

# Waukegan Public Schools Community Unit School District #60 Superintendent's Bulletin Dr. Donaldo R. Batiste, Superintendent

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## Superintendent's Message.....

Dear Colleague:

### ***"New Way – New Words"***

The recent theme in our weekly messages since the beginning of 2007 has developed into "new-found" approaches to strengthening and maintaining our relationships while improving our personal health outlook. These approaches are consistent with our theme for the year, **"A New Day, A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools! ...one pace beyond."**

In order to fully realize our theme, we have had to re-evaluate and change some of our former approaches. We have also had to re-consider how our thoughts and words affect our outlooks, as well as the outlooks of others. When we unpacked it, we found that words are only symbols of how we feel. These words merely describe our emotions. Therefore, when we think negatively, we will also speak negatively. And when we speak negatively, our words simply become self-fulfilling prophecies.

While we must be honest and realistic about the past, there is nothing wrong with being optimistic about the future. Optimism is a good disease which, when spread throughout an organization, builds and strengthens our ability to accomplish our mission. So, doesn't it follow why we must then choose and exhibit an outlook that is supportive of one another and our students?!

Let us remember that we have the ability, through the words we speak, to put smiles on the faces of others and joy within their hearts. What better way can we fulfill our mission of educating children than by positively acknowledging and encouraging staff and students in their daily efforts?

So, let us remember to think and speak positively in support of educational change and attainment. Remember our positive theme and motto: **"A New Day, A New Way in Waukegan Public Schools! ...one pace beyond."**

Sincerely,  
**Donaldo R. Batiste, Ph.D.**  
Superintendent of Schools

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## Important Dates

- Board of Education Election Nomination Filing Ends (5:00 p.m.) – **February 5, 2007**
- Institute Day (No School for Students) – **February 16, 2007**
- President's Day (Legal Holiday) – **February 19, 2007**
- Mail-in Registration Begins for 2007-2008 School Year – **February 20, 2007**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cooke Career Day – **February 23, 2007**
- *Application Deadline:* CTE Educator Scholarships, EIU – **February 23, 2007**
- 2007 Southern Illinois Women's Teen Conference – **February 24, 2007**
- *Application Deadline:* NEH Summer 2007 Programs– **March 1, 2007**

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## Notices

### CAREER DAY AT ANDREW COOKE MAGNET SCHOOL

→ *Submitted by Lindsey Lurie, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher, Andrew Cook Magnet School*

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Cooke Career Day is February 23, and we are looking for volunteers to share their skills with our students. Lunch will be provided, and presenters may come for the morning, afternoon or both. For more information, visit the Cooke web site at <http://www.waukeganschools.org/cooke/>, or contact **Lindsey Lurie** at [llurie@waukeganschools.org](mailto:llurie@waukeganschools.org).

We would appreciate any help from your neighbors, retired, or family or friends that would like to share their skills with our students.

### CONTRIBUTIONS

*Superintendent's Bulletin* is a weekly newsletter from the Superintendent, the Web Manager, and other district administrators. Please send all contributions to:

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The preferred submission method is via e-mail. **Contributions must be received by 12:00 noon on Wednesday** to be included in next week's *Bulletin*.

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## Awards and Honors

### 2007-2008 THOSE WHO EXCEL NOMINATIONS NOW AVAILABLE

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Nomination forms for the 2007-08 *Those Who Excel* program are now available online at [http://www.isbe.net/those\\_who\\_excel.htm](http://www.isbe.net/those_who_excel.htm). **The deadline for submission is May 7.** If you prefer a hard copy of the form please contact **Ann Muraro** or **Urlonda Briggs** at (217) 782-4648.

## OUTSTANDING SCIENCE AND MATH TEACHERS NOMINATION FORMS

→ *From the Lake County Regional Office of Education*

Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, Abbott Laboratories Chapter, has again asked the Lake County Regional Office of Education to distribute the attached information (see [Enclosures](#)) regarding the *Outstanding Science and Math Teachers* Nomination Forms to our Lake County Schools. Principals are asked to make this information available to interested students. **The nomination deadline is March 23, 2007.**

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## Music / Fine Arts

### WAUKEGAN HIGH SCHOOL THEATER DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS

#### “Don’t Tell Mother”

On the evening that timid librarian Cinnamon Schmidt (*Carolyn Isaac*) and her mother (*Lyzzi Pottala*) are to entertain her fiancé Hobart (*Andres Colon*) and his mother at serene family dinner, Cinnamon comes home in shock because she has witnessed a bank robbery and is the only one who can identify the crook. She confides her terror to chum Deedee Malone (*Karen Bullock*), not daring to tell her mother and then federal agent Joe Shimko (*Bradley Paschall*) arrives having gotten a tip that the robber, Orville Maddox (*Alex Zamudio*), is en route to bump off the witness. Joe thinks Deedee is Cinnamon and vice versa, Orville is mistaken for the caterer and for Hobart, mother is confused with the cleaning lady, and poor Cinnamon is thought to be her own mother. Hobart arrives, posies in hand, just in time to be arrested! The real star is a monster vacuum cleaner that attacks anyone within range. The final moments, with all the good guys trussed up and strung together while the lights go out and the vacuum cleaner goes on, are among the funniest ever on a stage. The pace is rapid fire, the dialogue hilarious, and the laughter non-stop.

