



Burbank School District 111

Back to School Newsletter

Developing young minds for tomorrow



School Resumes...

August 18

Teacher Institute

August 19

Teacher Institute

August 20

Teacher Institute

August 21

First Day of School

Grades 1-6: 8:05 am - 2:35 pm

Grades 7-8: 8:30 am - 3:19 pm

August 28

First Day for Kindergarten

8:05 am - 2:35 pm

A Message from the Superintendent



It feels like the school year just ended and yet the start of school will be here before we know it. The year will begin with three full days of professional development for teachers including workshops focusing on best practices for English and Language Arts instruction. Having full day teacher institutes at the beginning of the year and again in November has allowed us to eliminate half-day teacher inservice days. We hope parents find this a convenient feature of this year's school calendar.



Dr. Franzy Fleck,
Superintendent

In addition, Liberty's schedule has been restructured. In lieu of a matrix period, additional time will be spent on enrichment and remediation. **The new school hours for Liberty Junior High School will be: 8:30 a.m. - 3:19 p.m. on full days of attendance and 8:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. on half days of attendance. The breakfast program will begin at 8:05 a.m.**

Last year, teachers piloted three different English and Language Arts programs and with much collaboration and discussion, the McGraw-Hill Wonders Program was selected and will be implemented across the district this year. The program is fully aligned to the Common Core and there are many exciting features including leveled readers and online programs.

Emergency procedures were reviewed and all schools held active shooter drills with Burbank Police Department after school or on days off. This provided district staff and emergency personnel with invaluable training and an opportunity to debrief and address questions and concerns. Emergency procedures will continue to be reviewed and revised as necessary.

The district is also excited to announce a new website that will be launched this Fall. The website features a responsive design which will allow more efficient viewing from any device such as tablets and smart phones. These upgrades will include new websites for each of our schools as well as updated calendars and parent notification options.

In closing, I would like to invite you and your families to attend the Back to School Rally on Saturday, August 23 at 1:00 pm. It is a family friendly event and a great way to celebrate the new school year.



Back to School Rally

Saturday, August 23

1:00 - 3:00 pm

**Liberty Junior High
5900 W. 81st Street**

- * Music & Dancing *
- * Inflatable Moon Jumps and Slides *
- * Airbrush Face Painting *
- * Concessions *
- * Mini Burbank Vendor Fair *

admission is free

Show your school spirit and wear your school colors or spirit wear!

School Directory Information

Burbank

8235 S. Linder
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Colleen Sopkin, Secretary

Byrd

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Tom Martin, Principal
Adriana Johnson, Secretary

Fry

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Mary Rein, Principal
Debbie Molina, Secretary

Kennedy

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Jennifer Cepeda, Secretary

Maddock

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Tracy Schultz, Secretary

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Juanita Witasik, Secretary

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Board Meeting Schedule

All regular board of education meetings are held on the fourth Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at the district office.

July 23, 2014
August 27, 2014
September 24, 2014
October 22, 2014
November 19, 2014*
December 17, 2014*
January 28, 2015
February 25, 2015
March 25, 2015
April 22, 2015
May 27, 2015
June 24, 2015

* Third Wednesday due to Thanksgiving/Winter Break

Mission Statement

The mission of Burbank School District 111 is to provide a quality education in a safe and secure environment to ensure students reach their full potential as socially responsible life-long learners.



Transportation Update



Effective for the 2014-15 school year, busing eligibility has changed from 1.0 to 1.5 miles from school and some streets are no longer considered hazardous crossings. In accordance with Illinois School Code, if a student lives within 1.5 miles from school and there are no hazardous crossings, he/she can reasonably be expected to walk to and from school, and the district is not required to provide transportation. The Illinois Department of Transportation has determined that 79th Street from Cicero to Harlem, State Road north of 79th Street, and Central Avenue south of 79th Street are considered hazardous crossings. Based on the State's guidelines, the following schools

are not eligible for transportation:

Fry, McCord, and Tobin. Based on the State's guidelines, the following schools will **still** be eligible for transportation; **however, there may be some major changes to some school's transportation plans:** Burbank, Byrd, Kennedy, Liberty, and Maddock.

