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Did You Know...?

Facts About South Berwyn School District 100



Welcome—

The Berwyn South School District 100 Board of Education unanimously appointed Dr. Stanley S. Fields Wednesday as the District's new superintendent effective July 1, 2008. He follows Dr. Patricia Wernet, who will become Lisle Community Unit School District 202s superintendent.

Dr. Fields has served as Principal of Morton West High School, Assistant Superintendent for Business at Morton School District 201, Superintendent of Mundelein School District 120, and most recently, Proviso Township High School District 209 Superintendent. In June, 2000, Dr. Field accepted the position of Principal at Morton West High School and moved his family from Oklahoma. He is familiar with our diverse community and welcomes the opportunity to continue to make a difference in the lives of our students.

"I am humbled and equally excited with the opportunity extended by the Board of Education to serve the South Berwyn community as its superintendent. I look forward to working with the entire community."

Joanne Zendol, President of the South Berwyn School District 100 Board of Education, said that Dr. Fields brings multi-faceted experience to the district. "He has thorough knowledge of school finance, sound management, and community relations. He has experience as a Superintendent of two school districts with serious financial, operational, and performance challenges. His extensive record of secondary education will provide the foundation for leadership of District 100. We are extremely pleased about Dr. Fields joining our school district. He is someone who will continue to move us forward."

Dr. Fields earned his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and a Doctorate of Philosophy from the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma.

His career in education has been highlighted by his long and short-range District goals, guiding Boards of Education through difficult decisions and making strong recommendations that will continue to move District 100 forward.

We welcome Dr. Fields to the District 100 community and family.



"Did You Know...?"

Emerson School

Did You Know...

...Emerson School welcomed the community on April 4 with All School Reading Day. On this day, various guest readers shared their love of reading with Emerson students throughout the day. Guests included School Board President Joanne Zendol, Mayor O'Connor, and Dr. Wernet. It was a happy reading day for all.

...on April 18, Emerson School's Kindergarten planted a tree at Proksa Park, wore Hawaiian clothes to school to celebrate "Beach Day" and hosted the International Dance Troupe from Gwendolyn Brooks Middle School. It was a busy day!



...on April 23, Emerson 4th graders celebrated their achievement of their AR goal by having a Pinata Party! Congratulations to all of you.

...many Emerson 5th grade boys received a winning trophy for first place in the St. Mary of Czestochowa Basketball tournament. Congratulations boys!

Hiawatha School

Did You Know...

...Hiawatha hosted Career Night recently. Presenters shared their passion for their chosen professions. The most popular sessions included a dog trainer and a dog groomer.



...Hiawatha's been having their own "Big Give." Classes have been battling to win the "penny wars" and selling ice cream to raise money for cancer research. Proceeds will be split between the Avon Walk that Mr. Guevara will be participating in and the Hiawatha Berwyn Relay for Life Team.

...the second graders visited the dinosaurs at the Field Museum after an extensive Inquiry Based study of them.

...Hiawatha's Green Team recycled plants from music teacher, Mrs. Farley's garden, and planted them on the grounds at Hiawatha. They planted new perennials, adding a lot of color to Hiawatha's garden.

...in Art class at Hiawatha, the fourth grade students constructed and painted their own Chinese kites and flew them outside the school. We had a blast, the kids were so excited to create them and sail them through the air.

...also in Art class, third through fifth grade students helped decorate a "Happy 100th Birthday Berwyn" cake for the city celebration. The students methodically cut out specific colors from magazines to create a collage. Keep your eyes open, the cake is proudly sitting somewhere in Berwyn!

...there are educational links on Hiawatha's Home Page that will keep our district students stimulated in the months to come:

<http://www.schooldistrict100.org/hiawatha/>



“Did You Know...?”

Irving School

Did You Know...

...all the kindergarten, pre-school and new students at Irving School were fingerprinted by the Berwyn Police Department and their parents were given their prints for future reference

...Mrs. Bednar’s kindergarten class had a great hands-on science experiment on cleaning up oil spills



...Radio Disney presented the Underwriters Laboratory program called the “Safety Smart School Tour” to the 4th and 5th graders

...Mr. Parypinski presented the Operation Life Saver Railroad safety program to all the classes of the school

...the Irving PTA presented the teachers with a wonderful lunch on Teacher Appreciation Day—Friday, May 9th.

...the 2nd grade team and Mrs. Corona developed a new unit on weather that coincides with our new science series.

...Fourth graders are creating cities based on math concepts learned throughout the year (City of Mathematics).

...the 3rd graders have been delivering detailed weather reports to their peers each morning, tracking the data and plan to graph the temperature for May at the end of the month.

...Early Childhood and pre-school programs are busy rehearsing for an end of the year presentation. On June 2, the children will perform for their friends and family with rhymes and phonemic activities that they have learned this year.

