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Did You Know...?

Facts About South Berwyn School District 100



A note from the Board of Education

As you know, District 100 is seeking a new superintendent . After surveying the staff and conducting focus groups with community members, parents, and staff, the following criteria was developed:

Dear Candidate:

South Berwyn Elementary School District 100 is seeking a new superintendent: an educational leader who is able to gather the ideas and thoughts of an educational community into a coherent and attractive vision for the District; a successful administrator who will put "CHILDREN FIRST" and make a commitment to our District; a leader who can continue to help the Board function effectively in its role and help the staff perform at its best; someone with proven abilities in human relations who will represent the District in open communications with students, parents, and community; a dynamic leader to help District 100 in a period of continuing demographic change in our unique, diverse, close-knit community. The Board of Education is committed to finding a candidate who believes ALL children can learn. The successful candidate will:

- Have exemplary interpersonal skills and positively and openly communicate with staff, students, parents, Board, and community.
- Embrace and appreciate the diversity that is part of the District 100 student body and community. The superintendent will be committed to valuing and drawing strength from the multi-cultural and socio-economically diverse population. Successful experience in a diverse environment is desired.

- Possess excellent analytical, planning, and organizational skills; thorough knowledge of and successful experience in sound management, curriculum and instruction, staff development, school finance, and community relations.
- Value consensus and is willing to work with and empower our dedicated staff, Board, and supportive community.
- Invest in the community and foster government and business partnerships, and see the school as a focal point of the community.
- Provide leadership in planning and developing with the Board of Education, both long- and short-range District goals.
- Guide the Board through difficult decisions and make strong recommendations that continue to move the District forward.

The successful candidate should be a strong TEAM LEADER, a fair TEAM PLAYER, and a quality TEAM BUILDER. If your professional experience aligns with our criteria, please consider applying for the superintendent position at South Berwyn District 100.

Sincerely,

Board of Education
South Berwyn Elementary School District 100



"Did You Know...?"

Emerson School

Did You Know.....

...Emerson School had a busy month in January!

...our PTA hosted Family Dance Night, as well as the January School Board meeting.



Emerson students dance to the music at Family Dance Night.

...Karyn Villari arranged a Blood Drive for a Piper School student. Thank you to Karyn and everyone who donated blood to help our district student.

...Emerson, Irving, and Piper 5th grade beginning band students showed off their musical talents at their first concert on January 29 at Heritage School.

...Emerson School is proud of Esteban L.(5th grade) for his participation on the District 100 Speech and Drama Team. Good luck to all of our students on February 23.

...our first K-5 Parent Workshop was held on 2/20 from 1:45-3:00 in our library. The topic this month was the importance of reading with your child. Mrs. Fator, Mrs. Olsen, and Mrs. Stigler presented. The Berwyn Public Library was also there and informed parents of library programs, as well as signed up new members for library cards.

Hiawatha School

Did You Know...



...4th and 5th grade hosted an open house. Dignitaries Mayor O'Connor, Mr. Jan Galbraith, and visiting artist, Adrianna

unveiled the quilts that the 4th graders had completed depicting Berwyn's history. The 5th grade hosted an astronomy emporium. Students made travel brochures, commemorative stamps, and survival kits. They made a video demonstrating songs and dances that they made up related to astronomy.

...5th graders participated in "Mystery at the Museum" at Science & Industry recently. Students learned about forensic science and used evidence to solve the crimes.

...Hiawatha has a **Green Team** ! The team is led by teachers, Jane DeCaire and Amy Lazzeretti. The club consists of 150 members, with members meeting in groups of 50. The team collected the recycling bins from each classroom for a week and measured the contents. Since 30 inches of paper in a 30 gallon bin saves one tree, the group determined that 24 trees have been saved in one week at Hiawatha. The **Green Team** has distributed a template of a tree so that each classroom is able to track weekly how many trees they've saved.

...Mr. PBIS (aka Mr. Guevara) and his class along with Mrs. Scott's class won the most recent PBIS booster, "Take the Plunge." An effort was made to keep the bathrooms clean by a "check-out" system following a class' bathroom trip. Points were given. The winning classrooms won "golden" plungers.