Please visit the district website for a copy of the letter that was sent home in May and busing maps to confirm eligibility. Routes will be established the first week in August and letters will be sent from First Student.

Crossing Guards & School Parking

Crossing Guards

See the box to the right for a list of crossing guard assignments. We ask that you encourage your children to plan their school route accordingly, utilizing the crosswalks and designated crossing guard areas.

Helpful Hints for School Parking

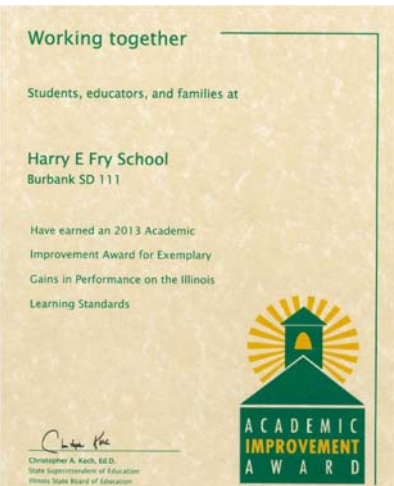
Drop off or pick-up of students is allowed along the curb bordering the school. Drivers must remain in vehicle at all times.

- Cars are not allowed along the curb opposite the school grounds.
- No double parking or stopping in the middle of the street is allowed.
- Seat belts / car seats are mandated for vehicle occupants by state law.
- Common courtesy and patience will help ensure everyone's safety.

Crossing Guards Placements

Location	School
83 rd St. at Linder	Burbank
82 nd St. at Linder	Burbank
83 rd St. at Central	Burbank
83 rd St. at Lavergne	Byrd
78 th St. at Mobile	Fry
78 th St. at Merrimac	Fry
77 th St. at Central	Kennedy
77 th St. at Parkside	Kennedy
83 rd St. at Sayre	Maddock
85 th St. at Nashville	McCord
85 th St. at Natoma	McCord
85 th St. at Narragansett	Tobin
85 th St. at State Rd.	Tobin

Fry School Receives Academic Improvement Award



We are pleased to announce that Fry School has earned the 2013 Honor Roll Academic Improvement Award. The 2013 Academic Improvement Awards honor 125 schools for substantial gains in performance over the last several years. The awards range across all levels from schools where 18 percent of the students are meeting the Illinois Learning Standards to schools where 94 percent are meeting standards. The median state test score for these schools was 62 percent, which is above the state average.

Located throughout the state, the award winners represent every type of school -- large and small; elementary, middle, and high schools; both regular and charter schools; all funding levels; urban, suburban, and rural; and low performing and high performing. They demonstrate that exemplary progress is possible at every level and can be sustained.

Congratulations Fry staff members, students and families!



Student Enrollment and Residency Documentation

Children who will be five (5) years of age on or before September 1 **may** be enrolled in kindergarten. Children who will be six (6) years of age on or before September 1 **must** be enrolled in school.

Basic requirements to be provided by the parent/legal guardian for student enrollment are as follows:

- Official birth certificate
- Current physical and immunization form
- Illinois State transfer form, if applicable

Basic requirements for residency verification:

- One of the following documents: mortgage papers, real estate tax bill, property title, copy of signed lease, letter from landlord with phone number if the landlord does not provide a current lease;

AND

- Two of the following documents: driver's license or state ID card, current gas or electric bill, current automobile registration, current automobile insurance, current homeowner's or renter's insurance, current voter's registration card.

Residency documentation is required when you are:

- Enrolling in District 111 for the first time
- Transferring into District 111
- Changing schools due to changes in residency within District 111

School residency verification is required annually. A registration and residency verification packet for student enrollment is available at every school. The Board of Education has authorized the administration to employ the services of a private investigator for purposes of verifying residency. Questions about legal custody and residency requirements can be directed to the Assistant Superintendent for Student Services at 708-496-0500.



McCord students conduct science experiments during the after school enrichment program.

Supply Fees

Grades K-6: \$75.00

Junior High: \$85.00

The supply fee for each student is due and payable at registration. A \$25.00 late fee will be added to the supply fee for all payments received after the September 30 deadline. Delinquent fees may be turned over to a collection agency. For the convenience of our parents and guardians, payments for student supply fees, meals, field trips, graduation, yearbook, PASS Program, or miscellaneous fees can be made online. Visit the district website at www.bsd111.org and click on E-Pay. District 111 accepts Visa, Master Card, American Express, and Discover.