**Written by Monk Ferris**  
**Directed by Richard Pope**

Performances to be held at the Trapp Auditorium at Waukegan High School February 8, 9, 10. Curtain at 7pm. Tickets are \$8 for general admission, \$6 for students, seniors and military.

See attached poster (in [Enclosures](#)). For more information, call (847) 599-4077 or email [DramaForce@aol.com](mailto:DramaForce@aol.com).

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## Human Resources

### 2006 UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTIONS

Waukegan Public School District 60 once again received the distinction as being the largest United Way Contributor among Lake County school districts. This is the seventh year in a row. The district had a goal of \$14,000.00. **The district contributions totaled \$16,243.07.** A mighty, mighty thank you to all who contributed.

## 2006 UNITED WAY CONTRIBUTION AWARDS

The following schools / Lincoln Center offices were awarded trophies for being the largest contributors in their respective classes:

EPIC Pre-K	<b>North Shore</b>
Small Elementary	<b>McCall</b>
Large Elementary	<b>Washington</b>
Middle School	<b>Abbott</b>
High School	<b>Waukegan High School</b>
Small Lincoln Center Office	<b>Human Resources</b>
Large Lincoln Center Office	<b>Special Education</b>
Overall Largest District Contributor	<b>Abbott Middle School</b>

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## Professional Development

### CRISIS INTERVENTION AND MANAGEMENT TRAINING FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Renee Cheung, Social Work Coordinator, will be hosting a professional development workshop, *Crisis Intervention & Management Training for School Personnel: Working with Students, Families, and Community*, presented by Dr. Harry Kall, NCSP, LCPC. For more information, see the attached flyer (in [Enclosures](#)).

### MASTER OF EDUCATION IN CURRICULUM, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION REFORM ONLINE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

→ *From the Lake County Regional Office of Education*

The College of Education at the University of Illinois offers an Online Master of Education degree with a focus on Curriculum, Technology, and Education Reform (CTER) for practicing teachers and administrators. CTER prepares educators to integrate technology into their curriculum and to further educational reform in their schools and districts. This program is for teachers, technology coordinators, school administrators, and all those with interest in interdisciplinary curriculum design and technology integration. Courses begin in January and June of each year. The program takes 18 to 24 months to complete the master's degree. Complete 8 graduate courses (32 credits) fully online – no face-to-face class requirements.

Applications and admission requirement information and forms are available at: <http://cter.ed.uiuc.edu/>. For more information, send e-mail to [cter-info-L@listserv.uiuc.edu](mailto:cter-info-L@listserv.uiuc.edu) or call (217) 244-3315.

### AURORA UNIVERSITY MASTERS COHORT PROGRAM AT LINCOLN CENTER

If you are interested in pursuing a Masters of Arts in Teaching degree (MAT), a Masters of Arts in Educational Leadership (MAEL), or a Type 75 (Administrative Certificate) please contact:

**Andi Danis**  
College of Education  
Aurora University  
(630) 844-3857  
[adanis@aurora.edu](mailto:adanis@aurora.edu)

Beginning March 2007 a new two-year cohort program will be held at Lincoln Center on Thursday nights. The District contact for this program is **Dr. Mary L. Lamping**, Chief Academic Officer. If you have any additional questions please contact her at (847) 599-3926 or [mlamping@waukeganschools.org](mailto:mlamping@waukeganschools.org). The cohort that began in the 2004-2005 school year is scheduled to graduate its first cohort members as early as next month, with the remaining members scheduled to graduate either in April or June.

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## English Language Learning

### MIGRANT EDUCATION SUMMER PROGRAM

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Illinois State Board of Education Migrant Education Program is accepting applications for funding of 2007 summer migrant programs under Title I, Part C of NCLB. Students eligible for the program are mobile children of migratory workers residing in the area whose parents moved to find work in agricultural production, fishing, or food processing industries. Districts with eligible migrant populations may request funding for summer programs.

To request assistance in identifying eligible migrant children, districts may complete the survey found at [http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/migrant\\_survey.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/bilingual/pdfs/migrant_survey.pdf).

For more information, contact **Beth Robinson** at (312) 814-3850.

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## Nutrition / Health

### ACTION FOR HEALTHY KIDS CAMPAIGN FOR SCHOOL WELLNESS NEW FIELD REPORTS

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Action for Healthy Kids (AFHK) announces its series of new Field Reports as part of the Campaign for School Wellness. The Campaign for School Wellness is a multifaceted communications and outreach effort providing resources to schools on wellness.