"Did You Know...?"

Irving School

Did You Know...

...Mrs. Carson's 2nd grade class at Irving and Ms. Kotwica's class at Pershing have become pen pals and are planning a lunch picnic together in the springtime

...Irving's 4th graders are continuing to keep a lunar log so that they will understand the position of the moon in its orbit around the earth when lunar eclipse occurs on Feb. 21

...the Irving Early Childhood classes and the Pre-school went to the Shedd Aquarium and Oceanarium to explore sea creatures – they had any exciting time

...Irving School held its annual PTA Book Fair this month and it was a tremendous success

...Irving's PBIS focus this month has been "keeping your hands, feet, and objects to yourself" – we are calling it our "Keep Cool" at Irving and want the students to earn "Nice Cubes" towards their class rewards

...Irving Kindergarten classes attended the DuPage Children's Museum and participated in many hands-on activities

...Irving's annual 5th grade Spelling Bee took place in front of all of the school classes. The younger children now have a great desire to start spelling bees in their own home-rooms

...a storyteller visited Irving and told many interesting stories that focused on anti-bullying ideas

...the PTA Book Fair was great success

...Circus Boy, an amazing person came to entertain the parents and children at PTA Founders' Night

...for Black History month Mrs. Lyon's and Mrs. Novak's 3rd grade classes attended a play at Dominican University focusing on the underground railroad

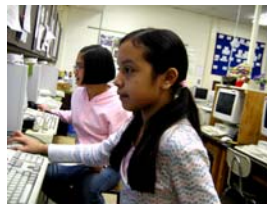


Komensky School

Did You Know...

EXTRA! EXTRA! READ ALL ABOUT IT! The Komensky Times is hitting the stands. The fifth grade students in the Write Club have decided to create a school newspaper that contains both current events and school happenings. The students have been researching, interviewing, surveying, and writing up a storm to provide the latest, up-to-the-date news coverage.

...the first edition of the Komensky Times contains feature articles about classroom and school related activities, seasonal topics, pet care, the history of Valentines Day, and how Martin Luther King, Jr.'s speech, "I Have a Dream," relates to the PBIS January goal of treating others with kindness and fairness. Upcoming Komensky Times will contain news articles on the presidential election, going green, and the importance of living a healthy lifestyle and eating nutritional foods. Each issue will include weather, comics, and editorial sections. Graphs, photos, and sidebars have been included to create visual appeal and to



make the newspaper kid friendly. Each month the writing staff will request submissions from every grade level for an all school contest. Within the first edition, the winning entries of the tongue twister contest were printed to showcase alliteration at its best. The next edition will contain the winning entries of the best joke contest.

Many of the writers in the Write Club joined this after school program because they love to write. Some students enjoy writing stories at home. Others prefer writing poetry, diary entries, comics, or lyrics. During club meetings, they have the opportunity to lie back, munch on a few snacks, and let the creative juices flow. Students quite often amuse themselves and others by sharing the brilliant ideas and playful words that pop into their minds during the writing process.





“Did You Know...?”

Pershing School

Did You Know...

... Pershing students enjoyed Grand Parent’s Day this month as important adults in our children’s lives were invited to visit our classrooms. It was well attended as thirty-seven adults came to see just what the students are learning.

... our fantastic Pershing students have raised nearly \$2500 for “Pennies for Patients” to benefit the Leukemia & Lymphoma Foundation. Their goal is \$3000. Contributions can be sent to the Pershing office.

... Ms. Hibben’s 4th grade students are creating children’s stories and posters as they study rain forest animals and develop an understanding of the concepts of endangerment and extinction.



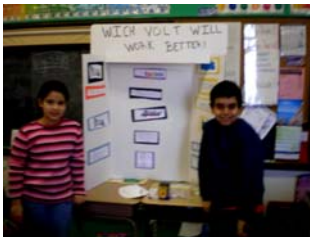
... the Pershing PTA sponsored an assembly called “Count on Me” to help students better understand what actions demonstrate responsibility, the second Pershing behavioral expectation.



Play production by 1st graders

Piper School

Did You Know...