Waiver of Student Fees

The Superintendent will recommend to the Board for adoption what fees, if any, will be charged for the use of textbooks, consumable materials, extracurricular activities, and other school fees. Students will pay for loss of school books or other school-owned materials. Fees for textbooks and other instructional materials are waived for students who meet the eligibility criteria for the fee waiver contained in this policy. Students receiving a fee waiver are not exempt from charges for lost and damaged books, locks, materials, supplies, and equipment. The Superintendent shall ensure that applications for fee waivers are widely available and distributed according to State law and ISBE rule, and that provisions for assisting parents/guardians in completing the application are available.

A student shall be eligible for a fee waiver when:

1. The student is currently eligible for free breakfast and lunch pursuant to 105ILCS 125/1. Students receiving free breakfast and lunch are automatically waived; a separate waiver application is not required.



Waiver of Student Fees continued

2. The gross income of the student's household is at or below the levels established annually by the United States Department of Agriculture. Written evidence of eligibility shall be required of each person applying for a waiver (W-2, unemployment status, paycheck stubs, etc.)
3. The student or student's family is currently receiving aid under Article IV of The Illinois Public Aid Code (Aid to Families with Dependent Children).
4. Other extenuating circumstances which prevent the student's parents/guardians from affording his/her child's supply fee. Such circumstances may include, but may not be limited to the following: unusual circumstances caused by fire, flood, or storm damage; severe illness or injury in the family.



Kennedy students participate in a tree planting ceremony in recognition of Arbor Day.

Applications may be made by a parent/guardian using the appropriate forms available from each school building. These applications should be submitted to the Business Department no later than October 1 or 60 days after a new registration. The Business Department shall review each application received, and shall notify the parent/guardian in writing within ten (10) school days of its receipt whether the request is granted or denied. The Business Department's denial of a waiver request may be appealed to the Superintendent by submitting the appeal in writing to the Superintendent within 14 days of the denial. The Superintendent or designee shall respond within 14 days of the appeal. The Superintendent's decision may be appealed to the Board of Education. The decision of the Board is final and binding. Questions regarding the waiver process should be addressed to the Business Department.

Seeds of Knowledge Garden



The Seeds of Knowledge garden program is up and growing at Byrd School! Every Wednesday at 10:00 am the garden is filled with students and seniors. Together they care for and maintain the vegetables and fruits that are growing in our planting boxes. To date we have donated bushels of radishes and lettuce to Share The Harvest. Share the Harvest collects our crops and brings them directly to three local food pantries. Byrd's garden program was selected to be the winner of the \$10,000 Seeds of Change Grant. The grant money will be used to purchase a greenhouse, more planter boxes for all

the district schools, and to grow perennial bushes and plants. Please join us this summer on Wednesdays at 10:00 am and help us care for the garden located in the Byrd School courtyard.



School Reach Updates



District 111 has an automated telephone calling system network called School Reach that calls, texts, and/or emails parents and staff members with information on emergencies, school closings, reminders, and other important messages. The caller ID for all School Reach Messages is a toll free number **(855-955-8500)** which is a message retrieval line where you can redial the number from the same phone that receives the calls and the message will be replayed for you. If you wish to change your phone number and/or email address, please contact your child's school office or visit <http://www.schoolreach.com/parentsapp.html> to download the School Reach Parent App. Also, please be sure to not label School Reach emails as spam because it will block emails from your account.



Classroom Party Guidelines

From birthday parties to holiday celebrations, children and teachers have many reasons to celebrate throughout the school year. However, foods served in class parties are, many times, low in nutrients and high in calories. In an effort to promote student wellness, good nutrition and a safe environment for students with allergies or other medical conditions, District 111 is requesting that only non-food items be brought in by students for classroom parties or birthdays. Examples include pencils, coloring books, stickers, erasers, crayons, books, bookmarks, gift certificates, board games, and puzzles. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Student IDs

All District 111 students will be issued a student ID card on a breakaway lanyard. The student ID card is used as the meal debit card and students must wear the ID card on a daily basis. There is a \$5.00 fee to replace a lost ID.

