

# Carl Sandburg Junior High School **Wildcat Messenger**

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## Carl Sandburg President's Note

Welcome Carl Sandburg families! On behalf of your PTSA co-presidents, Lisa Jauch and Vanya Castle, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all of our families. After a whirlwind August full of last minute get-aways, a flurry of school shopping trips and pediatrician visits, the school routine is a wonderful change of pace.

We are happy to report that our PTSA has a balanced budget and an almost full roster of PTSA board members. We are still in need of a chairperson for the Environmental Education committee. If you are interested please contact Lisa or Vanya, or just come to our next PTSA meeting on Tuesday, October 11 at 7:00 P.M. in the Sandburg Resource Center.

We would like to thank the Hospitality Committee, Lisa Urban, Jean Koutas, Terri Heinrich and Jenny Buesing for all of their hard work. They provided a delicious "Welcome Back" breakfast for the CSJH staff. They helped host the CSJH 50th Birthday Celebration, serving cake and punch to around fifty guests and staff, and provided snacks at Parent Orientation.

Book Fair went off without a hitch and had great sales during Parent Orientation. A big thanks goes out to Chris Nevins for taking on that challenge. Thank you also to all of those who helped with the Book Fair sales, set up and tear down.

Our Membership Committee has been busy as well, and we currently have 199 PTSA members. We know we can do better so please consider joining PTSA if you haven't already. We're sure you and your child will find Carl Sandburg a great place to learn and grow.

Sincerely,  
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PTSA Presidents

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## News from Mrs. Rakow

### *We Are Off to a Great Start!*

I do not know a sweeter sound than a children's choir. How about a choir of over five hundred 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders serenading special guests and district officials with the Beatle's tune "Happy Birthday"? Well, I will tell you that it was certainly one of the sweetest moments I have experienced in my career.

Carl Sandburg School is celebrating its fiftieth birthday and we started this special year off with a whole school celebration and the dedication of our LRC to Mr. Joel Meyer, a former board member who served over 20 years on the school board. We watched a fantastic video, created by Mr. Clark and the whole student body surprised our guests with the rockin' "Birthday" tune. We also heard from the superintendent, as well as Nancy Glonke, who was a student in one of the first Carl Sandburg classes and now works in District 15. There was also a student presentation given in the new Joel Meyer Learning Center. The theme of their presentation was "what Carl Sandburg means to them". The students did a very good job, and it was very poignant.

Overall, the school year is also off to a great start and the students are transitioning nicely back into "school mode". Soccer club and girls basketball practices have begun and games begin as early as next week. We also have students staying after for weightlifting and cross country. We want to encourage every student to get involved in at least one club or sport during the school year. There are plenty of different activities for the students to participate in throughout the year, so please encourage them to do so.

I want to thank you parents, as well as the staff and students, for making me feel so welcome. I am proud to be a Wildcat and to be a part of your child's educational experience. We will continue to celebrate this special anniversary year with several fun activities throughout the year, including the creation of a time capsule. More importantly, I am excited about working with you, the students and the staff in continuing the Carl Sandburg tradition of excellence in education.

Mrs. Greta Rakow  
Principal





## Dates to Remember

### September

- 1 - MAP Testing Begins
- 1 - Parent Orientation 7 p.m.
- 5 - Labor Day (no school)
- 13 - PTSA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 14 - Market Day Sale
- 14 - BOE Meeting
- 30 - MAP Testing Ends

### October

- 10 - Columbus Day (no school)
- 11 - Institute Day (no school)
- 11 - PTSA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 12 - Market Day Sale
- 12 - BOE Meeting
- 20 - Orchestra Concert

### November

- 4 - Report Card Issued
- 8 - PTSA Meeting 7 p.m.
- 9 - Market Day Sale
- 16 - BOE Meeting
- 17 - Band / Jazz Concert
- 21-22 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 21-25 No School
- 28 - MAP Testing Begins

### Cross Country

Meet dates are:

- Sept 6 @ South
- Sept 13 @ Grove
- Sept 14 Hawthorn Invite
- Sept 15 @ Crusader Invite
- Sept 16 Crusader Invite Rain Date
- Sept 20 Immanuel Lutheran @ CS
- Sept 22 @ Winston Campus
- Sept 27 Sundling @ CS
- Sept 29 Plum Grove @ CS
- Oct 4 @ Sundling
- Oct 6 @ Plum Grove
- Oct 13 Winston Campus @ CS
- Oct 18 D15 Meet
- Oct 20 D15 Meet (rain date)



