# CONFICTIONS Living and Learning in NW Lake County A community magazine for Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst & Fall in Antioch Antioch Township's new highway commissioner Antioch 34's master facility planning New board member in Lake Villa Lake Villa's Peacock Camp STEAM program in Fox Lake 114 New athletic/activity conference for District 117 • 21st Century learning in District 36 · Also in this issue: Lake Villa and **Antioch libraries**

As we have completed our first year of Connections, our joint community magazine, and begin our second year, we want to reflect on the success we have had. To date, most of the taxing bodies in our three communities (Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst) are participating in the magazine. The main purpose of Connections is to help reduce communication costs and open up avenues for future collaborative ventures of the taxing bodies by starting small. Many of our organizations have worked together on various projects, but there are more opportunities for collaboration. We feel this is a good example of a shared services model.

The magazine is published four times a year: fall, winter, spring, and summer. Each magazine covers three months of content. The first issue of the year includes information and activities for the months

of September, October, and November. Included in the magazine is a calendar of events, which is intended to communicate all community events in one publication.

The magazine includes color-coded sections to match the Table of Contents and easily identify each organization's information. The Table of Contents is located on the first page following the opening letter of each issue. Also included is contact information for each of the participating organizations.

We hope you consider *Connections* as a primary source for learning more about each of the community governmental entities. Questions, comments, compliments, or concerns can be communicated via email: <a href="mailto:connections@chsd117.org">connections@chsd117.org</a>.

#### Sincerely,



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## Progress: Past and Present

As summer comes to an end, we can look back at some of the progress made in the Village.

As expected, the 2016 pool season was a successful one. We were open 82 days, and served an estimated 12,045 guests at the facility this year. We've also taken strides in economic development, as evidenced by the article in this issue.

As time progresses, so does technology. ComEd was at a Village Board Meeting in July to roll out their new smart meter program. You may find additional information on their program in this issue, or visit their website at <a href="https://www.comed.com/smartmeters">www.comed.com/smartmeters</a>.

The 2016 road program should be finishing up near the end of October. More than \$850,000 was budgeted to repair and replace certain roadways in the Village. While we would like to resurface every street that needs attention, there are many considerations made to determine which roads are part of each program annually. In order to maintain and keep up with roadways, two to three miles of road each year are recommended for repair. With close to 60 linear miles of Village-owned roadways, a more aggressive schedule is necessary, but public works maintenance keeps our roads safe in the most cost effective manner. This year alone, the costs for repairing 2.6 miles was \$857,000.

The Village Board and Department Directors recently underwent a strategic planning session in order to identify the strategic priorities they face moving forward. Those priorities include financial strength, workforce development, economic development, organizational effectiveness and the maintenance of infrastructure systems. An implementation strategy will be presented to the Village Board for final consideration and approval. The strategic planning

process helps the Village identify which priorities to focus on as it progresses. Once it is completed, a copy of the strategic plan will be published on the Village's website.

Whether it's programs, services, or economic development, the Village of Antioch continues



to move forward with an ever-changing society. As your mayor, I try to bring the Village up-to-date with current trends and technology, all while maintaining our small town feel, and encourage residents to embrace good change. Look for improved customer service as the Village implements new Parks Department software and a new telephone system that will improve efficiency and increase capability. I encourage feedback from the residents, and pride myself on listening and responding to resident concerns, issues, and comments. Please feel free to email me at <a href="mailto:lhanson@antioch.il.gov">lhanson@antioch.il.gov</a> or stop in to see me; my door is always open. If I am not in the office or unavailable, leave a note and I will get back to you. I hope you have a wonderful Autumn in Antioch.

### Village of Antioch Social Media

Do you have a Facebook account? So do we! Head on over to Facebook and "friend" us. Our staff is committed to staying in touch with our residents. We update Village events, news and press releases. You can follow the links on the Village Website as well to connect to us by searching Antioch IL.

Search Village of Antioch

A s your Village Clerk, I am grateful to serve the residents of the Village of Antioch, a community in which I was raised. I went to W.C. Petty Elementary School, Antioch Upper Grade School, and graduated from Antioch Community High School in 1995. From there I went to Northern Illinois University, where I received a Bachelor's degree in Sociology/Criminology.

During high school and throughout my college career, I worked at the Village of Antioch in various capacities before being appointed as Deputy Village Clerk in 2006. While working under former Clerk Candi L. Rowe, I was able to expand my knowledge of municipal government. Candi encouraged continued education and taught me much of what I know about municipal government from her many years of experience as Village Clerk. In 2009 I was certified through the Municipal Clerks of Illinois as a Registered Municipal Clerk, and was nationally recognized as a Certified Municipal Clerk in 2010 by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. Upon the retirement of Clerk Rowe in 2012, I was appointed as Village Clerk for the Village of Antioch, and have been dedicated in my service to the Village in that role since. I believe continued education is vital to providing public service, and I continue to attend courses. Most recently I completed the Communities of Excellence program through the College of Lake County, I believe in a transparent and open government, and helped lead the initiative to create the Village of Antioch Website Transparency Policy, which was adopted in March of 2015. As a proud member of the Antioch Community, I was honored to serve alongside the talented and notable members of the Community Vision Committee, helping to create and mold the first-ever

### Illinois Juvenile Officer of the Year

n June 17, Antioch Police Sergeant Norm Johnson was recognized as Juvenile Officer of the Year by the Illinois Juvenile Officers Association for the following:

Sgt. Johnson began his career with APD in June of 2001. His passion and dedication to law enforcement, as well his commitment



to help others soon became evident, and he was appointed as a certified Juvenile Officer shortly after his employment began. In this capacity, Sgt. Johnson took it upon himself to train and assist others in the Department with all juvenile matters.

Sgt. Johnson was appointed as a School Resource Officer at Antioch Community High School in 2005, and remained in this position until 2010. During his tenure, Sgt. Johnson was the lead investigator for all juvenile crimes, and worked diligently to form and maintain

an outstanding working relationship with the school district. Sgt. Johnson was recognized by all as the "go-to" expert on juvenile matters, and left a lasting impression with students and school staff, alike. In addition, Sgt. Johnson was assigned as the Teen Court Coordinator for the Department, and was instrumental in providing

## Meet Lori K. Romine, Village Clerk

Community Vision for the Village of Antioch, adopted just last year.

Some of you may know me by my maiden name, Lori Folbrick, Mv husband Jack and I were married in May of this year, and I was happy to take his name. We are very excited to start this new chapter in our lives together, along with our fur babies Oliver and Jojo. You may recognize our dog



Oliver from the Antioch Chamber of Commerce Dickens Event as a take on Oliver Twist.

I look forward to my continued service to the Village of Antioch and its residents. I have an open door policy, and try to be supportive and helpful to the Antioch community as a whole.

first time, non-violent juvenile offenders with the opportunity for non-punitive consequences through juvenile diversion.

Sgt. Johnson has served in the capacity of Sergeant at Arms, as well as President of the Lake County Juvenile Officers Association, and has served on the Executive Board since 2013. He is also the recipient of the 2014 Lake County Juvenile Officer Past President Award for demonstrating dedication and service to the youth of Lake County and displaying the



highest degree of professionalism as President of the Lake County Juvenile Officers Association.

Throughout his career, Sgt. Johnson has demonstrated a true passion for assisting juveniles. Whether participating in our annual Shop-With-A-Cop program, working as a School Resource Officer, or providing assistance with juveniles wherever he can, he has always had the ability to connect with juveniles on a human level. Through this connection, he has impacted the lives of many youths during his career. Sgt. Johnson's dedication and passion as a Juvenile Officer reflects greatly upon himself, the community he serves, and the Antioch Police Department.

### Parks and Recreation Fresh Start Campaign

Antioch Parks and Recreation is proud to announce a partnership with Rec1 to provide the latest software experience to our customers! Current Parks and Recreation customers have had limited and cumbersome experiences with our previous software. The new software focuses on the customer experience by providing a 21st Century solution to registration, event ticketing, and account management. Customers will now be able to pay account balances, speed up registration, request rental reservations, print out receipts, print reports, search for age and grade-related programming, and view their upcoming programs.

To rollout this new software package, Parks and Recreation is kicking things off with a "Fresh Start Campaign." This campaign will focus primarily on rebuilding our database through free drawings for some of the most coveted tickets of the year. In order to qualify for this free drawing, users will be asked to create a new account by September 30, 2016. Only account holders will be entered. There is no purchase necessary to enter, and one entry per household is permitted. Winners will be announced on October 3, 2016.



### Adult Programming

Antioch Parks and Recreation prides itself on programming great things for the youth in Antioch. Now it is time for our adults. We look to the adults in our community for advice and/or ideas of what they would like. Would it be open gym, or an opportunity to play in a pickup basketball or volleyball game? We started this exact way with a group of people who wanted to play pickle ball, and today we have a large group of pickle ballers who play in a league

weekly throughout the summer. This league will continue to grow and include a winter home at the Parks gym to help to improve their game. We are looking for additional ideas or activities that you would like to see planned, and we will try to build it the same way. All ideas and suggestions should be sent to <a href="mailto:parks@antioch.il.gov">parks@antioch.il.gov</a>, and the program supervisor, Mary Quilty, will be in contact with you.

### Antioch Senior Services

The Antioch Senior Center offers a multi-faceted program of activities combined with a warm and welcoming environment that is inclusive and respectful to everyone in the senior community. The Senior Center connects older adults to vital community services that can help them stay healthy and independent. It can also improve the physical, social, spiritual, emotional, mental, and economic well-being of our senior population. The Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Every evening the Senior Center is used by non-profit Antioch community groups/organizations for their weekly meetings. For more information about programming or membership, please contact the center at 847-395-0139.

### Weekly Programs

Bingo, Bridge, Sing-A-Long Group, Pinochle, Line Dancing, Bible Study, Cribbage, Fitness Class, Evening Dance, Card Game Lessons, and evening dinner.

#### Daily Programs

Luncheons (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday), Computer, Internet, Exercise Equipment, Puzzles, Social Service Info., Lending Library, and Loaning of Medical Equipment.

### Upcoming Events

**September 5** - Labor Day Picnic at center at 11:00 a.m.; bring a salad (Bingo and Cards, too)

**September 7** - Bible Study returns every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m.

October 14 - Toe Nail Clinic (call for appointment)

October 26 - Halloween Party (10:30 a.m.)

November 11- Senior Center's Annual Rummage Sale (Huge) Items are accepted anytime! Please, no clothes.



## AFD's 10 Top Tips for Teaching Kids About Fire Safety

#### This message brought to you by the Antioch Fire Department

hild care providers, teachers, and parents, alike, should partner together to teach children of all ages, and especially youngsters, about fire safety. Here are 10 tips for teaching fire safety to kids:

#### 1. Escape Route Planning

Designate two ways out of every room, if at all possible. Today's media rooms (rooms created without windows) can create a particular fire entrapment issue, and parents should evaluate their home and establish a plan in those instances.

#### 2. Windows Are for More Than Fresh Air

Make sure that windows are not stuck closed, that screens can be removed quickly, and that security bars can be opened. For parents in particular, if a child's bedroom is upstairs, they should be able to complete these tasks in the event of an emergency.

### 3. Second Floor Safety

Escape ladders should be placed near second floor windows, and children should practice using them. For extremely young kids, a "mini-exercise" from a first-floor window can at least educate the child as to expectations.

### 4. Feeling Way to Safety

Children should practice feeling their way out of the home in the dark or with their eyes closed. Parents and providers can turn this into a game by blindfolding a child, placing him/her in a room, and asking him/her to feel his/her way to a designated area. Daycares and child care providers can set it up as an obstacle course, and then provide cues and help so that when the children reach a designated end point, a special treat awaits!