Student Uniform Dress Policy

In addition to the School Uniform Dress Requirement, students are NEVER to wear any of the following at school or school-related functions: hats, sweatbands, head scarves, outdoor coats or jackets, gloves, other forms of outdoor apparel inside school buildings; spandex,



Our teachers are superheroes!

clothes with holes, tank tops, crop tops, or any other article of clothing that would distract students from learning, such as immodest clothing; any style of undergarment is not to be worn as an outer garment, or exposed; no backpacks carried in school during the day; no sunglasses, studded belts or chain belts.

Students are NEVER to wear any jewelry, emblem, symbol, or clothing with language or pictures which convey, express or imply obscenities, sexual vulgarities, promotion of the use of tobacco, alcohol, illegal drugs, firearms, weapons, violence or other illegal acts. This includes any item of clothing or jewelry containing an emblem or symbol of a gang or which, by itself or by its manner of display, constitutes a symbol of a gang. Administration, teachers, and staff may request students remove or appropriately cover (e.g. with a band aid) nose rings or jewelry related to any other type of body piercing that pose a safety problem or a disruption to the educational process. Hair styles must not be disruptive to the educational setting.

School Uniform Dress Requirements:

Shirts/Tops Light blue or white solid colored shirts, blouses, tops, or polo shirts. Appropriate style of tops, shirts or blouses include buttons, long or short sleeve, mock turtle necks and turtle necks. All tops, shirts or blouses must have a folded down collar. No undershirts will be allowed as outerwear.

Pants/Bottoms Navy blue or black business casual pants, shorts, skorts, jumpers or slacks; all shorts, skorts, and jumpers must be mid-thigh. Examples of pants/bottoms that are not "business casual" include, but are not necessarily limited to, cargo pants, jeans/denim pants, sweatpants, pajamas or pajama pants, parachute pants, warm-ups, or tights/spandex. Pants/bottoms permitted under this Policy may have elastic waistbands. All pants/bottoms must be worn at the waist. Pants/bottoms not allowed under this Policy may only be worn on Theme Days as permitted by the Building Principal.

Belts Black or blue belts are suggested with pants that have pant loops.

Socks Required



District 111 Congratulates Class of 2014 Valedictorian & Co-Salutatorians



From left to right:
Board President Carleen Skowronski,
Co-Salutatorian Paulina Przygonska, and
Superintendent Franny Fleck
Not pictured: Valedictorian Claudia Kania,
Co-Salutatorian Patricia Wilk

Shoes Non-skid, closed toe dress shoes or non-skid gym shoes with Velcro straps, zippers or shoelaces. Shoes must have only one set of matching solid shoelaces. All shoes worn must be securely fastened.

Sweaters/Vests/Sweatshirts Navy blue, white, or light blue, solid, non-hooded sweatshirts with appropriate uniformed collared shirt underneath.

Theme Day On special occasions, as designated by the building principal at his/her discretion, the above uniform dress requirements may be relaxed and students allowed to attend school without complying with the requirements. Examples of such occasions include, but are not limited to the following: School Spirit Day, Costume Day, other themes determined by the building principal; District 111 Band Uniform, when designated by the band director(s) and approved by the Building Principal; the uniform of a nationally recognized youth organization, such as Boy or Girl Scouts on scout meeting days.



Students and their families participate in activities at Fry School's Family Math Night.

Student Uniform Clothing Drives

District 111 no longer offers uniform reimbursement. Board Policy 4:145 has been eliminated. In lieu of financial reimbursement, all schools will organize clothing drives and provide students in need with gently used uniforms. If you are in need of uniforms or would like to donate, please contact your school's office. District 111 will continue to pass on information on student uniform sales and discounts from local vendors.

Parental After School Support Program - PASS



PASS (Parental After School Support Program) is an after school program designed to provide an environment that will enable your child to feel welcome and secure. The PASS Program offers a variety of activities, recreation, exercise and quiet time for homework. The program is held at Byrd and Fry Schools from 2:35 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. on full attendance days. The PASS Program begins on the first full day of school. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade are eligible to enroll in the PASS Program.