### Girls Basketball

- Sept 15 Sundling @ CS
- Sept 20 @ Plum Grove
- Sept 22 Pre-Season Tourney
- Sept 23 Pre-Season Tourney
- Sept 27 Plum Grove @ CS
- Sept 29 @ Sundling
- Oct 4 Plum Grove @ CS
- Oct 6 @ Winston Campus
- Oct 11 D54 Tourney
- Oct 13 D54 Tourney
- Oct 14 D54 Tourney
- Oct 19 D15 Tourney @ Plum Grove
- Oct 20 D15 Tourney @ Plum Grove



### Boys Basketball

- Nov 10 Winston Campus @ CS
- Nov 15 @ Sundling
- Nov 29 @ Plum Grove





## MARKET DAY



The Market Day brochure was distributed in the August mailing, and we invite you to try some of the convenient products that are offered.

Orders can be placed easily using the form included in the brochure (place the order form and either cash or a check made out to Market Day in an envelope & return to the school office); or order online at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com). Instructions are on the back of the brochure. If you don't have the brochure, you can view the products as well as place an order at [marketday.com](http://marketday.com).

The first pick-up will be Wednesday, 9/14/11, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Carl Sandburg. There will be pick-ups every month through 6/13/12, so watch for brochures to be sent home since there's always something new to try!

If you have any questions, please contact one of your 2011-12 PTSA Market Day chairpersons:  
Corinne Hajdukovic: [chajdukovic@comcast.net](mailto:chajdukovic@comcast.net); 874-963-0787,  
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Michelle Schultz: [mgm3@att.net](mailto:mgm3@att.net); 847-358-1176

## CONCESSIONS

The Carl Sandburg PTSA will hold its first concession sale on September 27 at the Cross Country meet at Salk Park. If you plan to attend the meet, remember to bring an extra dollar or two for a snack and/or cold drink! The schedule for other concession sales is as follows:

- Oct. 4 (Girls' Basketball game)
- Oct 18 (Cross Country District Meet)
- Dec. 13 (Boys' Basketball game)
- Jan. 11 or 12 (Boys' Basketball District 15 Tourney)
- Feb. 14 (Wrestling meet)
- Feb 28 (Girls' Volleyball game)
- March 13 (Girls' Volleyball D15 Invite)
- April 12 (Track and Field meet)
- May 9 (Sandburg Relays)



Thank you for supporting the Carl Sandburg PTSA!  
Jackie Laboda  
Jean Swenson  
Concession Committee Chairs



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**Deadline for entries:** Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011

For details, contact Sharon Gregory, (847) 202-8492 or  
sharongregory1@hotmail.com

For more information, check out the PTA reflections  
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# BOX TOPS BONANZA

October 3rd-7th

Homerooms will collect box tops and  
compete for a special breakfast treat!

Buy your favorite Box  
Tops product and cut  
the Box Top from  
each package!

Send them to school  
and watch how quickly  
they add up!



# Carl Sandburg Fall 2011 Spiritwear!

**#1. Short Sleeve Tee**  
 Sizes: Youth XS-XL  
 Adult S-2X  
 Colors: Gray  
 Price: \$10



Logo is printed as shown above

**#50. Wicking Tee**  
 Sizes: Youth XS-XL  
 Adult XS-2X  
 Colors: Black, Red  
 Price: Youth \$13  
 Adult \$15



Carl Sandburg  
 Logo is printed in white and placed on arm

**#57. Adult Hooded Shirt**  
 Sizes: Adult XS-2X  
 Colors: Heather Gray  
 Price: \$25




Sandburg  
 Logo is printed in black

**#101. Hooded Sweatshirt**  
 Sizes: Youth S-XL  
 Adult S-2X  
 Colors: Black, Sport Gray  
 Price: Youth \$22  
 Adult \$24



Logo Color Options:  
 1. Printed in Hot Pink  
 2. Printed in White  
 Logo is printed in white or hot pink

**#202. Novelty Bannel Pants**  
 Sizes: Youth S-L  
 Adult S-2X  
 Colors: Fuchsia, Navy  
 Price: \$27



Carl Sandburg  
 Logo is printed in black on fuchsia pants. Printed in hot pink on navy pants  
 Logo is placed on thigh

**#215. Reversible Mesh Shorts**  
 Sizes: Youth XS-XL  
 Adult XS-2X  
 Colors: Red, Black  
 Price: Youth \$17  
 Adult \$19



Reversible  
 sandburg  
 Logo is printed in white

**#224. Long Sleeve Burnout Hoodie**  
 Sizes: Girls S-XL  
 Ladies S-XL  
 Colors: White  
 Price: Girls \$17  
 Ladies \$22



Adorable  
 Layering Piece!  
 WILDCATS  
 Logo is printed in hot pink

Orders due by  
 Oct. 28th!