### 5. Use Songs to Teach What to Do

Consider teaching a fire escape song to reinforce the need to get out of a burning building. This one can be sung to *Frere Jacques*: "There's a fire! There's a fire! Must get out! Must get out! Stay away from fire! Stay away from fire! It is hot. It is hot."



#### 6. Smoke Detectors 101

Teach children about smoke detectors, why they are installed, how they work, and the sound that they make. Children need to be able to associate the sound going off with a fire as part of fire safety for kids. Adults should change batteries regularly to avoid having the alarm go off and risk frightening a child.

### 7. Out Means Stay Out

Teach children that once they are out of a burning house or building, they must go to the designated place and never, ever venture back in. If someone or a family pet is missing, they should inform a fire fighter or adult. There are too many tragedies that could have been avoided in cases when an individual has gotten out safely only to venture back in the home or building and perish.

#### 8. It's in The Touch

Instruct kids how to check doors to see if they are hot, and if so, how to find another way out. Fire safety for kids includes having them find a towel to use for handling, touching, or grabbing items to avoid burns, and to also use the towel or cover to protect their faces and cover their mouths.

### 9. Stop, Drop, and Roll

Teach kids what to do in the event that their clothes catch fire. Make sure they understand stop, drop, and roll. Many fire-related injuries could have been avoided or greatly minimized if a child heeded this advice instead of the natural instinct of running.

#### 10. Practice Monthly

Practice your escape plan at least twice a year with children as part of fire safety for kids, preferably monthly. Families and providers should also practice fire drills and alter areas affected by fire.

### Fall in Antioch

Fall in Antioch continues to bring the great activities and events that everyone has come to expect! Whether it be Parks and Recreation events, such as Treat the Streets, or third party events, such as The Firemen's Dance, there is something for everyone during the fall in Antioch. While we are enjoying the autumn and a relief from the heat, we can continue to enjoy the outdoors and the weather.



#### In September...

By this point all homes in the 60002 zip should have received the new program guide for the upcoming fall/winter programs, with classes beginning September 12. New for 2016 we are working on leagues for basketball and other possible indoor sports for adults. Whether those leagues are men's, women's, or coed we are looking to build a list of those interested in participating in these great fall/winter activities. We are also working on open gym times with the help of District 34 for you to get time to shoot around and much more. Keep an eye on the website for additional details for new activities/programs that we are in process of negotiating by visiting Antioch.il.gov and clicking on parks and recreation.

The 2016 farmers market is beginning its final month of the season in September! You will have an opportunity each Thursday night up until September 29 to enjoy and purchase many unique items. Remember, the market is open from 3 -7 p.m. every Thursday and features a business weekly, so it is always different.

We also have some great community events going on in September. The month includes the Firefighters Association Firemen's Dance and the Chamber of Commerce's Fall Arts & Crafts Faire and Apple Fest. The Chamber's Fall Arts & Crafts Faire along with Apple Fest takes place on September 10 and 11 from 10 a.m to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., respectively. The Faire will feature 85+booths with vendors from all over the country as well as games and activities centered around the apple season. the annual Firemen's Dance will take place the evening of September 10 at its new location, The Williams E. Brook Entertainment Center. At this event the Firefighters Association will provide plenty of food and drinks along with great music to dance into the night.

Don't worry if you feel as though we are missing a family event in September because we are not. On September 15, the annual Homecoming Parade featuring the Antioch Community High School teams and clubs will provide plenty of opportunity for you to have some family fun. The evening begins with a great parade in downtown Antioch (6:45 p.m.) from Orchard Street south to Antioch Community High School, where all will come together to watch fun skits, topped off with fireworks and the annual bonfire.

#### In October....

October brings for many the feeling of costumes, Halloween, and candy! We certainly won't let you down, but we also have a few other things planned.

The annual Rotary Club Pork Chop Dinner and Auction takes place on October 1 at St. Peter School. Dinner will start at 5 p.m. and the auction will begin at 7 p.m. The following weekend is the Chamber's Beer & BBQ Walk centered in the downtown. Tickets for these events are sold by their respective organizations, which can be found online by searching their names followed by Antioch, IL.

On October 13 one of our hottest selling tickets goes on sale. Starting at 6 p.m., buy your tickets for the North Pole Express Trains. Due to the high demand and limited availability, tickets for this specific event only can be purchased in-house at the Parks and Recreation Department. This year we have 16 dates to enjoy a trip to the North Pole to visit Santa. Dates for this event are Tuesday-Friday weekly starting on Tuesday, November 29 until Friday, December 23. This event has reserved seating and is filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.



We all know what comes as we get close to the end of October. You'll have the chance to wear your costumes more than once because in Antioch we not only have Halloween but we also have Treat the Streets and the Monster Mash Bash. On Saturday, October 22 this event features a couple of hours of trick-or-treating in the downtown area of Antioch followed immediately by games and contests at the Williams E. Brook Entertainment Center "The Bandshell." Treat the Streets will be from 12-2 p.m., with the Monster Mash Bash running from 1-4 p.m.

To round out the month, the annual Trick-or-Treating in Antioch is scheduled for Monday, October 31 from 4-7 p.m. throughout town. Please remember it is always a good idea to turn on your porch lights if you have candy for the kids. Turning your lights off doesn't mean you won't get kids, but tradition of a lit porch means kids are welcome and candy is available.

#### In November...

Now that the leaves have fallen, we turn toward major holiday celebrations! Antioch begin to transform for the upcoming holiday activities. Things start off quickly with the Chamber of Commerce's Dickens Holiday Village, which places characters throughout the downtown area to celebrate the great holiday story.

Even though it's November and the last thing people are thinking about is water activities, our annual drive to sell pool passes starts on November 7 through Parks and Recreation. They make great gifts for the Christmas season, and they are even sold with an early bird discount so you can save on the 2017 passes with the early purchase.





Now, if pool passes are the last thing on your mind, maybe your focus is more on winter-type activities! Antioch Parks and Recreation sponsors the annual Ski and Skate Resale on Saturday, November 19. This is a great place to buy or sell items that have either been outgrown, replaced, or no longer used as winter activity sports and gear.

Along with the Ski and Skate Resale, the Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring their Champagne, Cordials, and Chocolate Holiday Walk on November 12. This is a ticketed event; you can find tickets by contacting the Chamber at 847-395-2233 or by purchasing them online at AntiochChamber.org.

Antioch always kicks off the Christmas Season early, so the day after you have feasted on Thanksgiving dinner you have the opportunity to see the first Christmas Parade of the season on Friday, November 25. You can join the community while they welcome to town the big guy "Santa" for this old fashion night parade. This parade signifies the opening of the Chamber's Santa's Village, which is open throughout the entire holiday season. Visit their website for more information about dates and times.

Autumn in Antioch provides a lot of activities for families and adults. Some of the activities are geared toward all ages while others are intended for a specific audience. Should you need clarification about any of events or contacts for specific groups, please contact the Antioch Parks and Recreation Department at 847-395-2160, email parks@antioch.il.gov, or visit us at 806 Holbek Drive.



### **Economic Development**

The Village continues to work with the developer of the Antioch Corporate Park on new development for this regional business park. A new 514,000-square-foot building was approved in early 2016, and staff anticipates construction this autumn or in the spring of 2017. The first phase of the project, a 500,000-square-foot building, was completed and is occupied by several new users.

Skipper Buds recently took over the management of Sequoit Harbor on Route 173 and rebranded the marina as Skipper Buds. Staff anticipates a major expansion of this marina in the future along with the potential of attracting other possible commercial users to the subject site.

A new 8,300-square-foot O'Reilly's Auto Parts is nearing completion as part of the GLP development (Menards and Wal-Mart). In addition, the Village recently annexed the 9.5-acre Buehler light industrial building, located south of the Wal-Mart on Route 173. The plan for this commercial development is to convert and re-image the existing building into a new commercial retail center.

A new Subway drive-thru was approved for the Towne Square Retail Center on Route 83, and staff anticipates an opening of this new store this autumn.

The Village recently retained the consulting services of Retail Strategies out of Birmingham, Alabama to work with the Village on aggressive and active recruitment efforts of a number of national retailers along the Route 173 corridor. Retail Strategies is one of the premier retail consultants in the nation, and staff has identified several commercial nodes along Route 173 that could potentially attract new commercial development. Staff and Retail Strategies will continue to recruit new commercial businesses to this corridor.

The Village staff continues to work on a development plan for the 50-acre Boylan site on Route 173. Staff is currently working with several prospective commercial users who are interested in the site for expansion along with a large light industrial user who has a prospective interest. Along with the potential of new commercial and light industrial users, the Village staff continues to work on the realignment and construction of a new Grimm Road that would provide a new connection between Route 173 and Route 83.

The Village of Antioch is seeing substantial new interest in new housing development in the Village. The Village is continuing to work with the developer of the Hawthorne Ridge project at North Avenue and Trevor to modify the plan based on public input. The developer is proposing a single-family development, and staff is working with them to modify the plan so that it integrates successfully with surrounding neighborhoods. In addition, staff is working with a major regional and national homebuilder that is in the process of purchasing vacant lots at the Clublands Planned Unit Development. Staff anticipates the construction of a new model this year and substantial single-family home sales in 2017.

The Village continues to work with the business owners in Downtown Antioch on creating a new "Main Street" forum that would provide the opportunity to create a new Downtown partnership among businesses, residents, and the Village with the goal of maintaining the Downtown's "sense of place" and building on its success. A new program is being created to assist in the rehabilitation of historic buildings in Downtown along with the creation of a new Downtown Sign District.

### Ski and Skate Resale

I ce skates too small? Want a new pair of skis? Is your garage and closet cluttered with winter sports equipment that you just don't use anymore? Antioch Parks and Recreation will help you sell your equipment to make room for skates that fit or a snowboard that your child is old enough to try out. This is the place to buy that sport equipment you don't want to purchase brand new because you are not sure it is right for you! Bring your gently used skis, skates, etc. to our resale. Then return on Saturday to find that piece of equipment you have been dying to try out.

We will accept skis, ski boots, poles, bindings, ice skates, cross country gear, sleds, snow shoes, snowboards, hockey equipment, boot trees, ski carriers, and just about any kind of recreational equipment and clothing you might want to bring in. Drop-off for sports equipment is Thursday, November 17, from 4:00-7:00 p.m. or Friday, November 18 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. in the Parks building gym (806 Holbek Drive, Antioch). The sale is Saturday, November 19 from 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the same location. Any questions or inquiries, please call the Parks Office at 847-395-2160.

## Village of Antioch Community Christmas Tree Ornament Decorating contest

Each year the community comes together to turn on the lights of the Village tree. For the past two years the Parks and Recreation Department has offered a contest for the best decorated cut-out ornament. In years past it has been a round ball and a candy cane. This year the cut-out will be Santa's boot, which can be purchased at the Parks office for \$5 starting November 4. We challenge families

to creatively decorate the ornament and submit it back to the Parks Department by November 21 for judging. The prizes for top decorated ornament will include, but are not limited to, flipping the switch on the Village Christmas tree after the parade, North Pole Express tickets, and a family pool pass for the 2017 season.

### A word from the Village of Antioch's Water and Sewer Department

The subject of using the restroom is not one typically talked about, but it is important to be aware of the problems that can occur when flushing items in the toilet.

Although the things you flush down the toilet may escape your home's plumbing, the sewage blockages in the larger pipes affect many more people than just your family as well as interfere with the maintenance of the sewer services. Help us keep our costs down by tossing instead of flushing.

Although disposable wipe labels are advertised as flushable, this does not mean they should be flushed. Flushable does not mean the product is biodegradable or able to break down. Toilets are not trash cans.

