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ELMHURST COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT 205

October 5, 2020

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D205 State of the Schools Video Address - October 8

Superintendent Dr. David Moyer will release his 4th Annual State of the Schools Address on Thursday, October 8 as a part of his weekly email message to the school community. This year's video address takes the place of an annual in-person event and will cover topics such as D205's return to school, the District's financial outlook, the progress of the Master Facility Plan, student celebrations, and the generosity of the school community.

High School Parent Teacher Conferences, Teacher Institute Day, and Columbus Day Observances

During the weeks of October 5 and October 12, there are days off that impact our school schedule. Please be reminded of the following dates:

- October 8 - Parent Teacher Conferences - High School 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - NO SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ONLY
- October 9 - Teacher Institute Day - NO SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS
- October 12 - Columbus Day - NO SCHOOL ALL STUDENTS

D205 Kindergarten Registration Information Sessions - October 15 and 19

D205 kindergarten registration is October 23, 2020 to November 6, 2020 for kindergarten: traditional half-day, dual language and all-day kindergarten.

In preparation for registration, we invite you to hear more about our programs and have your questions answered. The following meetings will be held virtually via Zoom:

- D205 Kindergarten Registration Information Session
Thursday, October 15, 2020
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom
- D205 Dual Language Kindergarten Information Session
Monday, October 19, 2020
6:30-8:00 p.m.
Via Zoom

Please register for any session by going to the [D205 Kindergarten](#) page by October 13, 2020. A recording of the presentations will be available the next day on the District 205 website.

Previous Announcements

City of Elmhurst Youth Commission's Understanding and Preventing Racial Bullying in Youth: An Educational Panel - Oct. 8

Hosted by the City of Elmhurst Commission on Youth. Thursday, October 8, 2020 from 7-8:30 pm Live on Elmhurst TV YouTube page. Virtual event with a panel of specialists. Discussion on ways to build empathy, awareness, equality, and inclusion in our youth to prevent racial bullying.

Panel will include:

- Keiana Winters, LCSW is a therapist at Midwest Counseling and Diagnostics with an emphasis on racial identity.
- Stephen Buhr, LCPC is the social worker with the City of Elmhurst and works primarily with the Police Department.

- Tracey Orick, CADC, the social worker at Elmhurst Public Library discussing resources.
- Chair of the youth commission Jackie Haddad-Tamer, LCPC will moderate the event.

Appropriate for ages 9 and over. If any youth have a personal story to share and would like to be included in the event, please reach out to us. Also, to submit your question to the panel ahead of time, please contact: Jackie.Haddad-Tamer@elmhurst.org, or call 630-530-3016.

UCCA Mobile Food Pantry To Visit Churchville Middle School – Oct. 17
United Community Concerns Association invites you to attend the free Mobile Food Pantry at Churchville Middle School 155 Victory Parkway, Elmhurst on following dates:

- Saturday, October 17, 2020 10-11:30 a.m.

Note: This Mobile Food Pantry will offer nutritious food including: meat, fresh produce, milk, and other dairy products based on availability. Food is distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis while supply lasts. Out of consideration of the neighbors please do not block driveways. For the health and safety of our volunteers and your family:

- Please stay inside your car
- Make sure the trunk is empty and open
- Pre Packed box of groceries will be placed in your trunk

New Language Translation Feature Added to D205 & School Websites

A new language translation feature is now available on the District and all school web pages. The feature is easy to use and can be found in the lower right hand corner of the screen. Simply click on the drop down menu of languages and select the language needed. The District's top six languages, including Spanish and Polish, are currently available.

D205 Breakfast and Lunch Free to All Students

Breakfast and lunch options are now free for all D205 students through the PushCoin Webstore! Meals may now be ordered on a weekly basis and may be picked up on the following [schedule](#).

City of Elmhurst Bike & Pedestrian Plan Sweepstakes

The new City of Elmhurst Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan (CEBPP) will guide the improvement of walking and biking in the community. Learn more about the plan and enter the [promotional sweepstakes](#).

Receive Daily Text Reminders to Certify Your Student's Health

A daily health self-certification form must be completed for every student before they enter any building. If you would like a [daily text message](#) reminder to fill out the self-certification form, text YES to 67587.

An email will also be sent daily to the parents/guardians of any students attending in person. Your username is your student's 5-digit PowerSchool ID (ex: 12345) and the password is your student's date of birth in mmddyyyy format (ex: 01011975). Please answer each of the four health questions honestly, and hit submit.

[See our steps to complete the health certification process](#) and [watch our 1:47 video tutorial](#) to learn how. The certification process is quick (less than 20 seconds per child) and the system is available now for parents/guardians to login. Thank you for helping to keep our school community safe!

COVID Precautions in D205 Video

Please view our special [COVID-19 health and safety video](#), featuring D205 Facilities Department Director Todd Schmidt, to see the precautions and measures the district has taken to prepare for in-person learning and soon as safely possible.

More details on our safety precautions can be found in the Open D205 section of our website, [here](#).

Free Internet/WiFi Services

- Comcast Internet Essentials Is Free to New Customers: Low income families who live in a Comcast service area may sign-up for Internet Essentials with 60 days of complimentary service (normally available to all qualified households for \$9.95/month).

See internetessentials.com or es.internetessentials.com, or call 1-855-8-INTERNET.

- Comcast Xfinity WiFi Is Free For Everyone: Xfinity WiFi hotspots across the country are available to anyone for free – including non-Xfinity Internet subscribers. For a map of Xfinity WiFi hotspots, visit www.xfinity.com/wifi. Once at a hotspot, select the "xfinitywifi" network name in the list of available hotspots, and then launch a browser.
- AT&T is expanding "Access from AT&T," our low-cost home internet offering to qualifying households AT&T will continue to offer internet access for qualifying limited income households at \$10 a month

through our Access from AT&T program. [Click here for more information. PDF Download](#)

- Illinois state agencies released a wi-fi [hotspot map](#) to help students across the state who lack internet access in their homes. The wi-fi map has at least 200 hotspots students can use to complete coursework. Students and their parents or guardians should continue to practice social distancing by remaining in their cars while utilizing the hotspots. If a student or caretaker is sick or experiencing symptoms, they should remain at home.

Virtual Backpack

Looking for non-profit, community activities or information that is fun and educational for students, checkout the D205 [Virtual Backpack](#) page.