**#423. Bannel Scarf**  
 Sizes: one size fits all  
 Colors: Red/Black  
 Price: \$14



Wildcats  
 Logo is printed in white

For sizing information go to [www.headsupapparel.com](http://www.headsupapparel.com)



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## Carl Sandburg Junior High PTSA Membership-Directory Form 2011-2012

*Every child. One voice.*

*Parents, Teachers, and Students Working together to ensure a better future for all children*

**MEMBERSHIP:** Please join the Carl Sandburg PTSA!! Membership is important to the success of our programs and it's a way to show support for the work of the National PTA and the activities of the Carl Sandburg PTSA.

Each membership (parent, student, or teacher) costs \$5.00 and includes membership in the Illinois State and National PTA. Students are encouraged to join and get involved in PTSA activities.

Does becoming a PTSA member require going to meetings and/or regular participation as a volunteer? NO! When you join the PTSA, you are simply joining and supporting an organization that provides support for our school and our children. Questions??? Just e-mail maryfava21@yahoo.com or call 847-398-6098.

### PLEASE SUPPORT THE CARL SANDBURG PTSA!!

**DIRECTORY:** One of the member benefits is an electronic copy of the Carl Sandburg Family Directory. To include your information, complete and sign this form. (This information is only available to Carl Sandburg PTSA members.) *Your signature signifies your agreement to put your contact information in the directory and your understanding that the directory is for your family's personal use only.*

MOTHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT MEMBER FIRST & LAST NAME(S) AND GRADE(S): \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Fee (\$5.00 for each member listed above) # of Members \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_ Total Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Return This Form with Payment to the School Office – PTSA drop box**

*Hospitality Market Day Newsletter Reflections Scholarship Spirit Wear Room Reps/Phone Chain Website*



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## PTSA de Carl Sandburg Junior High (Formulario de Membresía-Directorio 2011-2012)

*Todos los niños. Una voz.*

*Padres, Maestros y Estudiantes Trabajando juntos para asegurar un futuro mejor para todos los niños*

**MEMBRESÍA:** ¡¡Favor de hacerse miembro del PTSA de Carl Sandburg!! La membresía es importante para el éxito de nuestros programas, y es una manera de mostrar apoyo al trabajo del PTA Nacional y las actividades del PTSA de Carl Sandburg.

Cada membresía (padre, estudiante o maestro(a)) cuesta \$5.00 e incluye membresía en el PTA Nacional y Estatal de Illinois. Se anima a los estudiantes a hacerse miembros y a participar en las actividades del PTSA.

¿El hacerse miembro del PTSA requiere que asista a reuniones y/o participación regular como voluntario? ¡NO! Al hacerse miembro del PTSA, usted está simplemente asociándose y apoyando una organización que provee apoyo para nuestra escuela y nuestros niños. ¿Preguntas??? Un e-mail maryfava21@yahoo.com a llamar Mary Fava 847-398-6098.

### ¡¡FAVOR DE APOYAR AL PTSA DE CARL SANDBURG!!

**LA GUÍA:** Uno de los beneficios de miembro es una copia electrónica del Carl Sandburg Guía Familiar. Para incluir su información, completar y firmar esta forma. (Esta información está sólo disponible a miembros de Carl Sandburg PTSA). Su firma significa su acuerdo para poner su información de contacto en la guía y su comprensión que la guía es para su uso personal de la familia sólo.

NOMBRE DE MIEMBRO ADULTO: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMBRE DE MIEMBRO ADULTO: \_\_\_\_\_

NOMBRE(S) DE MIEMBRO ESTUDIANTE Y GRADO(S): \_\_\_\_\_

NUMERO DE TELEFONO DE LA CASA: \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECCION DE CORREO ELECTRONICO: \_\_\_\_\_

(Si usted no proporciona su dirección de email, nosotros no podremos enviarle una copia de la guía).

