



October 07, 2016

~ REMINDER:

No School – Monday, October 10 – Columbus Day

ANDERSON ELEMENTARY STUDENT COUNCIL IS PARTICIPATING IN THE ST. CHARLES SCARECROW FESTIVAL!! If your family has the opportunity to visit the St. Charles Scarecrow Fest, check out our students' display and vote for Entry C2!  

SENATOR McCONNAUGHAY AND STATE REPRESENTATIVE ANDERSSON TO VISIT ANDERSON ELEMENTARY THIS THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13TH!!!!!!

We are honored to announce that Senator Karen McConnaughay and State Representative Steve Andersson will be our Principals for a Day this Thursday, 10/13/16. They will visit classrooms and interact with students during their visit. You are cordially invited to join us for a short meeting with Senator McConnaughay at 2:00 PM in the staff lounge. **Please R.S.V.P. by calling 331-228-3300 no later than 12:00 PM on Wednesday 10/12/16.**

~ ANDERSON ELEMENTARY 2016~2017 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: During our PTO meeting this Wednesday I shared with all attendees our School Improvement Plan for this school year. Writing instruction is the focus of our professional learning this year, but we are also fully implementing the district's updated curriculum, which includes Word Study. I am attaching both documents to this message: our SIP and the Word Study Scope and Sequence. On our next PTO meeting, I will talk about our Word Study curriculum so you can better understand the instruction your children are receiving. I hope you can join me.

~ PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: This year's parent/teachers conferences will be held **Monday, 11/21/16 from 8 AM to -8 PM** and Tuesday, 11/22/16 from 8 AM to 12:00 PM. As we did last year, families will be able to sign up for times through "Pick-A-Time". In my next week's notes I will send more information, including step-by-step directions for signing up. Pick-A-Time will open on 10/14/16 and will close at midnight on 11/16/16.

~ D303 PROPOSES MIDDLE SCHOOL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS:

District 303 Administration is proposing a plan to the Board of Education that will improve the District's middle school facilities by upgrading Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. If approved by the Board, the plan would modernize and expand Thompson and Wredling Middle Schools. When the improvements are completed in Fall 2019, District Administration estimates the closing of Haines Middle School will result in an operational savings of \$2.4 million per year.

The estimated cost of the middle school improvements is \$50 million and would be paid for through a combination of existing funds and the issue of bonds that do not require a referendum. Details of the District Administration plan will be presented to the public at the following meetings:

Thursday, October 20	Haines Middle School	7 p.m.
Monday, October 24	Wredling Middle School	7 p.m.
Tuesday, October 25	Thompson Middle School	7 p.m.

The three meetings will contain the same content and can be attended by anyone in the community who wishes to attend at their convenience.

The Board of Education will consider the middle school plan at the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 11	BOE Regular Meeting	7 p.m.
Thursday, November 3	BOE Special Meeting	TBA
Monday, November 14	BOE Regular Meeting	7 p.m. at North H.S.

All meetings to be held in the Board Room of the District 303 Administration Building, 201 South 7th St., St. Charles IL 60174 unless otherwise noted.

DATES TO KEEP IN MIND:

Oct. 13	Principal for a Day ~ Senator McConnaughay and Rep. Andersson
Oct. 17	Book Fair Week
Oct. 18	Book Fair Family Night
Oct. 20	Picture Re-Take
Oct. 28	Parade and Classroom Celebrations/PTO's Spooktacular Fest
Nov. 2	PTO meeting
Nov. 6	Daylight Saving Time Ends
Nov. 11	End of First Trimester
Nov. 14	Smile Illinois Program at Anderson
Nov. 21 & 22	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Nov. 23	Non Attendance Day
Nov. 24 & 25	Thanksgiving Break

Enjoy the long weekend!