



Report from the Superintendent

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October 2016: Principal Appreciation Month

I'd like to formally recognize our 12 school principals and three assistant principals for their dedication to public education. Each of these instructional leaders are committed to making their individual schools a safe and nurturing learning environment for children. They give their time each day to support the students of District 62. We are forever grateful to these innovative leaders. #ThankAPrincipal

District 62's school principals include:

John Swanson, Algonquin Middle School Principal
Dr. Jennifer Rosenzweig, Algonquin Middle School Assistant Principal
Dr. Leah Kimmelman, Chippewa Middle School Principal
Greg Schneider, Chippewa Middle School Assistant Principal
Tim Pociask, Chippewa Middle School Assistant Principal
Kelly Krueger, Central Elementary School Principal
Colleen White, Cumberland Elementary School Principal
Dr. Julie Fogarty, Forest Elementary School Principal
Dr. Michael Amadei, Iroquois Community School Principal
Denise Fernandez, North Elementary School Principal
Jennifer Suarez Bautista, Orchard Place Elementary School Principal
Guillermo Heredia, Plainfield Elementary School Principal
Amy Cengel, South Elementary School Principal
Dr. Brad Stein, Terrace Elementary School Principal
Margie Beniaris, Early Learning Center Director

Board Member appointed to ED-RED Executive Board

Congratulations to Jim Poskozim who was appointed to the Executive Board of ED-RED, an advocacy organization that monitors and actively influences education policy at the Illinois Statehouse, particularly issues that are priorities for our member school districts.

Board participates in Diversity and Inclusion Workshop

The Board of Education participated in a Diversity and Inclusion workshop on October 5 hosted by the Illinois Association of School Boards. The purpose of the workshop was to increase the awareness of diversity and inclusion and its impact on the school district. Board members and I focused on the challenging assumptions about difference and learned about the barriers to inclusion, working as a team individually and collectively.

D62 Foundation awards \$27,000 in mini-grants

The District 62 Foundation is proud to announce that over \$27,000 of mini-grants were awarded to staff members throughout the district.

Below is the breakdown of grants received:

- North: 11 grants
- Algonquin: 7 grants
- Orchard Place: 5 grants
- Plainfield: 5 grants
- Cumberland: 4 grants
- Forest: 3 grants
- Central: 1 grant
- Terrace: 1 grant



The majority of the money for mini-grants is raised at their annual Benefit which will be held this coming February 24th.

Plainfield School partners with Operation North Pole



Plainfield had a great day on October 4 with support from Operation North Pole as well as the Des Plaines Fire Department and Police Department. Nearly 350 jackets were donated Tuesday morning to children to ensure that they would have a warm winter season. We are so appreciative to Operation North Pole as well as to our local agencies for their support of our district and students.