## The ONLY items to be flushed are human waste and toilet paper.

Do NOT flush:

- · Wipes of any kind, even if labeled as flushable
- · Paper towels, napkins
- Dental floss
- Hair
- Diapers

## Leaf Vacuuming & Yard Waste

The new contracted waste hauler for Village of Antioch residents is Groot, Inc. Each year, from April 1 through November 30, Groot offers landscape waste collection and brush pickup services. Collection coincides with garbage and recycling on Thursdays. All landscape waste must be placed at the curb in biodegradable paper bags sold specifically for the collection and disposal of landscape waste, or in marked containers clearly indicating the contents are landscape waste. Bags and containers cannot exceed 50 pounds. Brush pickup is also available; it must be bundled with natural fiber twine, and cannot exceed 4 feet in length and 2 feet in diameter.

### Elections

E lection season is underway, from the race for President of the United States down to the local level. Voter registration is a service provided both at the Village Hall and Antioch Township Offices. Early voting will begin October 24, 2016 at the Antioch Township Office located on Deep Lake Road. Please read the article from the desk of Anita Dyer, Antioch Township Clerk, in this issue for more information about early voting and voter registration.

The General Election will be November 8, 2016 and includes the election of federal, state, and county officials. The consolidated election for township, municipal, library, and school districts will be held on April 4, 2017. Those interested in running for public office in the Village of Antioch may obtain a courtesy petition packet from the Village Clerk's office when they become available. Look for a notice on our website in September with that information. Those interested in running for election may also refer to the Illinois State Board of Elections website, www.elections.il.gov, for current, up-to-date information.



- Cat litter
- Fats, oils, and grease
- · Vitamins or any type of medications
- · Sanitary napkins, tampons and applicators, condoms
- Band Aids
- · Paint, stain, solvents, sealants, and thinners

#### AND REMEMBER

If you question it... don't flush it! Toss it!

For additional information, visit our website at <u>www.antioch.il.gov/nonflushables.pdf.</u>

Another service provided by Groot is leaf vacuuming. During the first full four weeks in November, Groot provides leaf vacuuming services at the curb. Residents must rake leaves within five feet of the edge of the road (not in ditches).

For more information on these services and other services provided by Groot, please visit our website at www.antioch.il.gov/wastehauling.cfm.

Additional information about voter registration, polling places, election results, and candidate services are available at www.antioch. il.gov/voters.cfm or http://www.lakecountyil.gov/163/Elections.

Village residents interested in serving their community without running for election may consider applying for an appointed position on one of the boards or commissions advisory to the Village Board. Being a member of the Planning and Zoning Board, Park Commission, Police and Fire Commission, Police Pension Fund Board, or Environmental Commission provide residents the opportunity to become involved in their community. If you are interested in serving on any of the above commissions, please submit a resumé and letter of interest to Village Clerk Lori Romine. You may be called upon when a vacancy occurs.

### A note from the Superintendent

Welcome back. I trust the beginning of school was smooth and full of excitement and anticipation. I want to share with you a message from the 2016 Illinois Teacher of the Year, Kim Thomas. I think her message is universal with educators and embodies District 117's newly developed mission statement: "Ignite passion and discovery in all students."

#### Live + Laugh + Love = Learn

Teaching and math share a common denominator – they center on relationships.

Of course, in math the relationships are between numbers...positives, negatives, addition, division, etc., and you have to find the satisfactory solution before moving on to the next problem. Teachers of any subject understand the correlation of success and building relationships with our students, parents, colleagues, and the community. I want to share my approach to building strong relationships that demonstrate all the good things going on in classrooms across Illinois.

The teaching profession is filled with diverse angles. Some are acute while others are obtuse. The degree of each angle is irrelevant. It is the "mathlicious" approach I take that makes me who I am as a teacher. I just completed my  $10 \times 2 + 3$  year teaching in Peoria. This is the most challenging era to be an educator. Policies, evaluations, and assessments are ever-changing; the constants in education are the love and dedication we have for kids.

I live what I teach every day. It is up to me to ensure my enthusiasm and passions for teaching are contagious for my students as well as other educators. We are all in this together, and our goal should be to make sure that the time students spend with us will be one of the best fractions of their day.

Laughter should be in everyone's lesson plans. It is so important for kids to be happy. Beginning my class with a cheer for someone or something upbeat always puts a positive parabola on my students' faces. My cheers are very simple and fun – I just spell out a kid's name, and then say something great about them. I never made the cheerleading team, but now I am head cheerleader in my classroom!

The word "love" makes even the toughest kid rethink a decision. My students know I am their math mom. Moms have to correct their children, but still love them. One parental contact can transform a child's



education path, and talking is powerful and free! Parents deserve our commitment to keeping them informed.

Teachers are the length, width, and height of education. It is not easy to be a teacher, and that's why teachers are three-dimensional super heroes. Please continue to add to your passion. Subtract the "I can't" and multiply by "I can." Divide by the love you have for kids, and this will equal an educational celebration.

I believe Mrs. Thomas's message represents the beliefs and values of educators in Community High School District 117. We are intentional and believe in developing and maintaining strong, positive relationships with our students, parents, and community.

We look forward to another great school year.

Yours in Education, Jim McKay Superintendent Community High School District 117

## District 117 students return from trip to Peru

Fifteen students from Antioch and Lakes high schools embarked on a trip of a lifetime to Peru this summer, which combined the Spanish language and Incan/ Peruvian culture. Students started with a sightseeing tour of the capital, Lima, taking a guided bus tour, relaxing in the parks overlooking the Pacific Ocean, and enjoying dinner and a show in the evening. Students then traveled to Cuzco, taking in the sights of Koricancha Temple, an Incan Sun Temple, and attending a gold and silver demonstration. Next was Ollantaytambo, where students took a guided tour of the ancient city, visited the Pablo Seminario ceramic studio (and met the artist!), participated in a weaving demonstration within a local coop, and stepped carefully

around the Maras Salt Ponds. Students finally made their way to the Sacred Valley to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World, Machu Picchu, trekking throughout the Incan fortress within the Andes Mountains, while taking in the breathtaking sights. As they made their way back to Cuzco, they stopped at an animal reserve (llama selfies!), visited a local school, went horseback riding, and bargained for souvenirs at a local market. The trip ended in Puerto Maldonado, where they participated in guided day and night hikes in the jungle, played soccer at the lodge, and relaxed in their hammocks outside their cabin. Students were sad to see the trip come to an end, but overjoyed with the wealth of memories they created.



## A note from the Principal

#### ACHS Community,

A t this point, we have officially kicked off the '16-17 school year. We collectively spent the summer developing, growing, learning, reflecting, rejuvenating, and relaxing in preparation for what I believe will prove to be an extremely successful campaign. Heading into my fourth year as the principal at Antioch Community High School, I remain as eager, excited, and energized as I was three years ago. I continue to be profoundly humbled by the trust, responsibility, and belief that has been invested in me, our staff, and our students. Likewise, I continue to be motivated by, committed to, and steadfast in our ability to serve and meet the needs of kids—all kids. We are excited about this year and look forward to being able to share all the great things that will occur over the course of the next nine months.

This summer, I was granted an unspeakable opportunity to travel to Finland and study a world-renowned educational system, and The Hague, to join a Student Leadership Summit on Human Rights. The former granted me an incredible opportunity to learn about the system, pedagogy, beliefs, teachers, and students that have allowed Finland to excel academically. The latter afforded me a chance to hear from the grandsons of Gandhi and Mandela, in addition to students from around the globe regarding their thoughts and ideas surrounding micro solutions to macro human rights issues. The trip was impactful, inspiring, and influential for me as an educator, leader, and human being. For more insight into what I took away from this incredible opportunity, please visit the blog post that I wrote about my reflections: https://goo.gl/87LGmC.

Lastly, I would like to share an excerpt of a letter that was mailed to students and families in late July. This paragraph might shed some light on where I am and where we are in terms of our mindset,

dedication, and sense of urgency as we do our work and jump into this new school year:

I do want to take this communicative opportunity to acknowledge that this summer we have seen the manifestation of fear, intolerance, hate, and distrust all too often and in some unspeakable ways. The only way I know how to combat, address, and seek to change this narrative is through the empathy,



love, relationships, respect, responsibility, and pride that function as the foundation upon which we have collectively built our learning community. With each tragedy, story, and incident, I find myself further committed to the service, stewardship, and education of this community. To that end, in honor of this year's Olympic Games, I have identified the five interlocking rings that will function as our core values and areas of focus for this year: by being intentional about relationships, being deliberate in the culture and climate at our school, fostering collaboration, recognizing and celebrating success in all forms, and seeking to ensure equity with respect to resources, opportunities, access, and achievement, I believe we will best meet the needs of our students and prepare them for what it is they are passionate about and choose to pursue beyond high school. I respectfully request you join me in adopting, ensuring, and instilling these core values into our daily interactions, work, and mission. Together, we can and will make a difference in the experiences, outcomes, and opportunities of our collective students, all of them.

> Bradford Hubbard Principal Antioch Community High School

## Sequoit Happenings

### Hope on the Move

Monica Wilhelm, Steffanie Richardson, and Kaylie Card hosted the second annual Hope on the Move walk to raise money for pediatric cancer research. Last year, this walk was part of a school project. This year, it was because these students truly care and want to "make it matter." We could not be more proud of them and their efforts in raising money and awareness!

### Plan to attend a Sequoit concert this year!

Both the Spring Instrumental and Choir Concert took place in May. In the last three years, these events have only gotten better. The number of students on stage continues to increase, congruent with the level of the performances. Once you sit down in the auditorium, you just get swallowed up by the music. The talent, patience, work ethic, and dedication of our bands, orchestras, and choirs rival any in the area or around the state. It is a pleasure to listen to our students perform and it is so fun to see our three directors on stage, in their element, and working with each other's groups and showing their ability to play, entertain, and perform, at an incredible level. Come on out to one of the many performances slated for the '16-17 school year.



Monica Wilhelm, Steffanie Richardson, and Kaylie Card



#### Growing leaders

On June 16, ACHS Summer Freshman Academy students spent the morning at Outdoor Wisconsin Leadership School (OWLS) in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Students participated in activities that focused on personal growth, problem solving, conflict resolution, and collaborative effort. The students and teachers were grateful to the organization for providing a wonderful experience for our students.



#### Class of 2016

Graduation was a great success. From the speeches, to the weather, to the impeccable set-up, to the accomplished and soon-to-be-missed group of graduates, the day was perfect. We were honored to have been able to address the graduates and acknowledge the support systems that were in attendance for the momentous occasion. The ceremony was dignified, respectful, responsible, and proud. Good luck to the Class of 2016!



### School of Rock, JOIDES Resolution

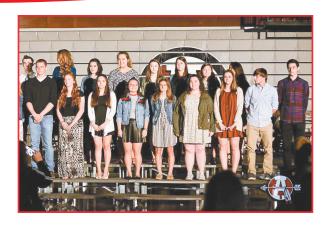
Science teacher Stacy Terlep participated in the School of Rock teacher development program aboard the ship JOIDES Resolution from May 29-June 6, which was at port in Cape Town, South Africa. During the week and a half aboard the JOIDES Resolution, a group of educators from around the world participated in learning about the tools and techniques that are necessary in determining the paleoclimates from Earth's past. Ms. Terlep spent many days examining drill core samples from the ocean floor, investigating nannofossils from those core samples, participating in labs and activities aboard the ship, and learning about the research that scientists complete when they are on an expedition. The week ended by discussing ways to take this knowledge and resources gathered back into the classroom. Every School of Rock participant is currently developing lessons and resources that can be used in the classroom and shared with our communities. This information will soon be available on the School of Rock website. For more information about what they did each day, read the daily blogs that were written by School of Rock participants at http://joidesresolution.org/blog.