...Piper School held its second annual **Science Fair** on February 13th. 373 visitors came to view science projects and experiments in the gym. Students in grades four and five delivered oral reports to the visitors on the purpose

and results of their projects. Congratulations to all the students and staff that made this a wonderful learning experience.

...Piper’s PTA celebrated **Founders’ Night** on February 19th with the Fine Arts. Performances by the Piper Chorus and our Speech and Drama finalists thrilled the audience. Our after school Art Club displayed animal sculptures created by 2nd and 3rd grade students. There was also a show of selected art works created during grade level



classes. A special thank you goes out to Ms. Kimble, Ms. Nicholson and Ms. Soto for all of their hard work to make this evening special.

...Ms. DiGilio and Ms. Rodriguez have begun evening computer classes for adults at Piper School. Two sessions on Tuesdays help our parents learn the basics of computer operations in both English and Spanish.

...field trips during February brought the world of extended learning to Piper’s students. Fourth grade visited the Adler Planetarium, second grade the Shedd Aquarium and 5th grade ECHO students took a trip to the Metropolis Theater.

...Piper is very proud of our representatives at the District 100 Spelling Bee. Isaac T. snared the second place prize among 5th grade participants, while Ruben L. captured 5th place. Congratulations to both of our students and their teachers.

...students reading 600 minutes earn free tickets to Six Flags Great America this summer through our **Read to Succeed** program. Dozens of Piper students have reached their goal and look forward to a great time at the amusement park.



“Did You Know...?”

Freedom Middle School

Did You Know...

...the students participated in a special PBIS Assembly which included PBIS Jeopardy! Representatives from each team were chosen and questions from our matrix and other PBIS happenings were asked. The winning team...8A!

...the staff and students raised over \$200 for The American Heart Association with a special red and pink out- of uniform- day on Valentines Day.



...over 160 students were invited to a special Honors Bingo. These students were on the Honor Roll 2nd quarter and did not receive any detentions during that time as well.



Heritage Middle School

Did You Know...

...that three of Heritage’s ECHO students, Andy H, Morgan B. and Julie P were state winners for the 2007-2008 National PTSA “Reflections Art Competition”? Every year the National PTSA encourages students nationwide to creatively express themselves through dance, film, video, literature, music, photography, and visual arts based on a theme. This year’s theme was “I Can Make a Difference By.” Both Andy and Morgan placed in the photography category, while Julie entered a dance piece. Good luck to these students as their selections now go on to the national level.

...on the day with the greatest amount of snow and the least amount of students, Heritage Middle School raised \$360 for the American Lung Association. Once again we are proud of all of our students and staff for being so generous!

...on January 30, 6B with their theme of

recognizing and appreciating differences of all people, presented a community project called Citizens of the World in which groups of 6th graders at Heritage presented the seven continents using skits, posters, a style show, and an international buffet. Parents, staff and students all had a great time!





"Remember the Child"

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"Remember the Child"

The mission of School District 100 is to provide positive, appropriate learning opportunities for each elementary student. These opportunities shall foster the development of basic values, good citizenship and a sense of self worth to enable students to be productive citizens in a rapidly changing world.

We're on the Web!

www.bsd100.org

Bilingual News—



The students who participate in the bilingual program have been given the ACCESS tests; the results are expected in May. These tests measure the annual growth in Speaking, Reading, Listening,

and Writing skills in English. They are now busy studying and preparing for the second annual test, ISAT, which measures the annual academic growth in English. Please support them by making sure they do their homework and that they read regularly at home.

The Bilingual Advisory Committee meeting was held February 20, 2008, at Komensky School from 9—11 AM in the music room. They had an invited special guest from MacNeal Hospital, Dietician, Michel DiVito, RD, LDN. Parents received information about the bilingual program and the healthy diets for the family.

Student Pride—

District Spelling Bee:

The District Spelling Bee was held at LaVergne Education Center on Friday, February 8. The grade level winners were:

Grade 5	Nick K.	Irving
Grade 6	Cuitla A.	Freedom
Grade 7	Iridian H.	Freedom
Grade 8	Justin K.	Heritage

The District Grand Champion:

Justin K.

Heritage

Congratulations to all who participated.