Cuota de Membresía (\$5.00 por cada miembro)      Número de Miembros \_\_\_\_\_ x \$5 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

En efectivo \_\_\_\_\_ Cheque \_\_\_\_\_      Número del Cheque \_\_\_\_\_      Monto Pagado \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Firma de uno de los Padres/Tutores \_\_\_\_\_

**Favor de Devolver Este Formulario con su Pago a la Oficina de la Escuela – Buzón del PTSA**



## What's Happening at Fremd?

### September

- 5 Labor Day (no school)
- 15 Parent Open House / 11:50 Dismissal
- 20 Student Late Start
- 23 End of Mid-Grading Period
- 26 Powderpuff / AAG @ Stadium 5:30pm
- 27 Collage Concert @ Cafeteria 7pm
- 29 Mid-Term Reports Mailed
- 30 Homecoming Football Games @ Stadium 5pm

### October

- 1 Homecoming Dance @ Gym 7:30-10:30pm
- 4 Directions 2011 @ Forest View Educational Center 6-9pm
- 10 Columbus Day (no school)
- 12 PLAN Test (Sophomores) / PSAT Test
- 13 Fall Band Showcase Concert 7pm
- 17 Underclass Photo Retakes
- 18 Student Late Start
- 19 D211 College Night @ Conant 6:30-8:30pm / 11:50 Dismissal
- 27 Trick or Treat Festival 4:30-6:30pm
- 28 End of First Quarter

### November

- 1 Student Late Start
- 2-5 Musical @ Auditorium 7pm
- 3 Report Cards Mailed
- 11 Veterans Day (no school)
- 12 Speech Tournament
- 14 Teacher Institute (no classes)
- 15 Student Late Start / Fall Sports Award @ 7:00pm
- 15-18 Fine Arts Week @ Auditorium
- 16 D211 Foundation Evening of Jazz @ Palatine HS



*\*\* As always please check the Fremd website for confirmation of times and events [www.fhs.d211.org](http://www.fhs.d211.org)*

*\*\* Please check the athletic website for updates on Fremd athletic activities*

## Rolling Meadows High School

### Upcoming Events



- One Act Plays -Friday, September 16 at 7:30 in the theater
- Homecoming week activities- September 19 thru 24
- Homecoming soccer game - Thursday, September 22 at 4:30 in the stadium
- Homecoming football game - Friday September 23 at 7:30 in the stadium
- Homecoming dance - Saturday, September 24
- No School - Thursday, September 29
- No School - Monday, October 10
- No School - Monday, October 31
- No School - Friday, November 11

Come out to an athletic event at the high school. Check for the athletic schedules at [rmhs.d214.org](http://rmhs.d214.org)



## Carl Sandburg Junior High PTSA Parents, Teachers and Students

*Working together to ensure a better future for all children*

Dear Parents,

Are your closets full of wrapping paper, old candy, unused candles or stacks of magazines? Are you tired of asking family and friends to support yet another fundraiser? Wouldn't it be great if we could skip the same old fundraising activities yet still generate the funds we need to support the programs, clubs and activities, and the various communication tools that the PTSA sponsors? There's a simple, cost effective way to raise money.

Several years ago, we started a "Direct Donation Appeal" to our Carl Sandburg families. A direct donation is the simplest way to raise the money needed to fund the many activities and events sponsored every year by the PTSA. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$4,000 to fund the existing PTSA Budget as well as expand the scope of programs and projects that will enrich and support the well-being of Carl Sandburg students. We can do this if every family contributes \$25.00.

Money raised through the Direct Donation Appeal will supplement the monies PTSA receives from its Market Day, Spirit Wear and Book Fair efforts. **100% of your donation goes to the school and will directly benefit your children.** All donations are 100% tax-deductible, and a "Tax Donation" receipt will be sent for each donation.

This is your PTSA: an organization that in the past year has sponsored the Spirit Squad, Home Game Concessions, PBIS Incentives, Parent Information Evenings, 8th Grade Celebration, provides E-news, and other valuable communication tools via website just to mention a few. Your help is needed to enable us to do this. Every donation is appreciated, no amount is too big or too small.

Thank you for supporting our school and the great students at Carl Sandburg!

