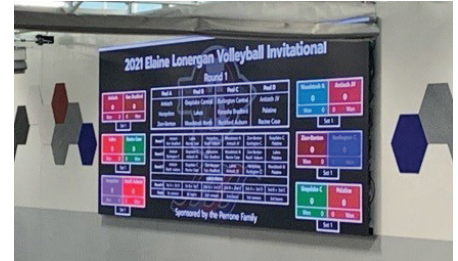
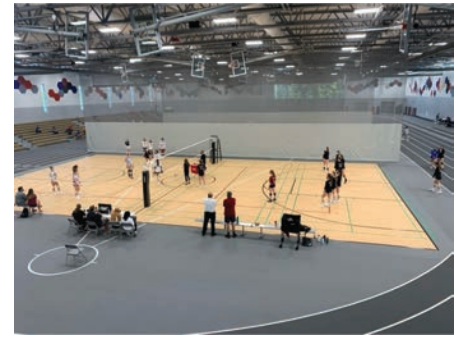
Homecoming Showcases School Spirit & Creativity

Antioch Community High School celebrated Homecoming during the week of October 11. Students and staff were excited to be back in the building and show their school spirit throughout the week. Students demonstrated amazing creativity on Wednesday for “Nothing But a Backpack Day.” Students used coolers, suitcases, shopping carts, garbage cans, a grill and even a kayak to carry their materials throughout the day. Sophomores and Seniors showed their experience as they were victorious in the Powder Puff games. On Thursday evening, the town of Antioch came together for a community parade to showcase the organizations of the high school. Following the parade, the stands were packed to watch the Fall sports teams perform very creative skits. King-Joaquin Barba, and Queen-Kathleen Quirke, led the students to light the bonfire. The students and community enjoyed a firework show sponsored by the Student Senate. On Friday evening, the Antioch Sequoit Varsity Football Team was victorious over the Round Lake Panthers, winning 54 - 6. Students enjoyed dancing under the Lions Club Pavilion at Williams Park while others enjoyed hanging out at the picnic tables having treats from Kiki’s Cotton Candy and a Sweet Girl. One Town, One Community, One School = an amazing 2021 Homecoming.

Lakes Community High School celebrated Homecoming the week of September 27. Homecoming week is one of the most anticipated weeks of any student’s high school experience. Activities and competitions throughout the week allow students to come together and showcase their school spirit. Last year, like many things, homecoming was



adjusted and celebrated virtually. You can imagine that bringing back homecoming festivities was welcomed with excitement, smiles and memories by students at Lakes. The students enjoyed a week of events that included a drive-in-movie, a parade down Eagle Way, flag football games, all fall senior night and a great football game. The week was capped off with a historic homecoming dance that took place outside. Students enjoyed great weather, light shows and music. While it was different than traditional homecoming celebrations, the students embraced each event and created new traditions in the process.



FIELD HOUSE | CHSD117

CHSD 117 Field House Host First Major Event

The first major event in the new District 117 field house was completed on Saturday, September 11th. The Elaine Loneragan Varsity Volleyball Tournament welcomed 12 varsity programs from throughout the state of Illinois. Both ACHS and LCHS competed in the tournament, and both earned award plaques for their on-court successes. Not only was it a great day for volleyball, but it was also historic, in the fact that the field house played host to the first of many major events for the students of D117. Fans filled the bleachers in the field house and enjoyed incredible views from the mezzanine overlooking the facility. ACHS and LCHS administration received very positive feedback from students, parents, community supporters and visitors. Winter sports are set to begin in early November. The field house will play host to large scale wrestling tournaments, basketball tournaments, NLCC cheer and dance conference championships and fine arts concerts. The field house is already showcasing the power of its potential for all D117 stakeholders.



SPORTS | LCHS

Two LCHS Sports in the Hunt

The Lakes Girls Varsity Volleyball Team has used both their hard work and dedication on and off the court to fuel their success this year. They have won over 20 matches this season and took home the Regional Title on October 28 against number 3 seeded Carmel Catholic High School. Lakes moved on to compete in the sectional semifinal on November 1, defeating number 2 seeded, Deerfield. 25-22, 25-15. Lakes challenges St. Viator November 3rd for the sectional championship.

The Lakes Boys and Girls Cross Country teams have had a tremendously successful run throughout the state series. Both Boys and Girls finished in the top 5 during the Regional round. Becca Runyan and fellow junior Madison Perez were the first eagles across the line. Each earned personal bests which moved them to #7 and #8 all time in Lakes history. Runyan also earned All Regional honors with a 5th place finish. The boys were led by Micah Lind, Payton Whitehead, and Gavin Murrie. The tremendous trio ran fast enough to place #12, 15, and 20 all time in Lakes history. The dynamic duo of Runyan and Perez once

again led the way for the girls at the challenging Woodstock North Sectional. Up against 11 teams ranked in the state, the Lady Eagles finished a strong 4th, just 34 points from 1st. Behind Runyan and Perez, the team displayed quality pack running with sophomores Paige-Elicia Caruth and Madison Twarling, along with freshman Hannah Rojas making the difference and sending the lady eagles back to the state finals for the 3rd year in a row! The Boys team pulled off a stunner of epic proportions. Ranked outside the top 10, the team competed every step with pride. The trio of Whitehead, Lind, and Murrie started in last and moved up all race to finish in the top 30. Strong finishes from Jordan Hornbuckle and Quin Maloney earned the team 7th place and a qualification for the state finals by 1 point. As we often say in Cross Country, every place matters. This group believed in themselves, executed their race plan, and ran with so much heart. It is with great pride that for the first time in school history, the Lakes Cross Country team will be sending BOTH Boys and Girls to the IHSA State Finals!!