The fees for the PASS Program are as follows: without bus: \$32.00 per week / with bus: \$40.00 per week



The 8th Grade Boys Volleyball Team is the first in Liberty's history to win first place for the season and first overall in the tournament.

Payments are collected monthly and calculated based on the number of days the program is in session. Please note, whether your child attends PASS one day a week or five days a week, the fee is the same. Burbank and Kennedy students will be bussed to Byrd. Maddock, McCord, and Tobin students will be bussed to Fry.

Registration forms for the PASS Program are available at the K-6 Schools. Completed registration forms should be sent to your child's home school. The home school will forward the PASS registration to the PASS Director. Once the director receives the registration, the parent will be contacted directly by the PASS Director and advised of the start date. If you have questions about the PASS Program, contact the Superintendent's office at 708-496-0500, ext. 10332.

Phone Numbers for PASS:

Byrd: 708-921-4450

Fry: 708-921-4452

Misplaced your supply list? Check the district website for links to each schools' supply lists for the 2014-15 school year.



National School Breakfast & Lunch Program

District 111 operates a federally funded U.S.D.A. hot breakfast/lunch program in all buildings. A monthly menu is sent home and can also be accessed on the District 111 website, by clicking on Resources. Students are expected to maintain a positive balance on their meal debit card. Notification will be sent to parents/guardians when the account balance falls to a low level. Delinquent fees may be turned over to a collection agency. Children must follow breakfast/lunch rules and procedures as established by the school. In accordance with the U.S.D.A., students may not share components of the school breakfast/lunch program. Elementary Schools Only: Parents/guardians may submit a signed note to the principal indicating their child has permission to eat at places other than home or school. The signed parental permission note may be submitted for a day, a week, a month, or for the entire school year. The principal may prohibit such requests due to safety considerations of the children (including, but not limited to weather, hazardous traffic/road, emergency) and will notify the parents/guardians of his/her decision. The parents/guardians must take full responsibility for the student(s) during lunch at an off-campus site. The schools can in no way guarantee the safety of students at off-campus locations, nor can the school guarantee that the student will be



2014-15

Meal Prices

Breakfast - \$1.40

Lunch - \$2.45

Liberty is a closed campus.

Absence Reporting Procedure

Please call each day your child is absent. Daily school attendance is essential for academic success and required by law. Please contact the school office by 8:00 a.m. for elementary and by 8:30 a.m. for junior high to report an absence. All students arriving late must report first to the school office. All students who report to class after school begins are marked "tardy."

Students with a fever or vomiting should not attend school. Children should be without a fever or vomiting for 24 hours before returning to school. Any student with an undiagnosed rash or communicable disease must have a note from his/her physician releasing him/her to return to school. Any student absent for five or more consecutive school days must provide a note from his/her physician.



Burbank students participate in a rap contest in honor of Luther Burbank's Birthday on March 28.

Sports Physicals Available at Registration

Sports physicals are required for all sports (including cheerleading and dance) prior to try-outs. Sports physicals will be offered by Excel Occupational Health Clinic. Physicals will be given at Liberty Junior High School during registration on August 12, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and August 13, 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Students will be seen on a first-come first-served basis and all parents and students must sign in upon arrival. The fee of \$25 is payable by cash or a check made out to Excel Occupational Health Clinic. Physical forms are also available in the school office.

Stickney Public Health

The Stickney Public Health Clinic, located at 5635 S. State Road, provides school physical and dental examinations. For information call 708-424-9200. The Stickney Township Clinic regular hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday (lunch break is 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.). If you wish to call the Dental Mobile Trailer, the telephone number is 708-878-3828.

District 111 and Stickney Public Health will make a cooperative effort to provide flu vaccines to students this fall. Information will be sent home when it becomes available.