Carl Sandburg PTSA  
Direct Donation Appeal  
Ways and Means Committee  
*Maria Cudney and  
Linda Ratajczyk*

*It's not too late to donate!*



## Direct Donation Appeal

*Please return Carl Sandburg Jr. High School, c/o PTSA Direct Donations*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Donation Amount: \_\_\_ \$125 \_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_ \$75 \_\_\_ \$50 \_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_ Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Carl Sandburg PTSA Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Carl Sandburg Jr. High School PTSA is a section 501(c)(3) Illinois non-profit. All contributions are tax-deductible. A tax receipt for this donation will be mailed to the address provided above.

*A contribution of any size will make a difference and is greatly appreciated!*

### **TIME TO RECYCLE AND BRING YOUR USED ITEMS TO THE COLLECTION BIN**

Carl Sandburg PTSA has partnered with *Fundraise & Recycle Clothes Now!* to **raise money for the PTSA and promote recycling in our community**. This is a wonderful opportunity for our parents, students and the community to recycle their gently used items and reinforce the importance and benefits of recycling with our children.

A FEW POINTS:

- items should be in a bag small enough to fit through the donation chute
- think safety! (NO glass items or unprotected sharp objects, please)
- donate items in good and useable condition
- call the toll free number on the side of the box if it is full and needs to be serviced
- please do not leave any items outside the collection box

WHAT CAN YOU DONATE?

**YES**

Clothes, shoes belts  
Purses, linens, jewelry  
Cameras, kitchenware  
Toys, books, DVDs, CDs

**NO**

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aerosols, chemicals, paints  
food, recalled items, magazines  
encyclopedias, weapons, car parts & supplies  
Construction or building materials



Please check out their website [www.fundraiseandrecycleclothesnow.com](http://www.fundraiseandrecycleclothesnow.com) or contact us if you have any questions. Thanks so much for your generous support!

Carl Sandburg PTSA - Ways and Means  
Maria Cudney & Linda Ratajczyk



## Kelly Miller Circus to Perform September 23 and 24



Ladies and Gentlemen, boys and girls, children of all ages—  
you will not want to miss this event!

Catch the excitement of live entertainment under the big tent. Enjoy the sights and sounds of a genuine circus mid-way. Enjoy pony and elephant rides, cotton candy and treats galore, as the District 15 Educational Foundation and the Rolling Meadows Park District Foundation partner to bring the Kelly Miller Circus to town for four shows at the Community Center Grounds, 3705 Pheasant Drive, Rolling Meadows.

Shows will be held Friday, September 23, at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., and  
Saturday, September 24, at 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m.

A limited number of seats are available for each performance, and all four performances are expected to sell out, as the Foundation anticipates entertaining more than 5,000 guests over the two-day event. **So don't wait - order your tickets today.**

Tickets cost \$12 if purchased prior to September 21 or \$17 if seats are still available the day of the show. All sales are final; no refunds can be given. Shows will go on rain or shine.

Reserve your tickets online at <http://kellymillercircus.eventbrite.com/>. Please note there is a convenience fee of \$1.23 charged per ticket ordered. Visa, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover accepted.

*For more information, contact Donna Kennedy, Foundation Coordinator, at 847-963-3160 or [dfef@ccsd15.net](mailto:dfef@ccsd15.net) or visit [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net) | For Parents/Students | How to Get Involved | [District Fifteen Educational Foundation](#).*

### Board video now available online

Video from the District 15 Board of Education's regular meetings will now be posted online *as quickly as possible after each meeting.*

*A link to the latest video will be posted in the "Links" section of the District's homepage at [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net), while video of past meetings will be archived at [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net) | Board of Education | [Meeting Dates/Agendas/Minutes/Board Briefs](#).*

*For more information, contact Tim Waldorf, writer/editor, at 847-963-3207 or [waldorft@ccsd15.net](mailto:waldorft@ccsd15.net).*



## Community Consolidated School District 15



### Community Curriculum Advisory Council to hold first meeting on October 5

District 15's new Community Curriculum Advisory Council will hold its first meeting on Wednesday, October 5, at 7 p.m. at Winston Campus, 900 E. Palatine Road, Palatine. The meeting is open to the public, and the entire District 15 community is invited to attend.

The Council includes representation from across the District, and it is charged with providing input in a cooperative spirit about the curriculum improvement process in District 15.