### Awards and Recognition

### Daily Herald recognizes two Sequoit seniors

Ashley Hare and Thomas Howe were named as Honorable Mentions to the 2015-16 *Daily Herald* Academic Team. The Academic Team recognizes graduating high school seniors who have exemplary academic records, ambitious goals for themselves, and who have been outstanding citizens of their high schools. They were nominated by ACHS, and then an independent panel of judges reviewed the applications for the readership area. As an Honorable Mention, the judges recognized the commitment and effort the students have put forth in their studies. Thomas Howe was also selected by the *Daily Herald* at their prep sports banquet as the recipient of the Heart and Soul Award. This award recognizes a male and female athlete who were essential to their team's success through their can-do approach and great attitude. Tommy was selected not only because of his work on the volleyball court and football field, but also his commitment to Sequoit Sidekicks. Tommy has gone above and beyond what was expected of him on the playing field, the classroom, and as a Sequoit Sidekick.





#### SkillsUSA

Megan Earley and Abbey Zenoni represented ACHS at the SkillsUSA state competition in Springfield, Illinois. Megan went on to represent ACHS at the National SkillsUSA Conference in June.

#### Congrats to our Outstanding Boy and Girl

The Outstanding Boy and Girl for the Class of 2016 were Nathan Borries and Ashley Hare. These students were recognized by the faculty and students for strong academic achievement, exceptional contribution in and out of the classroom, and demonstrated maturity and leadership throughout their senior year and high school career.

#### ACHS celebrates high-achieving students

In May, ACHS hosted its annual Student Recognition Assembly, which recognizes students for a multitude of achievements. The assembly is an all-school event that also extends to family and community members. Not only are students achieving great things in school, but outside of the classroom as well. ACHS takes great pride in seeing and celebrating these very special accomplishments with our students, staff, parents, and guardians.

#### Letters about Literature

Camille Flackus and Allison Hoffelder were selected as Illinois Level III Finalists in the Letters About Literature National Reading and Writing Contest. More than 5,300 Illinois students wrote letters to the prompt, How did an author's work change your view of the world or yourself? This contest is sponsored by the Dollar General Literacy Foundation, the Illinois State Library, and the Illinois Center for the Book.







#### AP Signs

On the afternoon of July 13, members of the ACHS administration delivered signs to the homes of 47 students who received a score of "5," the highest possible score, on the AP exam they took last May. The

47 students who received the recognition combined a total of 74 "5's" on their exams! We are extremely proud of our students and families for this prestigious recognition. ACHS administration started delivering signs three years ago. It is one of our most favorite days of the year!

Not only are we proud of these students' scores, but we also are proud of the continued increase in our AP enrollment. For the second year in a row, our enrollment has increased by more than 150! Part of the increase in numbers is due to the addition of some new AP courses. For the 2016-17 school year, ACHS is adding AP Computer Science Principles and AP Seminar, which is the first course of a two-year AP Capstone program. ACHS is one of 18 high schools in Illinois offering this program. We are very excited for these new classes and opportunities for our students and staff.



### Stay in touch!

Follow ACHS on Twitter @Sequoits, and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/sequoits. Visit our website: http://www.chsd117.org/index.php/antioch.

## Sports and Activities

### NSC/IHSA Team Recognitions

Boys Soccer IHSA Regional Champions
Girls Tennis IHSA Sectional Champions

Cheerleading IHSA State Qualifiers

Dance IHSA State Qualifiers

**Girls Basketball** Prairie Division and IHSA Regional

Champions

## IHSA/All State Individual Recognitions

Sjana Henderson IHSA State Singles Tennis Qualifier
Kelsey Neville IHSA State Singles Tennis Qualifier
Anna Arden IHSA State Doubles Qualifier

**Emma DeJong** IHSA State Doubles Tennis Qualifier

Peter Tognarelli IHSFCA Academic All State

Griffin Hill IHSFCA Academic All State

Jake Gross IHSA Wrestling 6th Place 113 lbs

Nate Dlugopolski IHSA Wrestling 5th Place 126 lbs

Pat Schoenfelder IHSA Wrestling 2nd Place 152 lbs

Amanda Rowe IHSA State Qualifier 4x100
Amber Phillips IHSA State Qualifier 4x400
Rachel Phillips IHSA State Qualifier 4x400

**George Bessette** 

**Anna Arden** IHSA State Qualifier 4x100, 300m Hurdles,

IHSA Wrestling 4th Place 195 lbs

4x400

Elisa Pokorny IHSA State Qualifier 4x400
Alexis Duehr IHSA State Qualifier 4x100

**Jatiyah Childs** IHSA State Qualifier 4x100, High Jump

Boys Basketball IHSA Regional Champions

Wrestling IHSA Regional Champions, IHSA Elite 8
(Dual Team State Qualifiers)

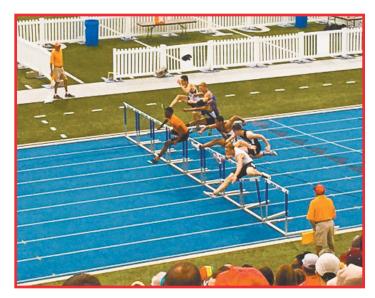
**IHSA Regional Champions** 

Softball

Sabrina Long IHSA State Qualifier Discus, Shot Put Mikayla Christian **IHSA State Qualifier Discus Courtney Coleman IHSSCA All-State Soccer Braden Ward IHSA Tennis Singles State Qualifier Brandon Sorensen IHSA Tennis Singles State Qualifier Kyle Boudreau** IHSA Tennis Double State Qualifier Jordan Keller IHSA Tennis Double State Qualifier IHSA State Oualifier 4x400 Mark Gillespie Pat Schoenfelder IHSA State Qualifier 4x400 **Landon Keefover** IHSA State Medalist (7th) 110 High Hurdles, State Qualifier 4x400 **Dylan Duckworth** IHSA State Qualifier 4x400

Dylan DuckworthIHSA State Qualifier 4x400Ashley StephensICA Softball Class 3A 2nd Team All StateJill FooteICA Softball Class 3A 3rd Team All StateCarlie GaylordICA Softball Class 3A 3rd Team All StateAnne WagnerICA Softball Class 3A 3rd Team All State





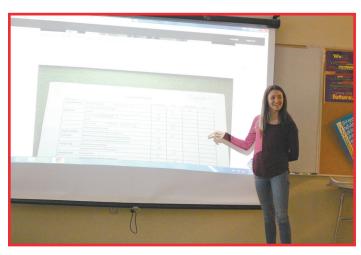
### A note from the Principal

#### Digital portfolios demonstrate four years of student learning

For the last two years, our Social Studies Department and Information Learning Center staff have collaborated on the development of a digital portfolio project for students. Our overall goal is to have the students include multiple artifacts that demonstrate their learning during each year of high school. The digital portfolio provides the students with a vehicle to demonstrate their growth in both content knowledge and what we call the Transfer Skills. This collaboration has spread to include other departments, with the Science Department coming on board this year.

The simple overview of the digital portfolio is that each student will create a platform for sharing and saving artifacts of learning. The portfolio will include examples of student work and their reflections, in which they comment on their level of proficiency in one of the following Transfer Skills:

- · Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Collaboration Across Networks
- Agility and Adaptability
- · Initiative and Entrepreneurialism
- Effective Oral and Written Communication
- Accessing and Analyzing Information
- · Curiosity, Imagination, and Creativity



You may ask, Why the focus on these skills? We call them Transfer Skills, as these are the skills that students will use to transfer theoretical knowledge to knowledge that is applied, modified, altered, and used in new, innovative ways. We see these skills as vital for our students' success in life now and in the future. These skills have been referred to by many names, including 21st Century Skills and Survival Skills, as Dr. Tony Wagner calls them in his book *The Global Achievement Gap*. As a high school, we always are looking to best prepare our students for the future, and we believe a combination of content knowledge and the Transfer Skills through the digital portfolio project will ensure this.

Students start this project during their freshman year social studies class (either Global Studies or AP Human Geography). The students learn and practice the Transfer Skills as they gain knowledge in the course content. They also create their unique digital portfolio that houses artifacts demonstrating their learning in both content and skills. The key to the success of this project is that the students include their own thoughts



on their learning in reflective writings that accompany each artifact. The year culminates with a student presentation of their work to fellow students and faculty members.

This year, we will embark on Year Two of this project with sophomore students (the Class of 2019) seeing their portfolio work from last year continue into their chemistry class. The fun thing is that the students choose their artifacts from their overall body of work in school, and it is not limited to the class that is taking on the ownership of the project. The students evaluate their work and choose their artifacts based on what they feel demonstrated their content knowledge and understanding of the Transfer Skills.

This portfolio is truly an authentic representation of the students' learning and understanding of what skills will be important for a successful future. The portfolio is also an excellent platform for students to share their learning with prospective colleges or employers. We feel that this record of learning and the power of the students' own reflection on learning will lead to students who are well prepared to succeed in the ever-fluid and innovative world we live in.

David B. Newberry
Principal
Lakes Community High School
Where Respect + Courtesy = Pride

### Stay in touch!

Follow Lakes on Twitter @LakesEagles, on Instagram @LakesEagles, and like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/LakesEagles. Visit our website: http://www.chsd117.org/index.php/lakes.

## Eagle Happenings

## Beautifying Lakes grounds Eagle Project brings picnic tables to Lakes

Caleb Miller completed his Eagle Project for Boy Scouts of America on Thursday, July 14. Miller and his band of volunteers built 10 picnic tables for student use in the ILC and Commons courtyards. Boy Scouts of America requires all Eagle candidates to complete a community service project. According to the Eagle Scout Service Project Guidelines, "the primary purposes of the Eagle Scout service project is to demonstrate or hone, or to learn and develop, leadership skills. Related to this are important lessons in project management and taking responsibility for a significant accomplishment." This service project will benefit Lakes students, as they will now be able to better take advantage of our outdoor spaces. Lakes thanks Caleb and his volunteers for their work to make Lakes a better place for students.





### Student groups plant garden

Members of EverGreen and FCCLA collaborated this summer to plant and maintain the first-ever Lakes garden in the courtyard outside of the ILC. Students worked with club sponsors Jeff Newton and Jenny Harrington as well as science teacher Kris Scheidt to plant various vegetables, herbs, and marigolds in the 8x24-foot space, and they signed up for times over summer break to take turns watering. Foods students will use the produce in class. Newton said, given student interest, they may expand the project next spring.

### Senior Spot gets even cooler

For the past five years, the Senior Class has worked to develop the Senior Spot on the north side of the building. It started with a single picnic table. After graduation practice last spring, seniors volunteered to plant trees and flowers and build walking paths around the spot. As a perk, seniors—and only seniors—are welcome to enjoy their lunch outside in the Senior Spot during the school year.



#### The results are in!

#### AP Exams

Lakes students took 811 AP exams in the spring of 2016. On an impressive 67 percent of those exams, students earned a score of a 3 or higher out of 5, which is consistent with the past few years, said Principal Dave Newberry. He noted particular strengths in the United States Government and Politics and Calculus AB and BC exams. Additionally, he said he was pleased that eight out of 11 students who took the German Language exam scored a 3 or higher, even though District 117 does not offer an AP German course.



Three hundred thirty-eight students from the Class of 2017 took the ACT on March 15. Their overall composite for that day was a 22.3. Additionally, 36 percent of students met all four benchmarks of ACT, and 78 percent met in English Composition. As is tradition, Lakes provided a delicious free breakfast to the students before they headed to their assigned classrooms for the test.



### Student Services Department welcomes fifth counselor

Four guidance counselors have served Lakes students and families for the past decade. This fall, the Student Services Department will welcome a fifth counselor to its team, Helen Papas. The addition is in direct response to the community's call for more personnel to assist students with academic and post-secondary planning and offer social-emotional support. This increase in personnel will reduce counseling caseloads and provide counselors with necessary time to interact with students and engage them in increased individualized planning for immediate and long-term success. Furthermore, the additional counselor will be tasked with responsibilities that allow for more comprehensive services for students who require additional support through partnerships with community agencies, as well as educational evening programming for parents/guardians.

