

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

January 2019

New Breakfast and Lunch Opportunities

During the winter break, Hillside School District 93 had a kitchen makeover paid by a federal grant, offered by the Illinois State Board of Education. Students were welcomed back to school with a new food serving line that allows us to serve more hot and cold meal options. In addition, we now have a mobile salad bar to allow our students in grades 4-8 the opportunity to build their own fresh salad with different vegetables options. Coupled with our breakfast smoothie machines, we are excited by the new opportunities to offer a well- balanced breakfast and lunch program that is FREE to all students.



Student Recognition

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Essay Contest

Hillside students were invited to participate in the Hillside Human Relations Commission and Village of Hillside annual essay contest honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Students in K-8 wrote an original essay based on the theme selected for the Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast will be held on January 21, 2019.

This year's essay contest theme was, "Keep Moving Forward". Students were asked to write an essay to address current society events or actions that interfere with access towards equal opportunities for jobs, education or justice.

I would like to recognize the following students that were selected as winners of this year's essay contest:

Alex Castillo (1st Grade - Mrs. Moser's class)

Destinee Bates (2nd Grade - Mrs. Mueller's class)

Jason Rogers (8th Grade - Mrs. Schmit's class)

Trevian Sanders (2nd Grade- Mrs. Banks' class)

Annual Review Meeting for the Hillside School District Strategic Plan 2016-2021 March 2, 2019

The Hillside School District 93 Strategic Plan is reviewed on an annual basis to determine the progress being made in each of the focus areas. This plan is the foundation for our initiatives and our action plan until 2021. The plan encompasses five (5) Focus Areas: Finance, Facilities, Instruction and Programming, Community Engagement, and Human Resource. Each of these focus areas are outlined by goals and action items.

Finally, we will hold our annual update meeting on **Saturday, March 2 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** At this annual update meeting, the Administrative Team and Board of Education will lead participants in small group discussions on the progress on the five focus areas of the strategic plan.

If you are interested in joining the Strategic Planning Committee, please contact Ana Maria Velasquez at 708-449-6490 x7104.

Safety Reminders

Since our return from Winter Break, we have seen an increase in problems during our student drop-off and pick-up. **For the safety and well-being of our students, please do not double park on ELM street or pick up your child in the middle of the street.**

Student Drop-Off Procedures

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- Please use the designated drop-off located on Elm Street
 - Pull forward to the designated signs
 - For the safety of the students, do not drop off students in the middle of Elm Street or Harrison Street.
- The Main Parking Lot is only for Busses and closed to car traffic **from 8:10 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**
 - Please do not enter the main parking during the designated Bus Drop Off Times and remember, if you pass our stopped school bus with flashing lights and stop-sign you may be ticketed.
- Parents/Guardians dropping off Band and Choral students after **8:10 a.m.** must use the drop-off lane located on Elm Street.

Student Pick Up Procedures- Kindergarten and First Grade

- Parents/Guardians of Kindergarten and First Grade students will use the back parking lot on Darmstadt street to pick up their child(ren).
- Display the Orange Pick-Up sign in your window.
- To avoid blocking the street, we ask that you enter the parking lot going eastbound on Darmstadt Street and turn right into the parking lot.

Student Pick-Up Procedures Grades 2-8

Use the designated pick-up lane located on Elm Street.

- Pull forward to the designated signs.
- Park in the designated area on Elm street on the lots located on Darmstandt Street.
- Do not pick-up students on Elm Street as this is extremely dangerous.
- Do not park in the fence companies parking area/spots.
- Do not double park and ask your child to cross the street on their own.

We appreciate your assistance as we continue to refine our procedures for the safety of all students!

Yours in education,

Dr. Kevin Suchinski
Superintendent