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ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

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Sign Up for D205 Text Alerts for Cancellations & Late Starts

District 205 would like to reassure the community that we make every effort possible to notify our staff as quickly as we can when weather forces a school cancellation or late start.

In addition to a phone call or email, school closing information will ALWAYS be posted on our website, www.elmhurst205.org. That is the best place to check for a closing notification.

If you would like to receive notification via text message, please text the word YES to 67587. The automated system will prompt you to enroll in the text message alert system.

Finally, we realize not everyone in our community is on social media, but closing information will also be posted to the District's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts.



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If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to the D205 Communications & PR Department at info@elmhurst205.org.

Thank you – stay warm and safe out there!

D205 Food Services Department Needs Subs

Calling moms, dads, and grandparents! Are you home during the day and want to work when you are available? Name your hours, days, and locations (12 school sites available). Join us to help serve students! Apply online at the District website under [Job Opportunities](#).

D205 Dual Language Immersion Program Information Sessions

Our communities and workforce become more global every day. Give your child the gift of a bilingual, biliterate, and multicultural education by enrolling him/her in D205's Two-Way Immersion Dual Language Program. Join us for an information sessions on:

- 2/21 @ District Office from 6:00-7:00 pm

For more background information, visit the Dual Language Program website at <http://bit.ly/2CUjcKn> or contact Ariana Leonard, D205 Director of Language Acquisition, at aleonard@elmhurst205.org with questions.

York Drama's Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* Opens Tonight

When the boys come marching home from the battlefield this winter, all the women will swoon. Almost all the women. Beatrice is just fine without a man, thank you. In fact, she's more than a match for the confirmed bachelor Benedick in Shakespeare's battle of wits, ***Much Ado About Nothing***. Intrigue, farce and verbal sparring lay the foundation for another of Shakespeare's great inventions, the modern Rom-Com. Join us for Shakespeare's most produced play and find out why it's so beloved. Show times are Thursday, January 31 through Saturday, February 2 at 7:30 and Sunday, February 3 at 2:00. On sale now, all tickets are \$10 and are available at the door or at ticketpeak.com/yorkdrama.

2019-2020 REACH Identification Notification February 1

Students currently in grades 2 and 5 are considered for REACH participation in the 2019-2020 school year. Families of students, who are identified for REACH, receive email notification via SchoolMessenger on February 1, 2019.



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Application for REACH Appeal

Students currently in grades 3 through 7, who are not enrolled in REACH, may be considered for programming in the area of English Language Arts (ELA) and/or Math. Appeal requires additional testing that is completed outside of the school day. Students, who successfully appeal REACH placement, consistently demonstrate above grade-level performance. The Application for Appeal is available on the District website [here](#) through February 15, 2019.

D205 Foundation Thiems Educational Grants Applications Due February 5

The Foundation has awarded over \$1.6 million dollars in Thiems Educational Grants, a program named after former Superintendent Russell Thiems, who was instrumental in the creation of the foundation. The application for this year's Thiems Grants are due February 5th. Please note that grants involving technology will require the submission of a Technology Review form. We encourage innovation, creativity, and grants that help deliver curriculum that engages students. For a list of past grants and to access information on the process and application beginning mid-November. visit elmhurst205.org/foundation Please feel free to contact the Foundation Executive Director Lisa Fanelli at 630-617-2328 with questions.

2019 Kindergarten Registration Starts February 5
Elmhurst Community Unit School District 205 has announced dates for 2019 Kindergarten Registration. Please share this information with any prospective D205 parents you may know:

- Tuesday, February 5, 2019 – 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. **(All D205 Elementary Schools Participating)**
- Wednesday, February 6, 2019 - 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. **(All D205 Elementary Schools Participating)**
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 - 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. **(Conrad Fischer for Fischer students only. Spanish translator available)**
- Thursday, February 7, 2019 – 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. **(District 205 Center for all other elementary schools)**

District 205 17th Annual Summer Recreation Open House

Wednesday, February 6, 2019 6:00-8:00 pm in York High School Commons. Learn about over 100 summer programs for children and teens – one-stop shopping for summer planning! Click [here](#) for more information.

Friend of the D205 Foundation Gigi Owens Honored at Gala February 9

What better way to beat the cold wintery weather than a fun, uplifting evening



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benefiting a good cause-our students! There is still time to purchase tickets to February 9th's Foundation Fundraising Gala-*Paving the Way*, to be held at the Hyatt Lodge in Oak Brook. In addition to food, fun and an afterparty with dancing, Mark Cohen, Assistant Superintendent of Innovation & Growth, will speak about current and planned educational initiatives.

We will also recognize Gigi Owens for her volunteerism and support with this year's Friend of the Foundation Award. Auction items include York Parking Pass, VIP graduation packages for middle school and highschool, tickets to your favorite Chicago sports team events as well as the Rolling Stones, Towes and Kane autographed Jerseys, vacation opportunities, exclusive golf package, catered dinner for fourteen, and much more! Proceeds benefit classroom innovations, Thiems Educational Grants, district initiatives and unique Foundation programs. Tickets are \$175. Space is limited. Sponsorships available. visit www.elmhurst205.org/foundation_2019gala

Join the D205 Foundation Board. Apply Today!

The District 205 Foundation for Educational Excellence is looking for community members and parents who would like to help make a difference for all students in District 205. If you value quality education and understand the importance of providing resources and opportunities above and beyond what tax dollars can deliver, consider volunteering as a Foundation Member.

Board members serve a three-year term with renewal options and work with other dedicated volunteers to raise funds that support district initiatives, innovations in education, the annual Thiems Educational Grants, Study Skills Programs, and much much more.

Consider joining the Foundation Board! [Click here](#) for an application or call 630-617-2328 for more information.

Annual Green Scene Fundraiser Saturday February 23

The York Athletic Boosters will hold its Annual Green Scene Fundraiser on Saturday, February 23rd at Fitz's Spare Keys in downtown Elmhurst from 7:00pm to Midnight. Join us for bowling with the York coaches, open pool, silent auction, 50/50 raffle, light buffet and cash bar. We have auction baskets with parking passes, graduation packages, sports tickets and more! Come out and support York and the entire Athletic Program. Get your tickets now -\$50 in advance, \$60 at the door. <https://yorkab.ejoinme.org/greenscene2019>