Find a breakdown of counselor assignments for the 2016-2017 school year on the Lakes website. Please feel free to contact the Assistant Principal of Student Services, Rebecca Holst, with any questions that you may have: <a href="mailto:rebecca.holst@chsd117.org">rebecca.holst@chsd117.org</a>.



## Sports and Activities

### D117 joins Northern Lake County Conference in its inaugural year

After two years of transitioning and planning, the Northern Lake County Conference (NLCC) officially opened for business on July 1. The new conference is comprised of Antioch, Grant, Grayslake Central, Grayslake North, Lakes, North Chicago, Round Lake, and Wauconda high schools. "The new conference was formed to provide more opportunities for our students from all eight high schools in both athletics and extracurricular activities," said Jim McKay, Superintendent of District 117.

The NLCC has big plans to provide competitions and interactive venues for students who participate in activities other than sports and integrated this new conference philosophy into the first annual Leadership Conference on August 13. Athletic competitions for the NLCC begin with the upcoming fall sports seasons. More information about the new Northern Lake County Conference can be found at <a href="https://www.northernlcc.org">www.northernlcc.org</a>.





### Boys track team takes fifth at State

The boys track and field program finished fifth place in the state of Illinois behind an incredible performance by Cameron Ruiz. Ruiz won both the long and triple jump and finished sixth place in the 400-meter dash. Ruiz joined Brandon Thiel, Robert Kuhlmann, and Jordan Mercure to finish eighth in the 4x400 relay. Cooper Jazo was impressive, finishing his high school career with a second place finish in the pole vault.

Ruiz also was one of five triple jumpers to be named to the MileSplit All-American boys track team over the summer.

### Boys baseball wins first Regional since 2012

It was a fitting way for Coach Ray Gialo to step away from the game when his program won its first regional since 2012. Gialo leaned heavily on seniors Ben and Matt Milewski, and Max Swiatek throughout the season. Gialo is stepping down as head coach to focus on his family, and the Lakes Community wants to thank him for his tireless efforts as a head baseball coach.

#### Girls basketball finishes with school record for victories

The girls basketball program capped off its most successful season in school history in 2016. The girls, led by Coach Brian Phelan, finished second in the conference and will return all but one player from the most successful team in school history. The Freshman Class began the season undefeated and should provide depth on the varsity level this season.



#### field Hockey welcomes new head coach

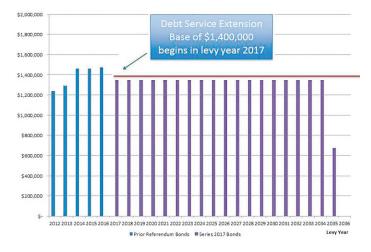
Paige Comito took over the girls field hockey program in August. Comito, also a school psychologist at Lakes, played field hockey at the NCAA level and will be replacing long-time Head Coach Vikki Ecker. We thank Vikki for her devotion and time with the program.

## District 34 Engages the Community in Master Facility Planning

A ntioch School District 34 has been engaging the community in its master facility planning process. Schools are the heart of a community and contribute to home values. As part of District 34's continuous improvement efforts, school facilities are being evaluated to determine how best to improve the quality of learning spaces for students. There are several objectives that serve as desirable outcomes of the master facility planning process, which can be categorized into four specific areas:

- 1. Shift to a K-5 Grade Level Configuration In the current District 34 configuration, students attend three different schools during their K-8 school experience. Hillcrest Elementary School serves as the Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten and first grade center. Students then attend one of three elementary schools that serve a grade 2-5 population (Oakland, W.C. Petty, and Antioch Elementary School). All students attend Antioch Upper Grade School (AUGS) for their remaining sixth through eighth grade years. District 34 is planning to change the configuration to a K-5 structure, which will reduce the number of required school transitions. The proposed configuration also creates neighborhood schools and allows for more efficient bussing.
- Eliminate Portable/Mobile Classrooms Over the years,
  District 34 has acquired 16 portable classrooms to
  accommodate growing student populations. These learning
  spaces are not ideal and require students and staff to travel
  out of doors to access the main buildings. Not only will the
  elimination of portable classrooms enhance student and staff
  safety and security, but it will also provide greater aesthetic
  value on our school campuses.
- 3. Create Greater Equity of Learning Spaces Across all Schools There is a wide range of quality of learning spaces as a result of the age of school buildings ranging from 15 years old to 90 years old. Some schools have central air conditioning while others do not. Some schools have separate spaces for the gymnasium and cafeteria while other schools have a combined gymnasium/cafeteria space. There is also a wide range of fluctuation in the size of the classroom space, quality of lighting, room temperature, and other variables that impact student learning. In the master facility planning process, District 34 hopes to increase the equity of learning spaces across the District.

4. Capitalize on the Timing of Retirement of Debt Obligations
- District 34 has the opportunity to replace existing debt
that is due to retire in 2017. The District 34 community has
the ability to replace current debt payments through the
successful passing of a referendum in April, 2017, without
increasing the amount of annual property taxes paid by a
homeowner for the District's bond and interest payments.
View the illustration below, which demonstrates how annual
payments would be replaced by lower payments.



To ensure transparency in the master facility planning process, several community engagement forums are planned to seek input from the community. The first community engagement meeting was held on May 23, 2016, and included more than 160 participants Two more sessions are scheduled for the fall of 2016 to continue to seek feedback and input as the master facility planning process unfolds.



In addition, a master facility planning steering committee has been organized to provide additional oversight and input into the process. The steering committee is made up of parents, staff,

Board of Education members, government representatives, residents, and community members. All information related to the master facility planning process is available on the District website or by scanning the QR code. The website will be used to provide public access to any and all information that is being considered in the master facility planning process.



Although early in planning stages, initial thoughts include renovations primarily at W.C. Petty Elementary and Oakland Elementary schools. All school facilities will be reviewed to determine what other renovations are necessary. Concepts being explored are identified in the following draft key priority statements:

- Implement learning technology in classrooms and other learning spaces
- Modify schools to more effectively embrace and support 21st Century teaching and learning
- Enhance learning environments (indoor air quality, temperature, humidity, and acoustics)
- Create separate spaces for physical education, student dining, and other large group activities
- Remove mobile classrooms and provide permanent space for art, music, and science programs
- Re-align libraries into Library Media Centers
- Provide dedicated small group spaces to address the unique educational needs of students and offer collaborative learning opportunities

In order to fund the projects associated with the master facility plan, the District will ask voters to approve a Debt Service Extension Base (DSEB) in the April, 2017 election. This would generate an estimated \$18.8 million in bond proceeds without increasing the current amount of annual property taxes paid by a homeowner for the District's bond and interest payments, as previous debt will be retired. The District also intends to contribute an estimated \$4.5 million out of its reserve funds toward projects associated with the mater facility plan. The estimated amount of funds for construction projects would total \$23.3 million.

Regardless of the outcome of the referendum, the District intends to implement a K-5 configuration. If the referendum passes, the District intends to operate three K-5 elementary schools (Hillcrest, W.C. Petty, and Oakland). Antioch Elementary School would be repurposed and remain as a District asset. Possible uses for the facility include converting the school to an early childhood attendance center; utilizing the space as a training and professional development center; using the facility for clerical and office space; leasing the space to other entities; or a combination of any of the aforementioned uses. In the event the referendum does not pass, the District would operate four K-5 elementary schools, with Antioch Elementary School serving as a K-5 school.

Antioch School District 34 encourages the community to participate in the master facility planning process. The next community engagement forums are scheduled for September and November, 2016. Postcard reminders will be sent to all Antioch School District 34 residents several weeks before the events. We look forward to your participation.



## Antioch Upper Grade School: Continuously Improving!

2016-2017 will mark the 46th year that Antioch Upper Grade School (AUGS) will educate the sixth, seventh, and eighth graders of Antioch School District 34. AUGS works to inspire young warriors to continuously improve and achieve personal excellence (the District 34 mission) in their education, participation in extracurricular activities, and in personal relations with others.

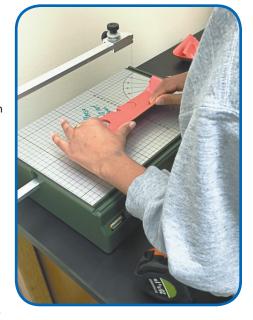


This school year brings a new administration team, including Mr. Joe Koeune as Principal, Ms. Kristina Guntharp as Assistant Principal, Mrs. Susan Harkins as Assistant Principal, and for the first time a Dean of Students, Mrs. Kat Wainscott. The administration continues to focus on instructional leadership and creating a culture of excellence.

The AUGS administrative team will continue to

foster a growth mindset for all stakeholders. Growth mindset helps students take charge of their own success while engaging in rigorous and meaningful learning. The collaboration among parents, staff, and administration will provide the support students need for academic and social-emotional development.

With the expansion of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) programming, Mrs. Kim Stone will be joining Mrs. Gaunci in the implementation of new courses titled "The Magic of Electrons/ Electronics" and "Medical Detective." Magic of Electrons/ **Electronics studies** electricity with hands-on activities by making simple DC motors/circuits that explore the use of conductors, resistors, lamps, capacitors,



etc. Medical Detective will explore medical background/biomedical science and the mystery of the human body systems through hands-on cross-curricular activities.

Fourteen staff members serving on the school's Building Leadership Team were hard at work during the summer months reviewing data in an effort to create a School Improvement Plan. The plan includes specific, measureable, attainable, realistic, and timebound (SMART) goals that will be included on the AUGS Plan-on-the-Page. Each school in Antioch School District 34 is creating a Plan on a Page that is aligned to the District strategic plan. The AUGS Building Leadership Team and all staff will be active in implementing the school improvement



plan during the upcoming school year.

The Assistant Principals and Dean from AUGS have started a series of meetings with administrators from Antioch Community High School District 117 to better align the services provided to students. The improved communication is another positive step in our collaborative efforts with the District 117 and is intended to improve the transition process from eighth grade to high school.



Continuing with collaboration with local governmental entities, Mr. Koeune (AUGS Principal) continues to work with Antioch Police Department, Antioch Fire Department, and the Village of Antioch

to build a strong partnership that will provide enhanced services to the students and families of AUGS. Mr. Koeune's work with the Cyber Task Force during the 2015-16 school year has laid the groundwork to bring in resources from the Cyber Crime Investigations that will help educate the students and community about positive use of internet-based devices.

AUGS continues to provide a wide range of clubs, sports, and extracurricular activities for students. Activities include (but are not limited to) Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Robotics, Scholastic Bowl, Science Olympiad, Battle of Books, Spelling Bee, Geography Bee, Yearbook Club, Ski/Snowboard Club. Athletics includes Softball, Cross Country, Soccer, Basketball, Cheer, Dance, Wrestling, Volleyball, and Track and Field.

AUGS continues to grow through the use of integrated technology. AUGS will be outfitted with more Promethean Boards (interactive boards), mobile computer labs, and additional handheld



devices. All new technology will be supported with professional development that will allow teachers to use technology efficiently as 21st Century tools for learning.

### District 34 Implements Early Childhood Assessment Team (ECAT)

Antioch CCSD 34 Student Services Department is in the first year of implementing our own district Early Childhood Assessment Team (ECAT). For more than 17 years, the Special Education District of Lake County (SEDOL) conducted these evaluations on behalf of our district. We have appreciated our valuable partnership with SEDOL as well as their service to our students. Antioch CCSD 34 is excited to offer this opportunity to families within our own school district. This assessment team evaluates our students who are ages 2-5. We meet our youngest learners through Early Intervention and during district screenings. The ECAT team screens or assesses different developmental areas, including academic, social-emotional, vision, hearing, motor, communication, functional, cognitive, and health.