The District decided to create the Council as a result of its January 18 *Navigate15* community engagement session on World-Class Curriculum. When that topic generated such a tremendous amount of interest among parents and community members, the District saw a great opportunity to continue raising awareness of its instructional program and to continue working with the community to improve its curriculum by developing the Council.

The 2011-12 meeting schedule is:

- October 5, 2011—7 p.m., Winston Campus cafeteria
- November 2, 2011—7 p.m., Winston Campus cafeteria
- January 4, 2012—7 p.m., Winston Campus cafeteria
- February 22, 2012—7 p.m., location TBD
- April 4, 2012—7 p.m., Winston Campus cafeteria

*For more information on the Community Curriculum Advisory Council, contact Mary Zarr, assistant superintendent for curriculum, special services, and school improvement, at 847-963-3106 or [zarm@ccsd15.net](mailto:zarm@ccsd15.net).*

### Physicals now required before athletes can try out

Junior high athletes now need physicals before they can try out for an interscholastic sport.

The [exam form](#), completed and signed by a doctor, must be dated within one year prior to the start of practice or try-outs, and must be filed in the school nurse's office before the student can begin practicing.

**NOTE:** This year only, this new policy will not apply to students who are participating in fall sports such as cross country and girls' basketball. They will be allowed to try out without physical forms on file, but they must file those forms prior to their first practice in order to continue participating in the program.

However, students participating in all other sports—boys' basketball, wrestling, volleyball, and track and field—will now need to have their physicals turned into the nurse's office before tryouts as their individual seasons begin.

Physical forms are available in the school office and online at [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net) | Our Services | Instructional Services | Curriculum & Instruction | [Physical Education](#).

*For more information, contact Sandy Drucker, District 15's P.E. facilitator, at 847-963-3103 or [druckers@ccsd15.net](mailto:druckers@ccsd15.net).*



## Community Consolidated School District 15



### **First B-PAC meeting to focus on immigration law**

The first of four Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee (B-PAC) meetings scheduled for this year will be held Wednesday, September 21, from 6:30–8 p.m. at Winston Campus Junior High, 900 E. Palatine Road, Palatine.

The topic of the meeting will be “All you need to know about immigration law.”

Refreshments will be served, and raffle prizes will be drawn. Supervision will be provided for children age 3 and older, and transportation to this meeting will be offered from the following locations:

- Edgebrook Community Center (also known as *la escuelita* in Green Lane apartments),  
1926 Green Lane North, Palatine
- Police Neighborhood Resource Center, 2272 Algonquin Parkway, Rolling Meadows
- Palatine Opportunity Center, 1585 N. Rand Road, Palatine

Buses will load at 6 p.m., leave promptly at 6:15 p.m., and return at 8:15 p.m.

B-PAC participates in the planning, operation, and evaluation of the District’s Spanish bilingual programs and targets parents with children in those programs. In addition, important topics relating to education, the District, and the community are shared. Interested staff and community members are also encouraged to attend.

*For more information, visit [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net) | Our Services | Second Language Services | [Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee \(B-PAC\)](#), or contact Lady Gil, second language facilitator, at 847-963-3129 or [gill@ccsd15.net](mailto:gill@ccsd15.net).*

### **SPARK to highlight D15 special education services**

Special Education Parents Accessing Resources and Knowledge (SPARK) will hold its first monthly meeting of the 2011-12 school year on Monday, September 19, from 7-8:30 p.m. at Walter R. Sundling Junior High, 1100 N. Smith Street, Palatine.

All District 15 parents of children with Individualized Education Programs (IEP) are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting to learn about the special education programs and services District 15 provides. Parents and families will have an opportunity to meet District 15 administrators, find out who to contact with their questions and concerns, and explore their unique and essential role in the IEP process.

SPARK is a committee of the Northwest Suburban Council of PTA/PTSA that serves families of children with special needs in District 15. It was formed in response to the growing needs of families whose children learn differently or have special needs. It is comprised of parents who are trying to navigate the special education system who have realized the importance of networking with families of other special needs children and sharing resources related to special education.

SPARK has representatives at each District 15 school, and all parents, educators, and administrators are encouraged to attend its monthly meeting, which feature presentations by special education experts.

