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District Digest

from Glen Ellyn School District 41

Registration for Next School Year is Now Open

Registration for next year is now open. [Click Here](#) for information about pre-k, kindergarten, and returning student registration. Please register by February 27. Thank you!

Hadley Teacher Recognized - National Board Certification

Mrs. Robin Bollinger, 6th grade Math and Social Studies teacher at Hadley, recently achieved National Board Certification. National Board Certification was established in 1987 through the U.S. Department of Education and is the most respected professional certification available in K-12 classroom teaching. The certification process is rigorous and challenging, and was designed to develop, retain and recognize accomplished teachers. There are approximately 4.3 million classroom teachers in the United States but only 82,000 teachers possess National Board Certification. Mrs. Bollinger is the fourth teacher to achieve National Board Certification at Hadley Junior High and the sixth District 41 teacher to achieve this prestigious credential in teaching. Congratulations, Mrs. Bollinger!



(pictured from left) Hadley Principal Steve Diveley, Robin Bollinger and Frank Tomaszewicz, Hadley Art Technology teacher

Dynamic Speaker at Hadley Embraces Kindness

This week Hadley welcomed Eddie Slowikowski, a motivational speaker, who shared his "Embrace Kindness" message with students and staff. During his presentation, Mr. Slowikowski helped students realize they are more alike than different, challenged them to extend more empathy and understanding toward their classmates, and discussed how a positive community is built by people who embrace kindness. Many thanks to the Hadley PTA for sponsoring this worthwhile presentation. Read up on Mr. Slowikowski [here](#) and watch a video clip of his visit to Hadley [here](#).



Hadley Orchestra Solo & Ensemble Festival

The orchestra department at Hadley held their Annual Solo and Ensemble Festival on January 26. Hadley orchestra students had an opportunity to perform their instrument with piano accompaniment in front of an experienced string judge/professional musician. Constructive feedback was given to our students to help improve their performance skills. Ms. Georgia Alems, Hadley Orchestra Director stated that, "This type of learning experience helps students develop performance skills as a musician. It is a wonderful opportunity for students to display their talents in a recital format." Thank you to D41 for providing this great opportunity for our musicians! Congratulations to all of the performers!



W.O.W. Celebrations!

To submit a story about how one of our staff members was "Warm. Open. and Welcoming," please email wearewow@d41.org.

Kudos to Churchill

My son will attend Churchill in the fall for Kindergarten. We wanted to learn more about the school and the dual language program so Kari Keith and Theresa Ulrich offered to give us a tour of the building last week. They were so kind to me and our three kids. They gave thorough and thoughtful responses to the questions I had, and I left our time feeling extremely excited about sending Caleb to Churchill next year! We were met with warm smiles and "hellos" by staff passing by in the front office and hallways as well. It really was such a warm environment. Just thought I would share that feedback with you when I saw the W.O.W. campaign on the district website. Thank you!

Submitted by an incoming Churchill parent



A Note to Churchill Teacher Deborah Lazzara

Today Keith, Simon and I attended a brunch at our neighbor's house. We were talking about how Simon's school year was going, and I mentioned your name. Half the families in the room had children you had taught, and some of the grown kids were sitting there. Everyone had the warmest, fondest and most grateful memories of time spent in your classroom. Everyone was sharing their favorite memories of ways you inspired and encouraged their children. My favorite story was about how when one of your former students Katie's little sister Caroline was born

(18 years ago) you had a phone wheeled into the room so Katie could call her mom to see how everything was going! Everyone in the room got to hear baby Caroline cry over the phone! And then you taught Caroline 8 years later.

I wish you could have been there! Teachers are the real heroes of this country. They do the hardest work; sometimes for little recognition. But everyone in that room recognized that a part of who their children turned out to be was shaped by you and your warmth and passion for learning.

Keith and I know how lucky we are that Simon gets to share in that too!
Submitted by a current Churchill family

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