If you have concerns regarding the development of your 2-5-year-old child who has not already been evaluated, please contact Kendra Maksen at kmaksen@antioch34.com

Meet our Amazing Antioch CCSD #34 Early Childhood Assessment Team

### Cathy Ulrich: Occupational Therapist

I graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 1999 with a degree in Occupational Therapy. I have worked at Hillcrest for four years and am working this year part-time at Hillcrest and part-time with the ECAT team. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my husband, daughter, and son, traveling, and being outside.

### Kendra Maksen: Speech and Language Pathologist

I graduated from Illinois State University in 2007 with a Master of Science in Communication. I received my bachelor's degree from University of Illinois in 2005. I have worked as a Speech Pathologist in Antioch CCSD #34 for nine years. I will be working full-time with the ECAT team in the 2016-2017 school year. I enjoy spending time with my son and husband during my free time.



#### Amber Gore: Physical Therapist

HI! I'm Amber Gore. I am entering my third year as the district Physical Therapist and I am a member of the ECAT team. I enjoy working with students from 3 years old through my eighth graders. I received my Doctorate in Physical Therapy from Rosalind Franklin University/Chicago Medical School in 2010. Over the last six years, I have had the opportunity to work with children and families in Lake County through Early Intervention, private practice, and schoolbased physical therapy. Outside of work I enjoy spending time outdoors, boating in the summer, snowboarding in the winter, and spending time with my 7-month-old and two puppies!

### Heather Burroughs: School Psychologist

I received my undergraduate degree in social work from the University of Texas at Austin, and post-graduation, I worked for several years with children and adults with developmental disabilities. I then received master's degrees in both Counseling Psychology and School Psychology from Immaculata University in Pennsylvania. I have worked for the past several years as a school psychologist in the elementary setting. Currently, I am the School Psychologist for Hillcrest Elementary School and also serve on the ECAT team. I live in Libertyville, Illinios with my three children and husband. In my free time, I enjoy hiking, reading, and cooking.

#### Kimberly Berka: School Psychologist

I am starting my third year working in Antioch School District. I have worked at Antioch Upper Grade School and will be working at Hillcrest Elementary, and I am part of the ECAT team for the 2016-2017 school year. I have been a School Psychologist for eight years and did my schooling at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. In my free time I enjoy spending time with my family. We always are outside and wake surfing on our boat.

Pictured left to right: Cathy Ulrich, Kendra Maksen, Amber Gore, Heather Burroughs, and Kimberly Berka

Not Pictured: Ann Scully, Director of Student Services, and Jennifer Dunne, Coordinator of Student Services

## Antioch School District 34 Summer Learning Opportunities

Who would think that Hillcrest Elementary was "abuzz" with student activity for five weeks during the months of June and July? Antioch District 34 summer learning was in full swing during this time, providing learning opportunities for District 34 students as well as students from surrounding communities. A wide range of programs were offered for pre-kindergarten through eighth grade students. There were 178 students who took advantage of the learning opportunity in an effort to continue to achieve personal excellence, the District's mission.



Summer School was available to all students. Parents registered and paid for their child to attend a reading and/or math class. These students were busy further developing their skills in the Common Core State Standards. Teachers worked to inspire students' passion for learning as they provided activities to support the student's content knowledge.

Another summer program titled "Extended School Year" (ESY) was offered to qualifying students with Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). The student's school year IEP team recommended students to the ESY program at the end of the 2015-16 school year. ESY staff worked on specific goal areas for each student. Some ESY students also received related services, such

as speech therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and counseling services. Students who were recommended for the ESY program were able to attend without any cost to the family.

New to summer programing this year was Achieve3000. This summer learning opportunity was funded by the District's Title I Grant and was designed to support fifth, sixth, and seventh grade students in reading achievement. Students eligible for this Summer School grant-funded learning program were identified by their performance on the Spring NWEA Reading Assessment. Students worked through units of study within the Achieve3000 software program.



During the five weeks at Hillcrest School, all students were following identified expectations, including Be Responsible, Be Respectful, and Be Safe, which is part of the District's Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program. If staff members observed students following the expectations, they awarded the student with "Summer Riches." Students were able to visit the PBIS store to purchase little goodies or enter a raffle for donated gift cards to Culvers, Main Freeze, or the Antioch Pool using their "Summer Riches." A big thank you to the donating businesses for making this incentive possible.

Although not a District 34 program, Camp Invention was housed at Hillcrest and provided a unique learning opportunity for more than 60 students. For one week in June, Camp Invention students transformed ordinary items into extraordinary ones. Using their innovative, creative problem solving and teamwork skills, the young innovators spent time brainstorming, exploring, constructing, and discovering.

August will bring Orchestra Camp, Band Camp, and Antioch Upper Grade School Transition Camp for incoming sixth graders. While most students in Orchestra and Band Camp enjoy playing their current instrument, some students pick up a new instrument, while other students receive an instrument for the first time. Transition Camp is open to all Antioch Upper Grade School (AUGS) incoming sixth graders. The four-day camp is a great opportunity for students to familiarize themselves with AUGS as well as practice a run-through of their 2016-17 school schedule



and practice their lockers. Students also work on organizational strategies and team building. During the camp, students have the opportunity to meet peers from all of D34 elementary buildings.

To learn more about Antioch District 34 Summer 2017 Learning Programs, check the District 34 webpage in May 2017.



## District 34 Staff Recognition Banquet

n Monday, May 9, 2016, Antioch School District 34 held its annual Staff Recognition Dinner at Antioch Golf Club to honor and recognize staff members who have retired, achieved a milestone in their tenure, or received an advance degree.

The evening was very eventful and all in attendance had a wonderful time. Each individual person was recognized for his/her accomplishment, and each retiree received the traditional District 34 Golden Bell to honor his or her service and reward his or her commitment to Antioch School District 34.

The following individuals were recognized at the event:

### Advanced Degree Achievement:

Tiffany Cappel, Angelina Estes, Mary Marturano, Amber Nelson, Deon Obrochta, Elisabeth Palmisano, and Teresa Summerville.



#### Milestones of Years of Service:

Cynthia Baba (20), Christopher Godsey (20), Christine Green (20), Peggy Kudingo (20), Shelly Stumphy (20), David Downing (25), Anne Marie Burke (30), and Cynthia Richter (30).

#### Retirements:

Carla Wennstrom, Ted Stay, Helen Voit, Christine Anderson, Michael Beverley, Cynthia Richter, LuAnn Stay, Teresa Pluciennik, Carol Pontikes, Gloria Ciezadlo, Paul Green, Irene Overocker, Jane Lindquist, Betty Hallwas, James Hochstetler, Kim Jordan, and Debra King.

#### Antioch School District 34

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## **NOW HIRING**

#### Custodians

(Full Time / Part Time / Substitute)

#### **Bus Drivers**

(Part Time / Substitute)

#### Grounds Crew / Courier

Antioch School District 34 is seeking hard working people who want to make a difference in the lives of children. We offer a competitive salary and benefits. All positions require successful completion of a background check and physical.

Go to WWW.antioch34.com to apply or call (847) 838-8388 Antioch School District 34 is an Equal Opportunity Employer

#### **ANTIOCH TOWNSHIP**



### From the Desk of the Supervisor, Steve Smouse

As I write this at the end of July, our annual audit is done and has been sent to Lake County and, soon, the State of Illinois. The Township and most of the townships in Illinois are in excellent financial shape, while the State again kicked the budget down the road and said, "See you after the elections!" This, while swimming in red ink. How depressing!

The following is a snapshot of the Wendell Cox Report concerning Local Government Efficiency and Size in Illinois. The full report is available through Township Officials of Illinois in Springfield. The

Illinois government needs to keep its hands off of efficient systems that are directly responsible to their local citizens, and repair the political quagmire that it has created over many years.

I pledge to continue the effective and efficient service that Antioch Township has provided for many years to come. Happy autumn!

> Steve Smouse Antioch Township Supervisor

## Report Snapshot

#### Local Government:

- Efficient and effective
- · Popular (elected officials have high ratings)
- Lower labor costs
- · Quality core services

#### Expenditures Per Capita:

- Smaller governments spend less and borrow less
- Smaller forms of government are more cost efficient providing more services at a reduced cost
- Intergovernmental agreements and cooperation

#### Labor/Benefit Costs:

 Local townships employ a larger share of part-time employees and have lower benefit costs

#### Services:

Myth: Combining services will save money and offer greater efficiencies. As well, the claimed "duplication of services" virtually never exists. Local governments have specific geographical areas of responsibilities.

#### Smaller Governments are More Efficient:

In Illinois, the data shows that smaller local governments, including townships, drive greater efficiency, despite theories to the contrary. Local democracy is simply less expensive.

## Antioch Township's New Highway Commissioner

ric Ring was sworn in as the new Antioch Township Highway Commissioner on July 1, 2016 by Township Supervisor Steve Smouse. Eric takes the reins from his father, Mark Ring, who served the Township for 39 years, 31 of them as Highway Commissioner. The Rings have proudly served Antioch Township for generations. Mark's father, Blaine Ring, was Highway Commissioner from 1963 until 1981.



New Highway Commissioner Eric Ring, Township Supervisor Steve Smouse, retiring Highway Commissioner Mark Ring



Highway Commissioner Eric Ring being congratulated by Township Supervisor Steve Smouse

Antioch Township is very fortunate to have a family that cares so deeply about the community. Please join us in congratulating Eric Ring and wishing his dad, Mark Ring, a wonderful retirement!

## From the desk of Anita Dyer, Antioch Township Clerk

#### November 8, 2016 General Election Information

Antioch Township is pleased to partner with the Lake County Clerk's office to offer an early voting and Election Day site. Making voting convenient and accessible is a priority for our community.

#### **Early Voting Hours:**

October 24 – November 5 Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

#### **Election Day Hours:**

November 8 6:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

### Who Can Register to Vote?

To register to vote you must:

1.) Be a United States citizen and at least 18 years of age on or before the next election. 2.) Live in your election precinct at least 30 days immediately prior to an election. 3.) Not be convicted and in jail. 4.) Not claim the right to vote anywhere else.

Two forms of identification are required to register through a deputy registrar:

**1.)** At least one of the two forms must show your name and current address. **2.)** Only one form of identification may be a piece of mail for a contractual service addressed and delivered to you.

**Online Registration** – Available to those requiring updates or needing to register for the first time.

**Voter Registration** – Available from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday at the Township Office - 1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa, Lake County Clerk's Office and Antioch Village Hall.

**Grace Period Registration** – On October 12, 2016 grace period registration is available at the Lake County Clerk's office. A voter who registers or changes address during this grace period must vote at the time of registration. Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am –

5:00 pm. Beginning **15 days before Election Day,** grace registration is available at any Early Voting site. Grace registration is also available on Election Day at your Polling Place.

**Vote by Mail** – The Lake County Clerk has the solution to avoiding long lines at Election Day voting sites – couch potato voting. By receiving and returning your ballot by mail, you can vote from the comfort of your own couch. We can almost be sure there's no line there. For more information on voting by mail, visit the Lake County Clerk website or call the Elections Department at 847.377.2406.

**Be a part of history** as an Election Judge. Training classes are being held throughout the county. Be part of our exclusive team and a history making event this fall. Apply online now or call 847.377.2408.

#### October 14, 2016 Senior Resource Fair and Flu Shots

On October 14, 2016 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Antioch Township, in cooperation with Catholic Charities and Antioch Area Healthcare Accessibility Alliance (AAHAA), will be hosting a Senior Resource Fair. The event will take place at the Antioch Township office - 1625 Deep Lake Road, Lake Villa, IL. Join us with area businesses, service providers, and organizations. Officials from State, County, and Local agencies and government offices will be onsite to speak with as well. This is a great way to give local residents an opportunity to find information on their interests and services available to the community, including seniors and families. The event will include free health screenings, flu shots, safety information, nutrition services, and much more. Boxed lunches and local transportation will be available. Flyers with additional information will be coming soon.

#### April 4, 2017 Consolidated Election

If you plan to run for office in the Consolidated Election, the 2017 Candidate Guide is available at the Illinois State Board of Elections website.