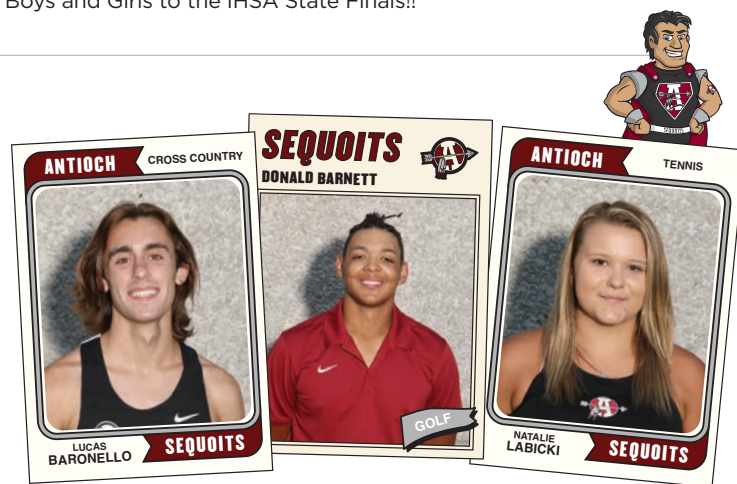
SPORTS | ACHS

Fall Athletes Attain Greatness

This fall ACHS had three athletes qualify for state in their respective sports.

Donald Barnett of the Varsity Boys Golf team had an incredible junior season this fall. He started off the season placing first in the Elmhurst College Showcase. He then went on to place 2nd at the Roger Alm Invite and 4th at the McHenry Invite. His postseason accomplishments began with a 5th place finish at conference, a top 10 overall finish at regionals, and a top 10 individual finish at sectionals which led to a trip to the state finals. According to Donald, "It was my goal to play well all year to qualify for state. I am proud of my efforts this season and I look forward to doing even better next year."

Natalie Labicki of the Varsity Girls Tennis team capped off her senior season with her third trip to the state finals. Natalie finished in the top 3 at four invites this fall, including 2nd place at the Cary Grove Invite, 1st place at the Ram Invite, 3rd place at the Lakes Invite, and 1st place at the Spirit of the Northwest Invite. Her postseason achievements include a 2nd place finish at the Northern Lake County Conference Tournament as well as a 4th place finish in singles at Sectionals. Natalie also earned the program's Most Valuable Player award and Coach D'Andrea had this to say about her, "Natalie is a fierce competitor whose hard work and dedication to tennis and to our program has been invaluable; I'm so proud of all she has deservedly accomplished this year



and during her 3 years at ACHS." We look forward to celebrating more student-athletes as the school year continues.

Senior cross country runner Lucas Baronello is having his best season as a Sequoit. Three weeks ago he placed 6th in the NLCC championships, leading the team to a 3rd place finish in the conference championships. His performance secured his fourth consecutive all-conference honor in cross country, a feat only achieved by 1 other Sequoit in the past 15 years. He followed that up with a 17th place in the IHSA Regional meet, helping the team in qualifying for the sectional meet held at Woodstock North. Last week he accomplished his #1 goal by qualifying for the IHSA state championships to be held this weekend in Peoria.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS | ACHS

Students Play Games for “Money” at Math Fair

Mu Alpha Theta, the ACHS Math Honors Society, will be hosting their yearly MATH FAIR on Thursday, December 2nd, from 6PM to 8PM, in the cafeteria and commons. The Math Fair is a free event that offers the opportunity for 4th through 6th grade students to get familiar with the high school, and our high school students while working together with others who enjoy



mathematics. Participants don’t need to meet any special requirements, they just have to want to have fun doing math! The students will play a variety of math related games that are created and run by the Mu Alpha Theta students. Math “Money” will be earned at each game and at the end of the night, the Math Money can be exchanged for a prize. This is an exciting event and we hope to see you there.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS | ACHS

Students Learn Sailing Skills

In August, ACHS PE teacher, Gregg Henning, took the Adventure Education classes to the Racine Yacht Club to learn sailing skills. The students learned the basic skills of sailing on the waters of Lake Michigan. All of the students were introduced to the skippers of their boat for the day, and went through a safety meeting prior to leaving for the water. Each student had the opportunity to drive, raise and lower sails, trim the sails and learn about the physics of how sailboats work. After a beautiful day on the water, the class got to enjoy a wonderful lunch overlooking Lake Michigan prior to returning back to ACHS.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS | ACHS

Do Something Cool Challenge

The ACHS Information and Learning Center hosted a Do Something Cool Challenge for students. The five-week challenge was designed to provide students with the skills, tools and information that will help them be successful throughout the school year. Students completed makerspace, news literacy, wellness and reading activities, in order to improve both academic and social/emotional issues. Due to the generosity of donors, 84 prizes were given to students worth \$3,040.84. Use the QR code for more information regarding the donors and challenges.



CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS | LCHS

Never Stop Exploring

The annual LCHS Adventure Education field trip brought 142 students to Lake Geneva Ziplines & Adventures to enjoy a day of zip lining and single track mountain biking. With zip lines spanning over 300 feet long as well as guides with an incredible knowledge of the area and course, the zip line course allowed students to apply knowledge and skills coupled with fun and entertainment. After the students were done flying through the forest, their experience didn't end. With miles of mountain biking and hiking trails, bonds were built and reformed alongside a passion to never stop exploring.



Fall Blood Drive

The ACHS bi-annual blood drive was held on October 28th and was another huge success! Through the combined efforts and giving nature of ACHS students & staff, as well as community members, we were able to save 468 lives. We are so proud and grateful to be a part of such a generous community that comes together to create such a profound impact on those most in need.

LCHS will host its next blood drive on November 18, 2021.

