



THE DISTRICT IN REVIEW

A Newsletter for the Northbrook School District 27 Community

SUMMER 2024

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT



District 27 has just concluded another amazing school year filled with partnership and growth. We are sincerely grateful to our parents for entrusting us with their children's education, to our staff who go above and beyond every single day, and to our dedicated parent-teacher associations for their generous support and volunteerism.

Our students cheered each other on, worked together to overcome challenges, and eagerly participated in new clubs, sports, and interests. This year, we were thrilled to open our doors to the Little Bulldogs early childhood program at Hickory Point, and we look forward to welcoming those graduates to kindergarten this fall. You can find more information about the early childhood program on page 3.

In this issue of "The District In Review," you will also find student highlights, strategic planning information, and an exciting announcement regarding the district's long-running financial honors. District 27 has two upcoming community-wide events, detailed on page 4: our Health and Wellness Fair and the 13th annual 5K/1-mile race. We hope to see you there!

Last summer, we reconfigured several learning and working spaces at Hickory Point. This summer, we will continue with necessary roof, HVAC, and electrical upgrades, along with safety-access control improvements district-wide. Our ongoing facilities planning includes reviewing building and operational needs, improving parking lot and traffic efficiencies, enhancing playground accessibility, and monitoring student enrollment.

District 27 remains committed to creating a welcoming and inclusive school environment for all students, staff, and families. As we look ahead to the next school year, we are excited about the opportunities that lie ahead.

We wish you all a safe and joyful summer!

Sincerely,

John Deiter, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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SCHOOL NEWS

HICKORY POINT STUDENTS, STAFF WELCOME GBN GRADS

Hickory Point welcomed more than 50 seniors from Glenbrook North on May 31 for the school's Grad Walk.

Students and staff lined the hallways to cheer on the high school graduates. Afterward, several teachers gathered in the gym to spend time with their former students.

The Grad Walk is an annual tradition across Northfield Township schools. (Photo by Tarah O'Connell)



SHABONEE FISHING TRIP IS A REEL GOOD TIME

A group of Shabonee students recently attended a fishing field trip at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville.

The trip was developed in collaboration with District 27 staff and TrueNorth Adapted Physical Education teacher, Mr. Enesto Ruiz. This was an exciting opportunity for students to explore innovative sport and leisure activities. The students, their families, and Mr. Ruiz all said that it was an amazing day!

(Photo provided)



WOOD OAKS STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESSFUL SCIENCE FAIR COMPETITIONS

Several Wood Oaks students showcased their Science Fair projects before the start of the Board of Education meeting on May 16.

A total of 10 students competed at the Illinois Junior Academy of Science State Fair on May 4 at Millikin University in Decatur after qualifying from the regional competition at Stevenson High School on March 4.

At the state event, all Wood Oaks students took home either silver or gold awards, and four received a Best in Category award, indicating they were deemed the best in the state.

Sandra K. earned a special award from the Illinois Section American Water Works Association for an Exceptional Project in Chemistry.

Congratulations to these students on a very successful year of competitions!

(Photo by Tarah O'Connell)



DISTRICT NEWS

DISTRICT RECOGNIZED FOR 15 CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF HIGH FINANCIAL HONORS

District 27 has received the Certificate of Excellence Awards in Financial Reporting from both the Government Finance Officers Association and the Association of School Business Officials International for the 15th consecutive year.

The Board of Education recently recognized Dr. Kimberly Rio Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations, for these long-running honors.

"Our attainment of these awards represents a significant accomplishment and best practices by our department," Rio said.

Both awards recognize districts that have met each of the organization's high standards for financial reporting and accountability. The District has earned the awards for its Annual Comprehensive Financial Report (ACFR) for the fiscal years ending 2009 through 2023.

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NOW ENROLLING - LITTLE BULLDOGS EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

Registration is now open for the Little Bulldogs early childhood program at Hickory Point School.

This program is offered five days per week and follows the District 27 School Calendar. There is a morning session and an afternoon session, with approximately 16 children in each session. The morning session, generally for students age 3, meets from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The afternoon session, generally for students age 4, meets from 12:15 to 2:45 p.m.

District 27 utilizes evidence-based early childhood curriculum resources to support the needs of all students in this blended classroom model. This model provides integrated support for individual students' needs with an inclusive and play-based learning environment.

Visit www.hickorypoint.nb27.org/little-bulldogs to learn more.

BOARD OF EDUCATION APPROVES FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

The District's five-year Strategic Plan was recently approved by the Board of Education.

Planning items include monitoring and supporting student and staff wellness; ongoing intensive focus on learning recovery from the pandemic; professional development related to the District's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Plan; developing and implementing a funding plan for future building improvements and accessibility; and maintaining vigilance with cybersecurity and best technology practices, including the growing use of artificial intelligence by staff and students for teaching and learning.

The Strategic Plan is centered around the District's six Key Success Factors outlined below and the needs related to those areas. The District is proud to review its Strategic Plan annually to identify new opportunities and challenges, refine specific action plans, optimize resources, and increase return on investment for taxpayers.



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Tarah O'Connell, Editor

OUR SCHOOLS

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Grades PK-2

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Mrs. Lauren Weingarten, *Asst. Principal*

HickoryPoint.nb27.org

SHABONEE

Grades 3-5

Dr. John Panozzo, *Principal*

Mrs. Erin Claydon, *Asst. Principal*

Shabonee.nb27.org

WOOD OAKS JR. HIGH

Grades 6-8

Mrs. Cari Beake, *Principal*

Mr. Paul Suminski, *Asst. Principal*

WoodOaks.nb27.org

SAVE THE DATE: HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

The District 27 PTA (Parent-Teacher Association) is busy planning its second annual community-wide Health and Wellness Fair to be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on February 22 at Shabonee School. This event is free and features resources for all ages.

(Photo provided)

COMMUNITY RUN/WALK SET FOR SEPTEMBER 28

The PTA will be hosting its 13th annual 5K Run/Walk, 1-Mile Run and Kids' Dash at Wood Oaks Green Park on Saturday, September 28. This fun-filled community event promotes fitness for all age groups. Both the 5K and 1-Mile courses are USATF-certified.

Each year, event proceeds are donated to the Rohrbaugh Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships to Glenbrook North High School seniors who are outstanding graduates of Wood Oaks Junior High.

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