*For a list of SPARK events scheduled for the 2011-12 school year, visit [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net) | For Parents/Students | Parent Resources | [SPARK](#). For more information, e-mail [sparkdistrict15@gmail.com](mailto:sparkdistrict15@gmail.com), or contact Ani Erickson, SPARK chair, at 847-907-4732 or Jen Kurrie, SPARK co-chair, at 847-963-8087.*



## Community Consolidated School District 15



### **ISAT scores and NCLB requirements continue to rise**

Preliminary 2011 Illinois Standards Achievement Test (ISAT) results indicate District 15 continued to excel academically last year as the requirements of federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) legislation continued to climb.

District 15's analysis of its 2011 ISAT scores indicates that the District and its schools met approximately 87 percent (169 of 194) of their academic measures for Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) toward NCLB's goals, and 95 percent (406 of 431) of their total AYP measures.

"Overall, we are pleased with our progress toward making AYP, especially now that the requirements for doing so are escalating so quickly," said Mary Zarr, assistant superintendent for curriculum, special services, and school improvement.

NCLB's goal is for all students to meet or exceed standards in reading and mathematics by 2014. So each year the state calculates a school's adequate yearly progress toward that goal to determine if students are improving their performance. Illinois continues to raise its AYP target 7.5 percentage points each year. For instance, in 2011, Illinois' AYP target climbed from a requirement that 77.5 percent of all students and all qualifying demographic subgroups meet or exceed state standards in reading and math, to a requirement that 85 percent do so.

According to the 2011 ISAT results, 15 of the District's 19 reporting school's made AYP in reading while 16 did so in math. In all, 85.7 percent of the District's students are meeting or exceeding state standards in reading while 96.1 percent are meeting or exceeding them in math.

Mrs. Zarr presented these preliminary results to the Board of Education during its August 10 meeting, and noted two specific highlights from this year's report. First, the District made AYP in its Limited English Proficiency (LEP) subgroup for the first time since the 2006-07 school year. LEP students must take the same test in English as other students even if their ACCESS scores indicate they are not yet proficient in English.

"We are extremely proud of this achievement, as this is an area we have focused on as a District for a very long time," said Mrs. Zarr, offering her congratulations to Cheryl Wolfel, Ed.D., the District's director of second language programs, and to the teaching staff across the District.

Mrs. Zarr also congratulated the staff at Thomas Jefferson School, who raised reading achievement across the board in every category. In 2010, the school's Hispanic, LEP, and economically disadvantaged subgroups did not make AYP in reading. In 2011, the school made AYP in those categories, increasing the number of students in those three subgroups who met or exceeded state reading standards by 15.2, 17.5, and 11.9 percentage points, respectively.

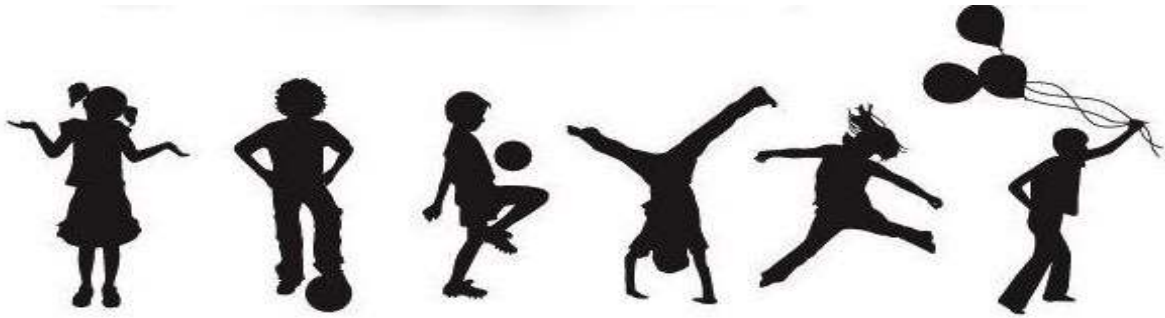
"They put together an extremely strong plan of action to accommodate the needed interventions, and that resulted in huge gains for all of the subgroups," Mary said.

When the complete 2011 Illinois School Report Cards for District 15 and its schools are available from the state later this fall, they will be posted on the District's website, [www.ccsd15.net](http://www.ccsd15.net).

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## **Healthy Kids** **From Home to School and Back**

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featuring

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Rose Jensen (Northwest Community Hospital) - Nutrition for kids at Home

Derrick Eckman (CCSD15 JH PE Teacher) - Fitness for kids at School

Bobbie Desprat (CCSD15 Director of School Nutrition) - Nutrition for kids at School