Upcoming D117 Field House Events

EVENT	DATE
Lakes JV Girls Basketball Invite	Nov. 15-16
ACHS Wrestling Tournament	Nov. 26-27
D117 Fine Arts Festival	Dec. 11
Lakes vs. Antioch Wrestling Dual	Dec. 17
NLCC Cheer and Dance Championships	Jan. 14
Feeder Basketball Invite	Jan. 16
IHSA Chess Sectionals	Jan. 29
Rockin Relays both Boys and Girls Track Invite	Feb. 21
Boys Track Invite- Clash at the Colosseum	Feb. 26
Winter Grand Prix Girls Track Invite	Mar. 3
NLCC Indoor Conference Track Meet	Mar. 10
D117 Jazz Night	Mar. 16
Boys D117 Track Invite	Mar. 18
Girls D117 Track Invite	Mar. 19

ACHS vs LCHS Competitions

EVENT	DATE	TIME
Girls Basketball Invite	Nov. 15 & 16	
Boys Basketball Invite	Nov. 22 through 24	
Girls Basketball game @ Lakes	Dec. 10	5:30 & 7pm
Antioch v Lakes Girls Bowling @ Antioch Bowl	Dec. 16	4:30pm
Lakes v Antioch Wrestling @ Lakes	Dec. 17	5:30 & 7 pm
Boys Basketball Lakes v Antioch @ Lakes	Jan. 5	5:30 & 7 pm
Girls Basketball Antioch v Lakes @ Antioch	Jan. 26	5:30 & 7 pm
Boys Basketball Antioch v Lakes @ Antioch	Feb. 1	5:30 & 7 pm



Using Our Dollars To Be Responsible & Ready for the Future!

District 114 is proud to celebrate the successes of our students, staff, families, and community as we continue to partner together to make sure all students learn at high levels. We know that our community trusts us to treat their tax dollars responsibly, and we are grateful for their support. In addition to tax dollars, D114 has benefitted from federal funds related to COVID impact, and we're thrilled to celebrate a HUGE donation that will help us do things for our students above and beyond our plans! Please read on for highlights!

Projects funded using D114 taxpayer dollars

- ▶ Installation of a much-needed new roof at Stanton.
- ▶ Competitive salaries for D114 staff, targeting at recruiting and retaining employees at a more comparable level to other local districts.
- ▶ Purchase of curricular materials for our students in Literacy, which they have not had!

Upcoming Priorities

- ▶ Installation of air conditioning at Stanton Middle School, along with updates in all mechanical and electrical systems.
- ▶ Replacement of the roof at Lotus.
- ▶ Renovations at each site to create secured entryways.

Projects funded by federal COVID-impact funds

- ▶ More than doubling our summer school program offerings.



- ▶ All new furniture at both sites to allow for social distancing as well as needed updates (installation December 2021).
- ▶ Expansion of Literacy materials adoption through Grade 6.
- ▶ Technology updates for ALL students.
- ▶ Needed materials for COVID mitigation.

Finally, we are so very fortunate to have a powerful partnership with Enchanted Backpack. Enchanted Backpack is a charitable organization serving under-resourced elementary and middle schools in Northern Illinois and Northwest Indiana, and is expanding its support to include Florida. Enchanted Backpack, a 501(c)3 organization,

was started with the belief that all children deserve to have the tools they need to learn and excel and that all teachers deserve to have the support and materials to make their classrooms exciting learning centers. Enchanted Backpack has made significant donations to both Lotus and Stanton in the past, including much needed supplies for students and staff. In early November, Enchanted Backpack presented Stanton Middle School with a \$20,000 check to be used toward much-needed playground improvements.

We are so incredibly proud of our students, staff, families, and the broader community. As always, Fox Lake 114 remains one team...all in!

With commitment to our students, families and community,

Heather Friziellie

Superintendent of Schools
Fox Lake School District 114

from the mayor's office

Thankful for Our Community

Heading into the holiday season is always my favorite time of year. As a father, this special time with my family is priceless. The holiday events in our village remind me of what a special place Antioch is to raise a family. This holiday season, our Parks Department is busy helping Santa make appearances across town with Santa Visits, Storytime with Santa, and Santa at the Sawmill events.

As we wrap up our successful Uncover Antioch scavenger hunt, I'm already looking forward to our next village promotion, "Ghosted." This is an initiative to refresh Antioch's existing ghost signs in our downtown area, and design new signs inspired by Antioch's rich past. A ghost sign is an old hand-painted advertising sign that has been preserved on a building for an extended period. This beautiful artwork will make our downtown even more stunning and more of a destination for visitors.

Our Economic Development Department has been busy working with business and property owners who want to bring more investment into Antioch. Highlights of this investment into our village are visible throughout town. For example, several businesses have taken advantage of the Village's facade grant program, including the owner of

the Best Pets building at 939 Main Street. Did you know that the original use of the Best Pets building was Antioch's first Ford dealer? The exterior renovation has brought the building back to its historic beauty, showcasing its wonderful architecture.

This edition of Connections provides some winter reminders from our Public Works Department. Throughout the winter, our Public Works employees are responsible for snow removal and roadway treatment to keep our roads safe for travel. During storms, our crews work long hours in sometimes Arctic temperatures. Thank you Public Works for all that you do!

Finally, I wish you and your family an exciting and blessed Christmas and holiday season. As I look back at this wonderful year, I am thankful for our residents who work so hard to make our community the wonderful place it is.

Sincerely,

Mayor Scott Gartner

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#9PMRoutine Daily Check Campaign

The Village of Antioch is encouraging residents to help combat suburban auto thefts and burglaries by participating in an evening routine of safeguarding personal property. The #9PMRoutine encourages a daily check of items just before bedtime. The campaign was created to educate residents about best safety practices, and help the community reduce preventable crimes.

Originated in Pasco County, Florida in 2017, the #9PM-Routine has been adopted on social media by law enforcement agencies across North America. The initiative offers a daily reminder for residents to:

1. Remove valuables from your car. (keys, wallets, cash, garage door openers, firearms, tablets, etc).
2. Make sure vehicle and home doors and windows are shut and locked. (Car doors, garage doors, etc).
3. Turn on exterior lights.
4. "See something, say something." Residents who witness suspicious activity, are encouraged to call the Antioch Police Department dispatch at 847-270-9111. (Or, in the case of an emergency, 9-1-1).