### Antioch Township Schedule of Senior Events

Senior Committee - Anita Dyer & Judy Davis
December - March 2017

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### Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

8:45 a.m. - \$35.00 per person

(Bus leaves 9:00a.m.)

#### Christmas Remembered: Brunch, Show& Shops Rosewood Delavan, WI

Christmas can mean many things to different people. As we celebrate together, we look back to remember all the songs, hymns, and carols that make this a magical time for us all. Sing along with your favorite Holiday Classics: Home For the Holidays, Sleigh Ride, Silver Bells, Mary Did You Know, Little Drummer Boy, White Christmas, Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree, The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting...), Blue Christmas, & more. We look forward each year to another Christmas Remembered!

#### Thursday, January 12th

11:30 a.m. - \$5.00 per person

(No Bus)

### Anastasia's: Lunch & Entertainment Antioch, IL

Happy New Year! We are having pizza, good company and great entertainment to celebrate the New Year.

#### Tuesday February 21st

11:00 a.m. - \$8.00 per person

(No Bus)

### Maravela's: Lunch & Entertainment Ingleside, IL

Welcome to THE VITO ZATTO SHOW. Vito has earned a reputation for delivering quick witted, spontaneous and high-energy entertainment. Vito knows

how to get a party going...and keep it going! Vegasstyle singer & entertainer, Vito Zatto brings you a show full of hilarious stand-up comedy, celebrity impersonations, incredible singing, audience participation and lots of good times! Audience members of THE VITO ZATTO SHOW can be guaranteed one thing...they will somehow be part of the show. Vito is very spontaneous and "plays" off his audience; you can be assured that each show will be unique.

### Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

9:30 a.m. - \$50.00 per person

(Bus leaves 9:45a.m.)

## Saturday Night Fever: Lunch & Show Drury Lane, Oakbrook

Grab your bell-bottoms and take a trip back in time with "Saturday Night Fever." Based on the 1977 hit film, Saturday Night Fever follows Brooklyn teen, Tony Manero, in his attempt to escape his tribulations by spending weekends at the local discotheque. Watch a Tony tries to win the admiration of the crowd as well as his heartthrob, Stephanie Mangano, with his electric moves. Featuring your favorite Bee Gees songs from the movie such as "Stayin' Alive" and "More Than a Woman," Saturday Night Fever is a nostalgic classic that will bring you dancing in the aisle.

Saturday Night Fever is recommended for ages 13+. Please be advised that there is some sensitive subject matter.

Lunch at the Township Building every Wednesday call 847-782-4170 for reservations

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APRIL. MAY & JUNE Events will be available in JANUARY.

Or the Township Office 847-395-3378.

## SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

The most important school supply of all might not be on your list but we've got you covered. Stop in today and apply for a card. Bring this ad and get a prize!

Did you know a library card provides a world of educational materials including online resources you can access when the library is closed? And your library card allows you to borrow material from most public libraries in Illinois!

#### How to get an Antioch Public Library District card:

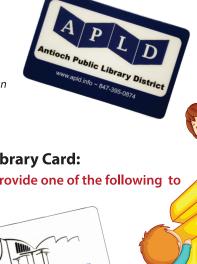
Antioch residents need to provide the following to obtain a card:

• Illinois Driver's License or Illinois State ID

If state ID does not include a current address, an additional form of identification is required to prove residency.

- Property tax bill
- Utility bill
- Recent dated rent receipt
- Current voter's registration
- Banking check

\*Antioch residents require a parent or legal guardian to register those under 18.



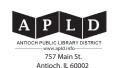


Lake Villa Township residents need to provide one of the following to obtain a card:

- Illinois Driver's License
- Illinois State ID
- Property tax bill
- Utility bill
- Recent dated rent receipt
- Current voter's registration
- Banking check

\*Lake Villa residents require a parent or legal guardian's signature for those under the age of 16.

**Questions?** Contact your local library for assistance.





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### A note from the Superintendent

Welcome back! There is nothing quite as exciting as the first day of school. Just ask any first or second grader. This year, Lake Villa 41 opened its doors to approximately 2,700 smiling student faces.

As part of preparation for Opening Day, numerous upgrades were completed at the schools this summer. Parking lots were paved at Martin and Hooper. Roof repairs were completed at Hooper and Thompson. Bathrooms were renovated at Palombi, and a new tile floor was installed in the cafeteria. Floors were stripped and polished, and multiple areas were painted adding a new spark to the schools' interiors. Our dedicated teachers organized and decorated their classrooms for days and weeks prior to the start of school.

I am proud that our entire staff is embracing the new year with both optimism and enthusiasm. I am excited that our district is able to continue all-day kindergarten and our 1:1 technology initiative. Our students and their families deserve excellence, and I remain committed to providing the very best education possible for each and every one of our children.

Sincerely,

Dr. Lynette Zimmer

Superintendent
Lake Villa School District 41



### Meet Lake Villa 41's New Board Member

Lake Villa School District 41 warmly welcomes its newest board member, Mark Aleckson. Mark is replacing out-going board member Michele Hawksworth. Michele served her last day as a board member on June 13, 2016 after serving for more than three years. Her service and dedication to the students and families of the district are sincerely appreciated. The board was fortunate to interview six outstanding applicants for her position. After two rounds of interviews, the board selected Mark to take the seat vacated by Michele.

Mark and his wife have two daughters who attend elementary school in the district. Mark serves as a firefighter in Arlington Heights and he also is a member of their Pension Review Board. Mark graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Whitewater with a degree in finance. Mark will serve the remainder of the term as board member, which ends in May 2017, at which time the position is up for re-election. With the transition for the board, the students, parents, staff, and community members can be assured that the Lake Villa 41 School Board will continue to work together to ensure the highest quality education for all students.



### The Financial Front

Good news continues on the financial front. For the second year in a row, our district ended the fiscal year in June with a balanced budget. Decreasing expenditures and increasing revenues is always a winning combination. This year our overall expenditures were down by .06 percent, and revenues were up by .07 percent more than anticipated. Lake Villa 41 received 100 percent of its budgeted General State Aid and 75 percent of state categorical grants that were allocated for fiscal year 2015-16. Thankfully, the State of Illinois passed an education budget, so we are right on track for the opening of the 2016-17 school year.

Achieving Excellence
Takes Everyone

### School Board Member Election 2017

Interested in serving on the Lake Villa District 41 School Board? Candidates must be at least 18 years old and registered voters. Additionally, they must have lived within the school district for at least one year. Candidates serve four-year terms. Elections are held the first Tuesday in April; however, the process for running for board starts long before April.

Candidates must have nominating petitions signed by at least 50 registered voters and complete a Statement of Economic Interest, which can be obtained at the County Clerk's Office in Waukegan. September 20 is the first day to circulate nomination petitions. Petitions are filed the week of December 12. The order the petitions are filed is the order names appear on the ballot. If you have any questions about this very important position, please contact the district office.



### District 41 Chromebook Initiative

In the fall of 2015 Lake Villa School District 41 implemented a 1:1 computing initiative. Students in third through eighth grade were provided a Chromebook to be used as a tool to facilitate the learning process.

The district chose to select Chromebooks for this initiative for several reasons. First, staff within the district wanted to utilize Google Apps for Education, the free suite of online applications for word processing, spreadsheet work, and presentations; the Chromebook was ideal for this purpose. In addition, the Chrome Web Store provides the district with many free educational applications that can be downloaded onto all student devices from a single location. In the first year of implementation students had access to 34 applications. These range anywhere from Blendspace, which is an application that ties current events to historic events, to WeVideo, which allows students to edit video taken on a Chromebook. Lastly, the cost of a Chromebook is significantly less than many other devices on the market today.



The intent of the Lake Villa School District 41 1:1 Computing Initiative is to provide equitable 21st Century tools and resources necessary for our students to be successful and engaged learners. In order to achieve excellence, today's students require access to educational experiences that seamlessly integrate technology throughout the educational program. This initiative seeks to provide our students with around-the-clock access to technology.

Current research suggests that, nationally, Chromebooks have contributed to gains in student achievement. Project RED conducted a national survey of technology programs in 1,000 schools, which is the first and only national research focusing on academic results and the financial implication of education technology. The findings showed that if effectively implemented, technology programs can lead to improved student achievement and significant return on investment.

Within our own district, our students and staff have found that Chromebooks have provided our students with opportunities to effectively gather information, organize classwork, and provide an additional avenue of communication and collaboration.

Allowing our students to expand learning outside the walls of our schools through the use of technology provides us with the ability to strive in our effort to meet our mission to empower all students to thrive as life-long learners who are confident, socially conscious, and prepared to meet the challenges of a global society.



Daniel Venturi - Supervisor

Jean Smuda - Clerk

Board of Trustees

Terry Beadle Paul Berker

Glenn McCollum Barbara Stout

Assessor - Jeff Lee

Highway Commissioner - James Jorgensen



From the desk of Dan Venturi, Lake Villa Township Supervisor

### Peacock Camp

#### Then and Now

Peacock Camp is owned and operated by Lake Villa Township. The property has 26 acres, including a beach along the 600-foot frontage on Crooked Lake, a swimming pool, an 8,000-square-foot main lodge, a 3,000-square-foot arts and crafts room, a picnic shelter, wooded trails, and much more.

When the Lake Villa Township purchased the property in December of 2011, it had been neglected for several years; however the bones of the property were solid and history was an important part of our community and need to be preserved.

The story of Peacock Camp began in 1939 when Margret Peacock Reynolds, who was an heir to the Peacock Jewelry and the Lehmann (the Fair Store) families donated the property. The property was set up and run as the "Peacock Camp for Crippled Children". Each summer, handicapped children (polio was prevalent) could spend a week not bring crippled children but just being children. No fee was charged and no child was turned away.

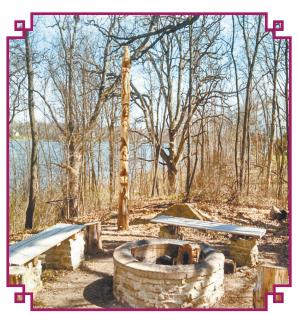
In 1950 the building was devastated by re and had to be rebuilt. The new camp was larger and better containing many handicap amenities that were ahead of its time. The Peacock Camp continued until the late 1990's and was sold to a private party in 2001. Over the years it is estimated that over 5,000 handicapped children enjoyed Peacock Camp. Today many graduates of Peacock Camp still stay in touch as Friend of Peacock Camp.

When Lake Villa Township purchased the Camp in 2011 it had been neglected for many years. We were able to get it for a good price, but we needed to replace the roof, the HVAC, and the plumbing system. The Township has also been the beneficiary of 15 Eagle Scout projects to help improve the property.



The property is very popular with our residents as it provides a perfect location for family celebrations, scouting camp outs, and other community events. We have now completed our third year of Peacock Adventure Summer Camp. We had over 75 children from kindergarten through eighth grade. We offer swimming, boating, fishing, arts and crafts and outdoor adventure.







In past years one of the highlights has been a portable climbing tower we were able to borrow from the Boy Scouts. This year with a partnership with Community High School District 117 the Township now has a permanent climbing tower, a seven-stage high ropes course, zip



line, and nineteen low ropes obstacles.

We have tried not to be a day care but an adventure experience kids will remember. We want the kids to push themselves and try new things. It is always fun to see a child afraid of the climbing tower on Day 1, racing to the top on Day 3, or someone who was afraid to swim, jumping in the pool after just a few swimming lessons. We teach them to fish (catch and release) or how to safely start a camp fire. Now we can challenge them with our new ropes obstacle course.

We are very excited about the repurposed Peacock Camp.

Daniel Venturi Lake Villa Township Supervisor

## Grass Lake School

Grass Lake School promotes and participates in the creation of community learning centers that provide academic enrichment opportunities for all children.