Stickney Dental Mobile Schedule

Burbank School	August 21 - September 25
Liberty Jr. High	September 30 - October 23
Tobin School	October 28 - November 27
McCord School	December 2 - January 15
Maddock School	January 20 - March 5
Fry School	March 10 - April 2
Kennedy School	April 7 - April 30
Byrd School	May 5 - end of summer break

Schedule subject to change



Physical Exams, Immunizations, and Dental Exams



Students enrolling in school for the first time, transferring into District 111, or those changing schools within the District due to a change in residence must present a copy of a current physical examination and immunization record prior to beginning school. The Illinois School Code requires students to submit a report of physical examination and the dates that immunizations were received in order to attend school. Immunization requirements are subject to change. For complete immunization requirements, contact the Illinois Department of Public Health. Contact the District Nurse at 708-496-0500, ext. 10366, should you have questions about the physical examinations and immunization requirements. Preschool, kindergarten, sixth, and ninth grade students must present a physical exam and current immunizations in order to start school August 21, 2014. Parents/guardians must complete and sign the health history portion of the physical form.

Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, children entering school at any grade level (K-12) shall show proof of having 2 doses of MMR, the first dose on or after 12 months, and the second dose no less than 28 days after the first dose.

PRESCHOOL: Physical exam dated 8/21/13 or later. A diabetes screening and lead screening is required. A Mantoux test for tuberculosis is recommended. Children 24-59 months shall show proof of receiving at least one dose of pneumococcal vaccine.

DPT/DTaP	4 doses (including 1 booster)
IPV/OPV	3 doses
Varicella	1 dose after 12 months or proof of immunity
MMR	2 doses after 12 months
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib	1 dose after 15 months

KINDERGARTEN: Physical exam dated 8/28/13 or later. A diabetes screening and lead screening is required. A Mantoux test for tuberculosis is recommended. (or first entry in Illinois school)

*Dental Exam required - see below. Vision Exam completed by an Optometrist, Ophthalmologist, or physician who provides complete eye examinations.

DPT/DTaP	4 doses (last one after 4 th birthday)
IPV/OPV	3 doses (last one after 4 th birthday)
Varicella	2 doses after 12 months or proof of immunity
MMR	2 doses after 12 months
Hepatitis B	3 doses
Hib	1 dose after 15 months

2nd GRADE: *Dental Exam required - see below

6th GRADE: Physical exam dated 8/21/13 or later. A diabetes screening is required. A Mantoux test for tuberculosis is recommended.

Varicella	2 doses after 12 months or proof of immunity
Tdap	1 dose
Hepatitis B	3 doses

*Dental Exam is required – see below.

*A dental examination by a licensed dentist is required for all children in kindergarten, second, and sixth grade and must be completed by May 15th of that school year.

Please remember to make appointments early. Physical, Dental, Sports Physicals, and Immunization forms are available at: www.bsd111.org (click: District Info, Student Health Info)



Tobin students conduct science experiments in the courtyard.



St. Baldrick's Day

Liberty Junior High School hosted their first St. Baldrick's Day event on March 19. The St. Baldrick's Foundation is a volunteer-driven charity committed to funding the most promising research to find cures for childhood cancers and give survivors long, healthy lives. Teachers David Feldstein and Mariette Zielinski organized and sponsored the event with the National Junior Honor Society.



Over 300 people attended the event with 75 shaves and 12 donations to Locks of Love. Liberty Junior High School raised over \$20,000 which will help fund research to cure childhood cancers. The top five fundraisers, Dennis Muraida, Michael Walsh, Jessie Walsh, Troy Grace, and Gracie Guarrino, were recognized by the Board of Education at the March 28 board meeting. For up to date information or to make a donation, please visit Liberty's event page at www.stbaldricks.org/events/ljhs.

NFL Play 60

NFL Play 60 is the National Football League's campaign to encourage kids to be active for 60 minutes a day in order to help reverse the trend of childhood obesity. On November 19, Martellus Bennett from the Chicago Bears presented the \$10,000 grant to Byrd School at their NFL Play 60 assembly. Mr. Bennett was more than generous with his time and really interacted well with all of the students. Video footage from this assembly was shown on ESPN's Monday Night Football Countdown December 9. The pre-game show focused on Martellus Bennett and his charitable activities that he is involved with around Chicago, including his involvement in the NFL Play 60 program.



Home Depot Landscaping Makeovers



Home Depot in Bedford Park has generously donated materials, supplies, volunteers, and time to McCord and Burbank Schools this year.