Antioch Police Chief Geoff Guttschow says the department started to promote the #9PMRoutine hashtag on social media in early 2021. He feels now is a good time to increase the visibility of the program.

"With thefts and burglaries involving unlocked doors becoming a higher-profile issue in our area, we wanted to remind residents that adding a few simple tasks before bed could help them from becoming a victim of crime," said Chief Guttschow.

Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner thinks the #9PMRoutine is a simple way to be proactive about crime.

"Many times, crimes involving stolen personal property are crimes of opportunity," said Mayor Gartner. "Often, these crimes happen because someone forgets to lock a car door. The #9PMRoutine is one more safeguard to make residents of Antioch less vulnerable."

The #9PMRoute continues to be promoted frequently on the Antioch Police and Village of Antioch Facebook pages.



Antioch Parks Department Gift Cards Make for the Perfect Holiday Gift!

The Antioch Parks and Recreation Department offers the perfect stocking stuffer gift idea! The Antioch Parks and Recreation department offers gift certificates and 2022 Aquatic Center passes. Both are available at the Parks office or on the Parks Department website. The gift certificates are redeemable for all programs and events offered by the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department. For specific questions, call the Parks and Recreation office at 847-395-2160 or email, parks@antioch.il.gov.



Antioch Parks Department Gears Up for Winter

The Holidays are a busy time for the Antioch Parks Department. Santa makes several visits to Antioch in the weeks leading up to Christmas. When the holiday season is over, the wintertime events continue for the Antioch Parks Department. For example, tickets are now available for the popular Winter Wine Walk and the Daddy/Daughter Bowling Date night.

The Winter Wine Walk takes place on Saturday, January 22nd in Downtown Antioch. This will be the first of three wine walks scheduled for Antioch in 2022. This event is extremely popular and tickets usually go fast! Tickets cost \$45 per person and each participant receives a commemorative Antioch wine glass, a bottle of wine, snacks, and a tote for shopping. Participants can take their time strolling through downtown while enjoying sips of wine at participating business locations. Tickets will be available for purchase online or in-person at the Antioch Parks Department office, at 806 Holbek Drive.

Back by popular demand, the Wes Mathison Illusionist show at the PM&L Theatre, Saturday, February 26, 2022.

Los Angeles native, Wes Mathison has spent the past few years touring with Broadway's best-selling magic show, The Illusionists. Wes was featured as The Mentalist during a residency at the El Dorado Showroom and Casino in Reno, NV, and The Starlight Amphitheater in Kansas City, MO.

In addition to the show, you can join in the fun of Wagon of Wine and Liquor- bring a bottle of wine- receive 1 ticket to win the wagon or bring a bottle of liquor- receive 2 tickets to win the wagon.

The show begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$45 per person and available at the Parks Department office, or online.

Finally, registration for the Camp Crayon School Year of 2022-2023 starts in February. The Antioch Parks and Recreation Department

provides an abundance of activities, events, and classes throughout the year. All information is available online at Antioch.il.gov. For specific questions, please contact Parks and Recreation Director, Mary Quilty at 847-395- 2160 or parks@antioch.il.gov.



WINTER EVENTS

Santa Visits at the Sawmill

DECEMBER
**3, 4, 10, 11,
16, 17 & 18**

Storytime with Santa

JANUARY
18 & 20

Winter Wine Walk

JANUARY
22

Daddy/Daughter Date Night

FEBRUARY
5

Adult Night Out w/ Wes Mathison

FEBRUARY
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Antioch Lions Club Donation Helps Fund First Responders

The Antioch Lions Club has made two significant donations to aid first responders in the Antioch community. The donations will be used to help fund protective equipment for Antioch Police officers and provide training equipment for the Antioch Fire Protection District. Lions Club president Kevin Fielder presented Antioch Police Chief Geoff Guttschow and Antioch Fire Protection District Battalion Chief Ryan Keefe each with \$10,000 checks at a ceremony in October.

Police Chief Guttschow says the police department will use the funds to help his goal of equipping each Antioch Police squad car with a ballistic shield for the officers. The shields will help significantly in officer response to dangerous situations, making it possible for them to arrive faster, and more safely.

"I am thankful to the Lions Club for the generous donation," said Chief Guttschow. "Our department currently has one shield that is several years old. With this donation, we will purchase seven more, in addition to two that we've already ordered, which will give us a total of ten. This provides critical protection for our officers."

Antioch Lions Club president Kevin Fielder says several

successful fundraising events for the club made it possible to fund the local donations.

"In addition to national initiatives for sight, hearing, and diabetes, we contribute locally," said Fielder. "Our organization wanted to find the best place to give money back to the community. The obvious first choices were the Antioch Police Department and Antioch Fire Protection District. Without their help, our club would not be able to put on the events that we do in our community. Our goal was to provide funding for non-budgeted "wish list" items."

Antioch Mayor Scott Gartner, who is also a member of the Antioch Lions Club, says the impact of the donations to the community is what drives Lions Club members to volunteer their time.

"This is what it is all about," said Mayor Gartner. "The fundraising efforts of the Lions Club and the generosity of our neighbors are making a substantial impact in making our community better."

Fielder says the Antioch Lions Club is moving forward with more fundraising projects, "with a finger on the pulse of the needs of our community."

Winter Weather Notice

This is the Winter issue of Connections, which means we're likely to be close to our first significant snowfall of the year (if it has not already happened).

During winter snow, the Antioch Public Works Department provides snow removal within the Village limits with 2 crews plowing & salting 7 routes covering 120 lane miles with 103 cul-de-sacs. Plus, the Village crews are responsible for clearing Village-owned parking lots.

Depending on the snowfall, expected accumulation, and time of day, emergency and school routes will be cleared first. The Village Public Works Department will do its best to get all streets plowed as soon as possible.

