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Freeport School District



SUPERINTENDENT NEWSLETTER

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Preschool Recognition!

ExceleRate Illinois helps prepare children for success. Their quality rating and improvement system gives school based preschool programs an improvement system and process that helps schools impact their youngest learners. ExceleRate is anchored by a set of standards that focus on early learning and development and places a high priority on instructional excellence, family services, staff qualifications, professional development, and program administration.

Central to its design is the recognition of multiple forms of evidence to meet the universal standards. Evidence is obtained through the monitoring visits conducted through National Louis University's contract with the Illinois State Board of Education. The state sends a team in to evaluate the classroom through the McCormick center.

The **Silver Circle of Quality** recognizes completion of a rigorous self-assessment and implementation of a continuous quality improvement process, as verified by an independent assessor. Silver Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment and instructional quality, along with selected administrative standards, qualifications,

...Recognition Cont'd!

and professional development.(not all standards) We are excited to announce that the Silver Circle of Quality was achieved by **Blackhawk and Empire Schools**.

The **Gold Circle of Quality** recognizes programs that have demonstrated quality on all standards, as validated by an independent assessor. Gold Circle programs meet or exceed specific quality benchmarks on learning environment, instructional quality, and all administrative standards; group size and ratios; qualifications; and professional development. Congratulations to **Center and Lincoln Douglas Schools** for achieving the Gold circle

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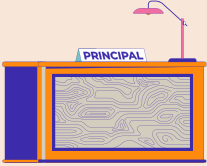
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Recognizing Our Principals

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National Principal Appreciation Week October 20-25

National Principals Appreciation Week is celebrated in the month of October to recognize the role of principals in the education system. Principals are responsible for many aspects of school operations, including curriculum, discipline, and staff management. They also play a critical role in shaping the quality of education and the future of students.

We extend our sincere appreciation and gratitude to our exceptional team of school administrators. Their unwavering commitment to supporting our staff and students goes well beyond the confines of the school day. We take great pride in the contributions they make.

FHS
Sarah Hasken

Blackhawk
Stacey Kleindl

FMS
Danielle Summers

Center
Amanda Hayes

Carl Sandburg
Dr. Beth Summers

Empire
Ramon Viveros

Jones-Farrar
Jennifer DeJong

Lincoln-Douglas
Melissa Sago



PROCLAMATION FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



WHEREAS, school principals play an integral role in nurturing a positive, student-centered culture in elementary, middle, and high schools across the State of Illinois; and,

WHEREAS, school principals are responsible for attracting and retaining the best teachers and support staff to ensure that each child receives equitable educational opportunities and services to reach their potential; and,

WHEREAS, it is the primary responsibility of the State of Illinois to provide adequate and equitable resources for schools so that all students have access to a quality education and foundation for a successful future; and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Principals Association, which represents over 6,600 educational leaders statewide, believes that educators' experiences and voices are essential to crafting effective education policy; and,

WHEREAS, school leaders face many obstacles in supporting and educating our young people and it is through their perseverance, passion, and hope-filled leadership that Illinois continues to produce quality, career-ready students; and,

WHEREAS, we must continue to encourage, support, and recognize our school principals who have a positive impact on Illinois students and the educational system in the Land of Lincoln;

THEREFORE, I, JB Pritzker, Governor of the State of Illinois, do hereby proclaim the week of October 20-26, 2024, as Principals Week and Friday, October 25, 2024, as Principals Day in Illinois to recognize principals and the Illinois Principals Association for all that they do to help our children learn and succeed.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Illinois to be affixed.



*Done at the Capitol in the City of Springfield,
this NINTH day of SEPTEMBER, in
the Year of Our Lord, two thousand and
TWENTY-FOUR, and of the State of Illinois,
two hundred and FIFTH.*





Upcoming Productions

5th & 6th Grade Play

The Magic Bookmobile Rides Again!
 Thursday, October 24
 6 p.m.
 Carl Sandburg Cafeteria.



FHS PRESENTS: MEAN GIRLS

Mean Girls: High School Version. Variety says "Tina Fey's catty book and Nell Benjamin's saucy lyrics pump laughs into this smart, funny, musical-comedy version of the 2004 movie." When Cady becomes the new girl at North Shore High School in Chicago, she is desperate to fit in and find friends. With dynamic songs for young performers, Mean Girls is an anthem to friendship, loyalty, girl power, and being true to yourself. Tim Connors directs this lively musical.



Homecoming 2024

Freeport High School's Student Council organized the school's annual Homecoming celebration. The week's events included a chalk competition, the parade, an all school assembly, and Saturday night's dance which was attended by over 400 FHS students. Each of the Homecoming events was led by the Student Council executive board which includes students Sophia Pedersen, Isabel Gastel, Mya Ortiz, Steven Van, and Madison Coplein. Haley Kurtz and Jaci Ogden are the Student Council Advisors at FHS. We thank our **MANY** community partners who joined us for the parade! What an awesome partnership!



ILMEA QUALIFIERS



Congratulations to all the amazing FHS student musicians and vocalists who made **IL Music Education Association District 8 Festival!!!**

We are Pretzel Proud of You!

ILMEA District 8 Festival

Chorus

- Soprano I: Ava Chander, Charlotte Wenzel
- Soprano II: Zyien Cole, Angela Gautam, Keagan Huggins, Mya Ortiz
- Alto I: Levi Graybill, Aria McPhee
- Tenor I: Tyler Houston, Christopher Kirkwood
- Tenor II: Corban Hotchkiss, Kiptyn Reisenbichler, Maddux Teresi
- Bass I: Kael Brown

Band

- Percussion: Hudson Bauscher, Connor Bausman
- Bb Clarinet: Johanna Everding
- Euphonium: Mason Seal
- Alto Saxophone: Madaline Seal, Henry Winter

Orchestra

- Violin: Bella Bird
- Cello: Carl Duede
- Double Bass: Gretchen Rudolph