Grass Lake School offers students a broad array of enrichment activities that complements their regular academic programs and offers literacy and other educational services to the families of participating children.

Our approach is better called...

### 21st Century Learning



Yesterday

Fun Trivia:
These two
photographs were
both taken at
Grass Lake School

TODAY



Grass Lake School students graduate knowing how to use:

- Microsoft Office
  - Exce
  - . Word
  - PowerPoint
- iPad Apps
- Google Applications
- Windows-based Computers
- Appropriate & Safe Use of the Internet

Fun Trivia:
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80% of the time.

The Use of Proper Research Other Than Fun Trivia: Wikipedia has 50% of its hits through Google. Dear Community Members,

Grass Lake School is excited as we continue to make progress on our capital project. In February 2016, the Board of Education approved a final design developed by a community committee. The design will address several areas of concern and stay within the pre-approved budget of \$6 million. The final result will enhance our overall student learning environment and bring us up to date in several areas, including security, special education needs, handicap accessibility, new washrooms, and 21<sup>st</sup> Century classrooms.

Fun Trivia:

I would like to extend an invitation for community members to visit Grass Lake School and visit our 21st Century Learning Environment. We are proud to highlight our Technology Initiative.

Terry O'Brien, Superintendent

# Grass Lake School: 1:1 Technology to give students a 1:World Advantage!

During the 2016 school year, Grass Lake School (GLS) piloted a 1:1 technology program. This program provides a laptop or iPad for every student. Our students have the opportunity to pursue academic excellence both at school and at home! Our program has three basic goals:

- Provide an opportunity for each GLS student to increase educational resources through the use of technology
- Create a partnership with GLS families through digital citizenship
- Enhance and engage student learning experiences with the implementation of technology

#### How we are doing it..





Ongoing Professional Development for our staff

A strong commitment to teaching Digital Citizenship

With plans to pilot the use of Common Sense Education digital citizenship curriculum during the 2016-2017 school year!





### A Note from the Superintendent

Welcome to the 2016-2017 school year! I hope you had an enjoyable summer with family and friends!

We are off to another great start this year! Please allow me to take this time to thank our office, maintenance, summer school, and administrative staff for their excellent planning and hard work throughout the summer. I am so proud of the teamwork exhibited by everyone to make sure that our programs and facilities



were ready for the new school year. You are all true professionals! Thank you!

The 2016-2017 school year promises to be another exciting year for everyone associated with Fox Lake Grade School District 114. Our instructional and leadership staff continues their Professional Learning Community (PLC) work to expand districtwide curriculum and assessments to align with the new Illinois Learning Standards. Also, the expansion of our Special Education programs and services this year will enable us to better serve our students.

The addition of a new STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) program for our advanced students will allow us to provide expanded enrichment opportunities for them. Along with our core academic programs, we also focus on social-

## Fox Lake Launches STEAM Program

S TEAM is an acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics. Fox Lake Grade School District 114 is proud to partner with Northern Illinois University in the development and implementation of our new STEAM program at Stanton Middle School. We will pilot this new program during the 2016-2017 school year, with expanded implementation planned for the 2017-2018 school year.

Last month, professional development trainers from Northern Illinois University worked with instructors from Fox Lake District 114, Big Hollow District 38, Gavin District 37, and Grant Community High School to assist in the development of a comprehensive, area-wide STEAM initiative. The training also included student representatives who are part of our pilot program.



emotional learning. Eight years ago, we established a Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports (PBIS) system with a universal set of school expectations to manage behavior and school routines. This summer, Stanton Middle School and Lotus Elementary School became two of only 41 schools in the State of Illinois that were awarded Platinum status from the Midwest Positive Behavioral Intervention and Supports Network.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs. Sarah Bochniak on becoming our newest Board of Education member! Mrs. Bochniak replaces Mrs. Luci Karry, who served with distinction on the Board for four years. Thank you, Luci, for your dedication and service to the families and children of District 114!

Speaking of our Board of Education, this summer they began the process of searching for a new superintendent to begin on July 1, 2017. They have contracted with the Illinois Association of School Boards to conduct the nationwide search. It has truly been an honor and a privilege to serve our great community as superintendent for the last 16 years! Thank you for your continued support, as we work together to make Fox Lake Grade School District 114 the best school district in Lake County!

Sincerely,

John P. Donnellan

Superintendent

Fox Lake Grade School District 114



The STEAM concept revolves around students engaging in a Problem-Based Learning process to identify, research, and solve a real-world problem. This approach emphasizes the following characteristics: a challenging problem or question; sustained inquiry; student voice and choice; research; reflection; and critique and revision. The process concludes with the students presenting the results of their research to a public audience.

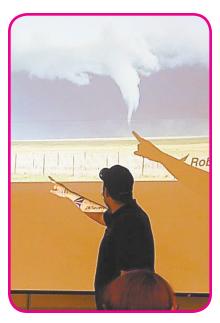
We are excited to provide this opportunity for our students! An update regarding how the pilot program is progressing will be presented in a future edition of *Connections*.

### Storm Chaser Jesse Walters

As a young child, Jesse Walters remembers watching Chicago meteorologist Tom Skilling report the weather on WGN-TV and dreaming about giving his own forecast. As a 1995 graduate of Stanton Middle School, Mr. Walters wanted to return home and update his former school community about what he's been up to lately. Last May, as part of a science unit on the weather, he was invited to speak to fifth and sixth grade students about his vast knowledge of meteorology and his love of storm chasing.



When he was 11 years old, Walters' parents bought him a storm chaser video that included commentary from legendary chaser, Gene Moore, whom he would later befriend. "It was because of him that I found out what storm chasing really was," Walters said. "It's really about having a complete understanding of all the factors that are involved with dangerous weather patterns, then being able to accurately forecast when they'll hit to make sure residents have as much advanced warning as possible. It's an important job."



The students were mesmerized by Mr. Walters' presentation and how he related meteorological concepts they learned in class to the real world.

### Little Free Libraries

Fox Lake Grade School District 114 is happy to announce that four *Little Free Libraries* are now in place and open for business. Anytime, day or night, members of the community can receive or share a book without any fee or library card. The flexibility and accessibility provided by these neighborhood libraries is a wonderful



way to promote reading for children and adults, as well as to cultivate a spirit of community.

Each Little Free Library was hand painted by Stanton Middle School students. They have been placed in the following locations: the corner of Maude Avenue and Cora Avenue in the Hidden Glen subdivision; the corner of Kendall Avenue and Dewey Street in the Lake Vista Terrace subdivision; on Hickory Street in the Hidden Cove Marina subdivision; and at the intersection of Lakeshore Drive and Greenwood Avenue in the Lotus Woods subdivision.

Currently, there are more than 36,000 registered *Little Free Libraries* in all 50 states and in 70 different countries.
This year alone, *Little Free Libraries* will help exchange an estimated 9.3 million books,

including those in the Fox Lake/Spring Grove area.

A special thanks to the Fox Lake District 114 PTA and the Robert D. Sayles Education Foundation for funding the libraries, and to the stewards for overseeing each library. For more information please visit <a href="https://www.littlefreelibrary.org">www.littlefreelibrary.org</a>.



# Calendar of Events

Antioch, Lake Villa, and Lindenhurst			
August 27	Touch a Truck, Lippert Community Center – Lindenhurst Park District	October 27	Senior Lunch, Halloween - Lake Villa Township
September 1	Farmers Market – Village of Antioch	October 31	Trick or Treat Hours: 4:30-7:00 p.m. – Village of Lake Villa
September 8	Township Meeting - Antioch Township	October 31	Trick or Treat Hours: 4:00-7:00 p.m. – Village of Antioch
September 8	Farmers Market – Village of Antioch	November 7	Pool passes go on sale (Early Bird) – Village of Antioch
September 10	Firemen's Dance – Village of Antioch	November 10	Township Meeting - Antioch Township
September 15	Farmers Market – Village of Antioch	November 12	Ski and Skate Resale – Village of Antioch
September 22	Farmers Market – Village of Antioch	November 25	Christmas Parade – Village of Antioch
September 24	Fall Wine Walk – Village of Antioch	November 26	Santa's Frozen Village starts – Village of Antioch
September 29	Farmers Market – Village of Antioch	November 28	Toys for Township Tots toy drive begins - Lake Villa Township
October 9	Movie in the Park, Lehmann Mansion – Lindenhurst Park District	November 29	North Pole Express (Day 1) – Village of Antioch
October 13	Township Meeting - Antioch Township	November 30	North Pole Express (Day 2) – Village of Antioch
October 13	North Pole Express tickets go on sale – Village of Antioch	December 8	Township Meeting - Antioch Township
October 15	Haunted Trail, Forest View Park - Lindenhurst Park District	December 12	Toys for Township Tots toy drive collection end - Lake Villa Township
October 22	Treat the Streets and Monster Mash – Village of Antioch		

Antioch School District 34			
September 5	Labor Day, No School	November 16 & 17	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 7	Teacher Inservice, No School	November 21	Thanksgiving Break Begins
October 10	Columbus Day, No School		

Lake Villa School District 41			
September 12	Board Meeting	November 14	Board Meeting
September 26	Board Meeting (Budget Hearing)	November 21 & 22	Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 10	Columbus Day, No School	November 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
October 10	Board Meeting	December 19	Winter Break Begins
October 24	Board Meeting	January 2	School Resumes

Contact appropriate agency for details about specific events, as they may require pre-registration to participate.

	Fox Lake Grade School District 114			
September 5	Labor Day, No School	November 15	Board of Education Meeting, Lotus Elementary School	
September 20	Board of Education Meeting, Lotus Elementary School	November 23–25	Thanksgiving Break	
October 7	Teacher Institute Day, No School	December 13	Board of Education Meeting, Lotus Elementary School	
October 10	Columbus Day, No School	December 19	Winter Break Begins	
October 18	Board of Education Meeting, Lotus Elementary School	January 3	School Resumes	
November 11	Veterans Day, No School			

Community High School District 117			
September 5	Labor Day, No School	October 10	Columbus Day, No School
September 6	Lakes Financial Aid Night	October 13	Lakes Choir & Orchestra Concert
September 12	ACHS Homecoming Week Begins	October 18	ACHS Instrumental Concert
September 12	Lakes College Planning Night	October 19	ACHS Vocal Concert
September 14	Board of Education Meeting at ACHS	October 20	Board of Education Meeting at Lakes
September 15	ACHS Homecoming Parade/Bonfire	October 25	Lakes Sounds of the Stadium
September 16	ACHS Homecoming Football Game	November 10–13	ACHS Fall Play
September 17	ACHS Homecoming Dance	November 11	Veterans Day Celebration at ACHS
September 22–24	Lakes Fall Play	November 16	Board of Education Meeting at ACHS
September 25	Lakes Homecoming Parade	November 19	TEDx at Lakes
September 28	ACHS College Planning Night	November 23–25	Thanksgiving Break
September 28	Lakes Homecoming Powder Puff Games	December 3-4	ACHS Holiday Lights
September 30	Lakes Homecoming Football Game	December 6	Lakes Winter Concert
October 1	Lakes Homecoming Dance	December 8	ACHS Holiday Concert
October 4	Lakes FAFSA Workshop	December 8	Board of Education Meeting at Lakes
October 5	ACHS Financial Aid Night Workshop	December 19	Winter Break Begins
October 6	Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences	January 3	School Resumes
October 7	Parent-Teacher Conferences, No School		

Grass Lake School District 36			
August 24	Early Dismissal	October 19	Early Dismissal
September 1	Curriculum Night	November 9	Early Dismissal
September 6	Afterschool Tutoring Begins	November 16	End of 1st Trimester
September 14	Early Dismissal	November 18	Report cards sent home
September 20	Board of Education Meeting	November 22 & 23	Parent-Teacher Conferences
October 7	Teachers' Institute Day		

### Connections

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