During snowfall of one inch (1") or more, parking will be prohibited on any Village street until snow removal operations have ceased.

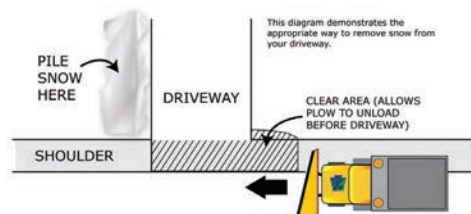
In addition to clearing snow from the streets, it is important to keep sidewalks in the village clear for pedestrians. It is the

property owner's responsibility to clear any portion of sidewalk on their property. According to Village code, sidewalks are to be cleared the lesser of seventy-two (72") inches or the full width of the sidewalk. Clearance of sidewalks should occur

within 24 hours after the cessation of an event that deposits at least two (2") inches of snow. Also, remember to dig out your mailbox and clear snow away from fire hydrants on your property.

Accidents can happen. Any mailbox taking a direct hit from a Village of Antioch snowplow truck will be reimbursed up to seventy-five (\$75.00)

dollars if it cannot be reasonably replaced or repaired by the Public Works Department. Any damage resulting from the force of the snow will not be reimbursed. Mailboxes posts must be maintained and replaced if rotting. To help avoid the snow being plowed back into your driveway, move the snow to the right side of your driveway when facing the street in the direction of traffic flow.



ANTIOCH PARKS DEPARTMENT FREE HOLIDAY EVENTS:

- CHRISTMAS PARADE AND TREE LIGHTING
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH - 6:30 P.M.
- SANTA VISITS AT THE SAWMILL
THURSDAY & FRIDAYS,
DEC 3, 10, 16, 17 - 5:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.,
SATURDAYS, DEC 4, 11, 18 - 12 P.M. - 3 P.M.

VILLAGE OF
Antioch



**Parks &
Recreation**

ANTIOCH PARKS - (847) 395-2160



From the desk of Superintendent Hubbard

Our Collective Wins

I hope this edition of Connections finds you and your families well this winter and holiday season.

District 34 embraces the opportunity this communication affords us in sharing our story, highlighting some of the incredible things our students and staff accomplish with one another, and celebrating our successes. Celebrations of growth, success, perseverance, and achievement are critically important. Wins both big and small mean a great deal to those involved in the accomplishment, but they also mean a great deal to our learning community. Our collective wins are cumulative and have a profound impact on our culture, climate, and future success.

We are extremely proud of our students and our staff. There is an awful lot of power in what we are able to do and achieve with, for, and on behalf of one another. The following pages, stories, and pictures are dedicated to sharing and celebrating just some of what makes our students, our staff, our schools, our district, and our community so wonderful.

As we navigate this holiday season, we hope you will

join us in celebrating all the good and great that surrounds us here in District 34. We are extremely grateful for and proud of the contributions, accolades, growth, and success of our collective team and our community. Thank you for being a part of our learning community and allowing us to humbly serve and ecstatically celebrate with you.



Have a great holiday season and Happy New Year,

Dr. Bradford Hubbard

*Superintendent
Antioch CCSD 34*



Celebrate Our Petty Bobcats! Celebrations

It is time to celebrate our Petty Bobcats! Celebrations come in all sorts of shapes and sizes. We have been moving forward promoting positive behaviors with our PBIS framework. With our boosters to reinforce expected behaviors in specific areas, we have seen some major improvements! Our Bobcats have been doing a great job so we want to celebrate their hard work!

Our music program has begun morning lessons again and we could not be more excited! Students are arriving early to practice together. Hearing how their individual instruments sound when part of a large group, brings everything together. We are thankful for such a large gym, allowing our students to spread out to keep everyone safe. We want to celebrate these students' dedication to our music programs, and we couldn't run any of these awesome programs without our awesome directors!

In order to create a family atmosphere at W.C. Petty, we have divided our school into 3 families. Each family has students from every grade level and staff members from different departments. We are all finding another way to make connections outside of our typical peers. Each month, we get each family together for a brief assembly to present awards for participation and positive actions. This last month, we held family Community Circles on what they are grateful for. Students met with kids from other classrooms and shared what they were grateful for in order to highlight our goal for the month of November. We want to celebrate this purposeful movement towards our family environment at WC Petty!





Responsibility PBIS Assembly

The Responsibility Ranger visited the ELC to teach the students the meaning of responsibility and how they can be responsible at school and at home. The students made responsible ranger hats that were displayed throughout the school.



Unity Day

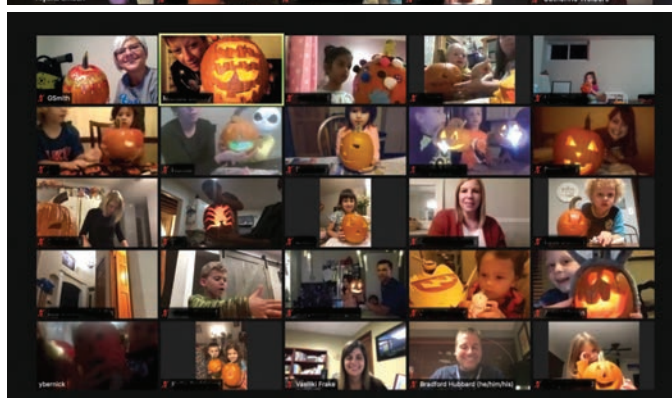
The students and staff at the ELC celebrated Unity Day on October 20. We wore orange to promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion and added a leaf to our Unity Tree demonstrating that we are united to prevent bullying and create social change.

Mary Kay McNeill Early Learning Center Celebrations



Patch 22 Field Trip

To celebrate the fall season, the students and staff at the ELC visited Patch 22 Pumpkin Farm in Wadsworth, IL. They picked a pumpkin from the pumpkin patch, took a hayride, and visited with the farm animals.