The field reports listed below are available to download at <http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/>:

- Giving Kids the Voice of Authority: Engaging Students in the Fight Against Childhood Obesity
- Tapping Into the Power: Engaging Parents in the Fight Against Childhood Obesity
- From the Top Down: Engaging School Leaders in Creating a Healthier, More Physically Active School Environment
- Read A Mission Becomes a Mandate: Campaign for School Wellness to learn more about the Campaign for School Wellness.

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## Legal

### CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECK SYMPOSIUM

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Illinois State Police, in conjunction with the Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, will host two Criminal History Record Check Symposia again this year. Information is available at: [http://www.isbe.net/pdf/CB\\_symposium\\_2007.pdf](http://www.isbe.net/pdf/CB_symposium_2007.pdf).

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## Scholarships / Programs for Students

### CTE EDUCATOR SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Eastern Illinois University has two scholarships for incoming freshmen who plan to attend and major in Career and Technical Education. At Eastern, the Career and Technical Education program includes business education, family and consumer sciences education, and technology (trade and industry) education.

Please forward this information to your regional director colleagues as well as those who teach business, FCS, and/or tech ed and any guidance counselors. More information about the two scholarships can be found at <http://www.eiu.edu/~tech> under Prospective Students. **The deadline is February 23.** Also, please note that one of the scholarships can go to a CTE major or a student majoring in Industrial Technology.

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## Classroom Resources

### ILLINOIS DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES LAUNCHES WILD ILLINOIS HISTORY WEB SITE

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has launched **Wild Illinois History**, an interactive website at <http://www.wildillinois.org/>. The site helps students in grades three through five focus on early exploration, geography and wildlife conservation.

Teachers and students will find new features that make it a great supplement to Illinois history exploration. The improved site contains new lesson plans, streaming video, free photos, classroom materials and grant information. *Wild Illinois History* correlates with Illinois Learning Standards.

If you have used the site in the past, you'll find new features and lesson plans that make it a great supplement to Illinois history exploration. It contains streaming video, free photos, classroom materials and grant information.

Students can learn how wildlife helped Native Americans and early settlers survive; they can see how wildlife is a part of our lives today. A fictional French trapper from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century Illinois Territory leads students on the trip. Brief story-telling slideshows are mixed with fun, interactive activities. Lesson plans and activities are correlated to Illinois Learning Standards. Visit <http://www.wildillinois.org/>.

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## Fellowships / Scholarships / Grants for Educators

### RESIDENTIAL SUMMER INSTITUTE FOR TEACHERS AT CAL STATE POLYTECH

→ *From the Weekly Message issued by the Office of the State Superintendent*

Ahimsa Center, in the College of Letters, Arts and Social Sciences at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, will hold a Residential Summer Institute for K-12 teachers, *Gandhi, Nonviolence and the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Curriculum* July 15 through 28, 2007. This Institute will focus on Mohandas K. Gandhi and the relevance of his life and legacy in the 21<sup>st</sup> century school curricula.

The Institute is open to all K-12 educators throughout the United States. Applicants selected to participate will receive fellowship covering the cost of tuition, eight units of graduate course credits, books and materials, room and board for two weeks, and special weekend programs.

Early application is highly recommended. For details, including fellowship benefits and application procedure, visit:

[http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/summer\\_institute/summer\\_institute\\_07.html](http://www.csupomona.edu/~ahimsacenter/summer_institute/summer_institute_07.html).

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## Position Vacancies Around Illinois

### FREMONT DISTRICT 79 SPECIAL SERVICES COORDINATOR

Fremont School District 79, a K-8 district of 2,045 students located in the north suburban Chicago area, is seeking a Special Services Coordinator for the 2007-2008 school year. Applicants must hold or be working on a Type 75 administrative certificate. The district is offering a regionally competitive salary plus excellent benefits for this eleven-month contract position. **The deadline for application is February 21, 2007.**

Direct letter of interest, resume, letters of reference, and other appropriate documentation to:

**Dr. Rick Taylor**  
Superintendent of Schools  
Fremont School District 79  
28855 North Freemont Center Road  
Mundelein, IL 60060  
Telephone: (847) 566-0169  
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E-mail: [rtaylor@fremont.lake.k12.il.us](mailto:rtaylor@fremont.lake.k12.il.us)

## Enclosures

### HUMAN RESOURCES

1. **New Vacancy Postings** – [VacanciesV1N21.pdf](#)
  - ⇒ *Reposting:* 2 Twilight School Teachers/Facilitators (A.O.E.C. Twilight School)
  - ⇒ Early Childhood Teacher (Shiloh)

### AWARDS AND HONORS

2. **Sigma Xi Outstanding Teacher Nomination Form** – [SigmaXiTeacherNoms2007.pdf](#)

### MUSIC / FINE ARTS

3. **POSTER: "Don't Tell Mother"** – [DontTellMotherPoster.pdf](#)

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4. **FLYER: Crisis Intervention & Management Training** – [CrisisInterventionTraining.pdf](#)

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