It began with a simple request for a couple of gift cards when Home Depot offered to fully landscape the perimeter and courtyard at McCord School in October. Fifteen volunteers from Home Depot spent the day working on the landscaping, planting flowers, placing mulch, and building a garden for the students. A special assembly was held in November to thank Home Depot for their generous donation and to McCord's PFC for organizing the event.



On April 22, in recognition of Earth Day, Burbank School planned to update the landscaping in the front of the school. With a purchase of some flowers and plants, Home Depot generously donated around \$4,000 worth of landscaping materials. Throughout the day, students, parents, and Home Depot volunteers assisted with the project.



2014 - 2015 Official School Calendar

August

- 18 Teacher Institute
- 19 Teacher Institute
- 20 Teacher Institute
- 21 First Full Day (Grades 1-8 Only)
Breakfast & Lunch Program Begins
PASS Program Begins
- 26 Back to School Night - Liberty 7th grade 7-8 p.m.
- 27 Back to School Night - Liberty 8th grade 7-8 p.m.
Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 First Day of Kindergarten
Back to School Night - K-6 Schools 7-8 p.m.

September

- 1 NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
- 24 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.

October

- 13 NO SCHOOL - Columbus Day
- 22 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.

November

- 4 NO SCHOOL - Teacher Institute
- 11 NO SCHOOL - Veterans' Day
- 19 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 24 Half Day / Parent-Teacher Conf. (No AM EC)
- 25 NO SCHOOL - Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 26 NO SCHOOL
- 27 NO SCHOOL - Thanksgiving
- 28 NO SCHOOL

December

- 17 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 22 NO SCHOOL - Winter Break Begins

January

- 5 School Resumes
- 19 NO SCHOOL - M. L. King, Jr.'s Birthday
- 28 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.

February

- 16 NO SCHOOL - Presidents' Day
- 25 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.

March

- 2 NO SCHOOL - Casimir Pulaski Day
- 9 PARCC Testing Window PBA (Performance Based Assessment) Begins
- 25 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.

April

- 3 NO SCHOOL - Spring Break Begins
PARCC Testing Window PBA Ends
- 13 School Resumes
- 22 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 27 PARCC Testing Window EOY (End-of-Year) Begins

May

- 22 PARCC Testing Window EOY ends
- 25 NO SCHOOL - Memorial Day
- 27 Board Meeting - District Office - 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Last Day of School for EC Students
- 29 Last Day of School
(If no emergency days are used)
Grades K-6: 8:05 - 11:15 a.m.
JH: 8:30 - 11:45 a.m.

June

- 1-5 Emergency Days



Students hold the American flag during a 9/11 Anniversary Ceremony at Maddock School.



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District schools benefit from monies received from the *No Child Left Behind* federal entitlement grants.

What's Happening in District 111...

- ◆ District 111 hosted the following district-wide community events:
Multicultural Fair & Taste of Burbank ~ Super Hero 3K Walk/Run ~ Spring Craft and Vendor Fair ~ Family, Fun and Fitness Fair ~ Burbank All-Star Games ~ Back to School Rally
- ◆ Byrd School won the Grand Prize of \$10,000 from the Chicago Bears 2013 NFL Play 60 Super School Contest. On Nov. 19th, Chicago Bears Tight End Martellus Bennett was on hand to present a \$10,000 check to the school and participated in a Play 60 circuit with Byrd students.
- ◆ McCord and Burbank School received landscaping makeovers from Home Depot in Bedford Park.
- ◆ Byrd School is the proud recipient of a \$10,000 grant from the Seeds of Change organization. The organization focuses on food education, community impact, leadership and inspiration. Byrd School will be working with the Burbank Senior Center and the Seeds of Ministry to help maintain a garden in the courtyard over the summer and to ensure that the fruits and vegetables end up in the hands of those who need it most.
- ◆ Teachers across the district piloted three different English/Language Arts programs during the 2013-14 school year. Ultimately, the district selected the Wonders Program to be implemented at all schools for the 2014-15 school year. This new program was built around the Common Core Standards and will meet the needs of all learners.
- ◆ A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held on June 3 at the district office to recognize and thank our outstanding volunteers who dedicate their time to our schools throughout the year.
- ◆ Over summer break, Kennedy and McCord Schools received roofing, foundation, and masonry repairs as well some flooring replacement.

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