Virtual Pumpkin Carving Night

The ELC students and their families were invited for a Spooktacular night filled with storytelling, a sing along and pumpkin carving.



Oakland Celebrations Big & Small

As we begin to move into the second half of our school year, it is so important to recognize what we are able to celebrate, both big and small. At Oakland, we have had much to celebrate so far this year. We have seen our students and staff grow, nurture one another, and continue to encourage one another in our day-to-day interactions. We implore you to look for those celebrations, the bright spots that bring a smile and the encouragement to continue forward. No matter how small or routine the moment, look for the brightness in it.

One of our kindergarten friends was so proud to share that she was finally able to open her milk at lunch on her own. What may seem like a small thing was hard earned in not giving up and continuing to try. The pride and joy she felt was celebrated in the lunchroom!

We celebrate an amazing group of Oakland families that give their time, effort, and energy towards doing some wonderful things for our school community! Our Oakland Boosters spent a lot of time planning and with the help of many volunteers, were able to put on a wonderful Fall Fest! We had many families attend and enjoy time outside, together. Our Boosters also show the love to our awesome Oakland staff with monthly fun treats! They have embraced our theme of "Rockin' Through the School Year" to bring a

pick-me-up into each month.

Oakland staff has worked so hard each day to bring a positive atmosphere into our building. Not only are they continuing to build and foster relationships with our students, but also with their colleagues. Recently, our fourth and fifth grade teams wanted to bring a little extra joy into the halls of Oakland. With the help of their students in creating and designing, along with some help from colleagues to assemble and hang everything; we were able to provide a fun experience for our whole school in the hallway for a special day. The vibe in the school was electric! Students were so excited to see something so special that was made for them or that they had a hand in bringing smiles to others. What a celebration to come together in a fun and unique way.

Staff have also been regularly teaming with others in the building to forge the bonds that help us to best service all of our students. Many hands make light work - and we are getting to know one another to better understand how we each contribute to the work we do. Team Building is a big celebration for us as we continue to lift one another up.

There is still much to celebrate in the remainder of this year! We are so excited for what is ahead. We invite you to look for ways that you can celebrate each day.

One District, One School & One Team

This year at Hillcrest, we are focused on celebrating our accomplishments, each other, and our school spirit. We are grateful for the opportunity to be one district, one school, and one team, and we are working hard to appreciate and spread the joy that should be the heartbeat of an elementary school community.

Among other things, students at Hillcrest are celebrated for completing levels of Lexia, our interactive literacy program, and for earning PBIS Rewards points for demonstrating safe, respectful, and responsible behavior. Lexia shout-outs are made on the morning announcements, and students receive certificates for completing levels in the program. Our students are celebrated for displaying positive behaviors as well, and look forward to using their PBIS Rewards points to purchase items from the classroom and school stores, in addition to using their points to enter the monthly raffles which contain coveted prizes, including academic games and toys. As of October 21, 2021 Hillcrest Hurricanes have earned 145,984

PBIS Rewards points, which itself is cause for celebration.

Hillcrest continues to recognize and celebrate each other with monthly community meetings, where we honor students of the month from each class for displaying our character word of the month. Additionally, whole classes are acknowledged for exemplary participation and behavior in specials, in the hallway, during library, and at lunch and recess with the prestigious Golden Hurricane Class Awards.

Arguably, Hillcrest Hurricanes find the most joy in celebrating our school spirit, which continues to grow. Our Hillcrest Rocks attire, Hurricane spiritwear, and monthly spirit weeks add a jolt of excitement and extra pep in our step as we strut through the hallways. We celebrated Red Ribbon week with dress up days to remind us to make healthy choices, and honored Mickey Mouse's birthday in November. Possibly our favorite dress up day was "dress like your favorite book character." With our Hurricane creativity and an extra dose of school pride, Hillcrest continues to celebrate the little things—and strives to make moments that define and connect us.



AUGS Boosters making a picnic table



The Humanitarian Society Honoring First Responders



Girls Soccer are Conference Champs



Mystery Book Club



7th Grade RRW Door Winner

Celebrating AUGS Student's Activities

Antioch Upper Grade School has started the school year with many celebrations. Over 900 students and 130 staff members have been in attendance all year. Students and staff are engaged in class lessons and activities. We are also excited to have students engaged in sports and extracurricular activities.

Students at AUGS were able to participate in softball, cross country and soccer during the Fall season. The Girls Soccer team won the conference championship with an undefeated season. AUGS hosted the Cross Country conference meet and the girls finished in 3rd place and the boys finished in 2nd place. Reese Mock qualified for the state meet and finished 36th in state, with a personal record. The Basketball, Dance and Cheer season started in October and will finish in December.

We are proud to have students participating in Student Council, the Humanitarian Society, and National Junior Honor Society. The students have donated their time helping

the school and the community of Antioch through fundraising, running a haunted house at AUGS, volunteering at Feed my Starving Children, organizing Red Ribbon Week activities and so much more. Students are also participating in Drama Club, Game Club, Tinker Club, Mystery Book Club, and the Union Club. Band, Choir and Orchestra have been working hard all year to prepare for their first performances of the year and working towards their Winter performances.

Finally, we are excited about the support from the AUGS Boosters. Starting in August, the AUGS Boosters have hosted several student events, they have fulfilled grant requests from teachers to help support the students and staff at AUGS, and they worked with students, families and staff to build eight picnic tables to create outside learning spaces at AUGS.

We are happy to have the students and staff in the building participating in so many great activities and we are excited about creating more memorable experiences as the year progresses.



Meet Our Therapy Dog Albus

Meet our Newest Brave, Albus! Dr. Newby, Superintendent at Grass Lake School, is the proud owner of Albus and has trained him to be a Therapy Dog. Albus loves his work and has visited other schools and a nursing home in addition to being at Grass Lake School. The students are happy to see him and he is happy to brighten their day. Albus will also work as a reading buddy, listening to shy students read, and provide comfort for kids who are sad or just having a bad day. Welcome Albus, we Love You!



Girls' Volleyball Takes Third Place

GLS middle school girls were very eager to start off their volleyball season. With no sports available last year due to Covid-19, we had a very fresh, young team with not much experience. The eleven girls really committed to learning and practicing the fundamentals of volleyball everyday. As they continued to practice, you could see their confidence building and their serves getting stronger and stronger. The team ended the season in third place and the girls took third place in the conference tournament as well. Coach Gillengerten is so proud of all the effort the girls put in and can't wait to see what next season brings!





Lake County's Future Quest

Ms. Boliaux and Mrs. Kattner took fourteen seventh and eighth grade students to the College of Lake County's Future Quest event on October 21. The students enjoyed learning about potential courses at the tech campus that could lead to future career opportunities. Classes offered

included biomedical studies, cosmetology, culinary skills, welding, woodworking, early education, auto services, lasers, and 3D programming. Students were excited to tour the classrooms and try their hands at several different activities. Several students were able to take home their final projects!

Project-Based Learning

Education is constantly changing to try and address real-world expectations and needs. There are new tools devised, and a constant change as to how teaching is being delivered. One thing stays the same, students. Each student brings their own unique approach and questions to any given topic. How do we, as a district, harness this innate curiosity? District 36 is embracing 21st Century learning through real world problem solving. It's a program called Project-Based Learning (PBL). The district will begin implementation of this approach this year with a team of teachers applying this shift in learning.

Differences become quickly seen as the students take on the role of problem seekers. They tackle open-ended questions to get the students engaged in deeper thinking from the start. From there, they work collaboratively gathering information need-

ed to develop a project or performance to show potential outcomes or solutions. This involves students determining a plan, a timeline, and deciding what resources are needed to provide a foundation for developing and completing their project. This leads to expanding their knowledge and skills by doing actively rather than passively.

Feedback and support happen throughout the project, helping students have a clear idea of expectations and learn to adjust and pivot towards the end result. Making the product public at the end increases communication skills, collaboration with authentic problems, and empowering students' imaginations, learning and personal growth as a priority.

As our topics/projects unfold, we'll share the creativity of the students and staff. Keep an eye out for our first PBL showcase in January.





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Gratitude. Honor. Remembrance.



Mayor Scott Gartner and Supervisor Tom Shaughnessy pay tribute and respect to the victims of 9/11 at a ceremony in Oakwood Knolls.



Antioch seniors gather at the Township to send letters and cards to our US troops. Together they sent more than 150 cards of gratitude.



JoAnn Osmond gives a beautiful speech during the dedication and celebration ceremony of the Vikings 50th Anniversary, where the stadium was named Viking Stadium and the grandstands were dedicated to John F. Nebel.



Sledding & Skating at Osmond Park

Osmond Park is being prepped and prepared for the winter season. For park openings and closings please visit our website at www.antiochtownshipil.gov or call the office at 847-395-3378.

Senior Events & Programs

Fall was full of activities for our seniors with a bus trip to see Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dream coat at the Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson, BINGO, and a special event to honor our troops by making cards with children from St. Mark's Church in Antioch.

FREE Monday movies are scheduled for 2022. Movies include popcorn, raffle prizes, and trivia. We also have valet parking in place for seniors who attend the show.

For a full list of senior programs and events for sign up this Winter, see below, or visit our website www.antiochtownshipil.gov



ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP SCHEDULE OF SENIOR EVENTS

December-February 2021/2022

Free Monthly Monday Movies Series For Seniors

January 1st: The Devil Wears Prada

January 17th: Grumpy Old Men

February 7th: Knives Out

February 21st: Casablanca

LOCATION: Antioch Movie Theatre (378 Lake Street)

TIME: All movies start at 10am and valet parking is available (Theatre opens at 9:30am, call Township for full list)

We are pleased to offer FREE monthly movies to Antioch seniors. Movies start at 10am. There is FREE valet parking and popcorn. There is trivia before the show, and participants can win a trip to the concession stand for some goodies. There is also a special basket raffle! After each film, Oliveri North (384 Lake St. Antioch/Next door to Antioch Theatre) is open with a special lunch menu that is just \$11.

Badda Boom Badda BINGO

Thursdays once a month, Antioch Township

DATES: 1/27, 2/24, 3/10, 4/14, 5/26, 7/21, 8/18, 9/22, 10/20, 11/17, 12/8

TIME: 9:30am-11am

LOCATION: Antioch Township 1625 N. Deep Lake Rd. Lake Villa, IL

COST: First BINGO card is FREE any additional is \$1.00 that goes to grand prize/final game (Snacks and beverages provided)

BINGO is the name-o! Come join your friends for some fun and prizes. Cash, gift certificates and good times abound; the only rule is that you must shout out "Badda Boom, Badda BINGO!" if you win. Please call antioch township to register at 847.395.3378.

Holiday Inn at Fireside Theatre

Sign-up/Bus Trip

DATE: December 15th

LOCATION: Fort Atkinson, WI

Based on the classic film, Irving Berlin's Holiday Inn comes to life in celebration of all the holidays of the year.

Depart the Township at 9am, return by 5pm

Meal and Show for \$65/person

December 21st

Jolly Holiday Lunch at the Antioch VFW

Antioch VFW Sign-up

LOCATION: 75 North Ave. Antioch, IL

Entertainment by John Ludy and special treats and surprises.

\$10/person

11:30 door open

11:45 lunch

12:30-1:30 entertainment by John Ludy

2pm end

Come join your friends for the merriest event of the year!

January 11th

One-woman show: Leslie Goddard performs Queen Elizabeth

Antioch Township Sign-up

LOCATION: 1625 N. DEEP LAKE RD. LAKE VILLA, IL

Meet Britain's famous monarch. Learn about her childhood, the abdication of her uncle, her marriage to Prince Philip of Greece, her World War II service, and her struggle to balance her roles as queen and mother.

\$20/person

9:30am-11am

Snacks and light refreshments provided

February 9th

Westside Story at Marriott Lincolnshire

Sign-up/Bus Trip

Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet is transported to modern-day New York City as two young, idealistic lovers find themselves caught between warring street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks, in this landmark Broadway musical.

Depart the Township at 10am

Meal and Show for \$65/person

Return by 5pm

Cut out below & sign up now!

Antioch Township Event Registration

Mark your selections



Holiday Inn
December 15th
\$65/person



Jolly Holiday Luncheon
December 21st
\$10/person



Leslie Goddard
January 11th
\$20/person



Westside Story
February 9th
\$65/person

Total amount of payment

\$ _____

All payments must be received 10 days before event

Please make checks payable to:

Antioch Township
1625 Deep Lake Road
Lake Villa, IL 60046
Attn: Courtney Kotloski

Registrant Details

Name: _____

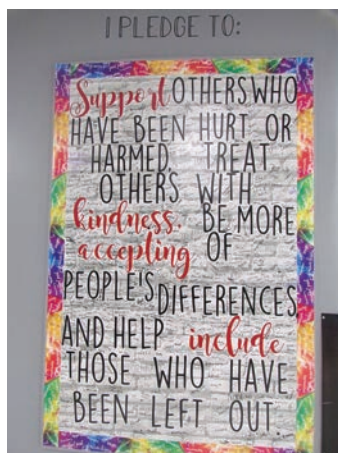
Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

(Please note: Antioch Township Residents will have first availability)

For information and to check availability contact Courtney Kotloski at 847-395-3378.



Students Embrace Camp Duncan

400 of Palombi's sixth and seventh graders enjoyed an adventurous time at Camp Duncan this fall. Camp Duncan is much more than a place to take students on a field trip. It is a special place that gives students hands-on experience with nature through enriching activities in the outdoors.

Students participated in several team-building activities that fostered leadership, trust, communication, teamwork, and listening skills. This experience was the perfect complement to the district's Leader in Me program which promotes all students as leaders.

Facilities Improvements Continue

With the new bond funding of \$24.6M, District 41 began the first phase of the facility improvement and renovation projects in Palombi Middle School, Hooper Elementary, and Martin Elementary Schools. Taking advantage of no students in the buildings due to COVID, the work started earlier and was completed on time and under budget. Among the \$10M of the improvements, the major ones included new roofs, HVAC updates and unit replacements with better air filtration systems, new generator for Palombi Middle School, instructional spaces renovations (new resource rooms and art rooms), and updated student and staff bathrooms.



The second phase of the facility improvements will begin in the Summer of 2022, and the planning is already underway. Improvements are planned at all four schools, including significant kitchen renovations and increased site lighting at both Palombi and Hooper. Hooper School will have parent and bus traffic pattern improvements to reduce congestion and increase student safety. Locker rooms will be renovated at Palombi, and the cafeteria will be slightly expanded. Thompson and Martin will have flooring and concrete replaced along with some classroom renovations. We are excited to continue with these much-needed upgrades, and we sincerely appreciate our taxpayers' support.

Lake Villa 41 Awarded Financial Recognition Status

The 2020/21 Fiscal Year for school districts ended on June 30th. Although it was a challenging year for the entire community because of COVID, one silver lining was an end-of-year solid financial position for Lake Villa 41. Because of the pandemic, the district received additional federal aid to allow the district to purchase necessary equipment and programs to sustain both remote and hybrid learning successfully. This fiscal year ended with a surplus of \$4,813,216 in the operating fund. Lake Villa 41 was once again awarded the state's Financial Recognition designation placing it in the highest financial strength category.

The last payment for the 20-year bond obligations was paid during 20-21. Even though the District took out new bond debt to fund needed facility improvements, homeowners with the average valued house will see over \$700 reduction in property taxes on their 2020 property tax bill.



Emmons Sports Program Going Strong!

Emmons School District has returned to a full slate of athletic events this school year. The 8th grade volleyball team won the coveted Sportsmanship Award. The sportsmanship trophy is voted on by every coach in the conference. In order to win the sportsmanship trophy, a team has to show respect for their teammates and every team they play. The volleyball players showed everyone what quality athletes they truly are!

Carson Lanners, 8th grader, placed 3rd at sectionals and 2nd at the state cross country meet. He says that he first became interested in running when his mother signed him up for a 5K at age 8. Carson has fond memories of her giving him a piggyback ride for part of the race. He speaks of the necessity for rest, stretching, and core work. He contributes his success to commitment and training year-around.



Soccer



8th Grade Volleyball



Girls Cross Country Team



Boys Cross Country Team



Reading is 'Beary' Cozy!



Antioch Public Library District

2022 Winter Reading Program For Kids Grades 5 and under
January 3 to February 28

Reading is Beary Cozy!

Antioch Public Library District 2022 Winter Reading Program
January 3 to February 28

Color in a bear for each day you read. Turn in your worksheet to the Children's Department when
all the bears are completed to receive a prize.



You can also log your points at apld.beanstack.org

Visit the Children's Department or apld.beanstack.org to register for the 2022 Winter Reading Program. This year's participants must read 16 days to complete the program and receive a prize. Color a bear each day you read to track your progress. Reading logs are available on our website, Beanstack or in the Children's Department.

Visit the Children's Department to pick out books to read or visit our online catalog at antchpdl.org to place items on hold. You can also borrow eBooks though the Hoopla app and Tumblebook Library. Visit apld.info/research to learn more about all available online databases.

Utilize free online databases for homework help, online learning & entertainment.

- Brainfuse HelpNow - Homework help
- Rosetta Stone - Language Learning
- Scienceflix - Engaging science videos
- Tumblebook Library - Digital storybooks
- Libby - Popular eBooks, audiobooks & magazines
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