Komensky School

Did You Know...

...the parents of Komensky School were lucky to have two parent classes offered to them this Spring. One was English as a Second Language (ESL) with Mr. Arturo Ramirez and the other was a beginning computer class with Mrs. Sharon Pierscionek. In the six week computer class the parents learned how to power up a computer, open and close programs, design a word document, surf the Internet, sign up for an email account, and much more. The experience made the parents more comfortable with the computer so they can help their



children, or at least understand a little better what their child is doing on the computer. Mrs. Sofia Rosillo was on hand to assist and translate.

...during the ESL class, parents practiced English at their own proficiency level. They met Mondays and Wednesdays from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. They learned to write in complete sentences using examples from their own daily life experiences. The parents interacted in many activities using dictionaries, text books, and journals. Most importantly, the parents are using their English to help their children with their homework and to communicate in their work area.



There were many favorable comments from the parents who participated in these two classes. One comment:

“We hope that we continue with these classes next year.”



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Pershing School

Did You Know...

...approximately 100 girls have participated in a character development Girl Scout program offered here at Pershing? The school, parents and community are working together to help the students be the best they can be.

...our students in Ms. Kotwica's class have been studying folk tales and the students did a fantastic job learning their lines and acting out these plays for their parents and other students. We had a great turnout.



...our 5th graders made a visit to Freedom Middle School in preparation for the fun that awaits them

next year. Mr. Calabrese provided a tour and answered many questions about the middle school life.

...Pershing students that get to school on time throughout the school year will enjoy time in the Freedom Park wading pool in June as a reward for this good behavior.

...Mr. Parypinski from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad talked to all students about railroad safety as we remember the terrible loss of Edd Reiser a number of years ago?



...we are very proud of our grade 2 Math Olympiad team. We were extremely proud to have the gold medalist as one of our students.

Job well done!

Piper School

Did You Know...

...the Piper PTA and PBIS Team are planning “**Taste of Piper**” for Friday evening, May 30th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Piper families will be coming together to share food delights from their homes. The chorus is scheduled to perform and students will be encouraged to introduce their parents to the parents of their classmates.

...Piper students connected to the community through reading this month. Mayor Mike O'Connor, Ms. Joanne Jacklin, and Ms. Jamie Kucera treated our K-3 classes by reading a favorite book to the children following our **Lap for Literature** walk. Students were delighted as the Mayor read “Its Raining Meatballs,” Ms Jacklin read “Fluffy the Guinea Pig and MMMM Cookies, and Ms. Kucera read “The



“Pig’s Wig” and “Green Eggs and Ham”. Our Lap for Literature collected more than \$300 in donations from our families to support the District 100 libraries.

...**Mr. John Branson** helped a choking second grade student open his airway during lunch in the cafeteria. Thank you Mr. John for your constant attention to our students and our lunchroom.



...**Ms. Lockman’s College Club** visited Lewis University to tour the campus and learn what college life is all about. These students participated in a voluntary after school club to read the classics and do high level thinking. All left Lewis with a greater understanding of what it takes to be a college graduate, how much fun it can be to live on a campus, and desire for higher education.



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Freedom Middle School

Did You Know...

...Freedom held their first ever PBIS Fun Fair? Mr. Calabrese spent quite a bit of time in the dunk tank!

...our PE classes recently completed a Dance unit. Ask our students how to do the “Car Wash”. They also choreographed their own dances and performed in class as well.



...our 6th graders took part in the Medieval Faire as a culminating activity for Social Studies.

...the 8th graders have been busy dissecting sharks.



Heritage Middle School

Did You Know...

...this year's Best of Berwyn winner is Heritage Middle School's Abigail Solano. Heritage had the top eight Best of Berwyn winners selected from eighth grade students from all of Berwyn.

...St. Leonard's School awarded a \$500 Pay It Forward grant to help the new D100 Community Garden across from Heritage Middle School. In turn Heritage students will help clean Proksa Park. Thanks go to Ben Schwartz, our social worker's son, for applying for this grant.

...HMS participated in a variety of events to help our planet during Earth Week in April. On April 22nd, our PE students picked up garbage throughout the neighborhood and ended up with ten bags full of trash. On April 23rd, our 6A students joined forces with the Alliance for the Great Lakes for the Adopt a Beach program. They cleaned up North Avenue Beach and studied the state of the water.



On Friday, we culminated the week's activities by raising \$500 for the Conservation Fund and spent the whole day engaged in activities to help stop global warming.

...HMS also had two more fundraisers. On May 9th, we raised \$530 to help victims of the Myanmar disaster and then on May 16th, we raised \$620 to help cure Autism.

...our 6th grade students wrote poetry and presented their original poems at our 6th Grade Poetry Slam. Over fifty students from the 6A and 6B teams read poems to a full house of parents and other family members on April 17^h.

...on May 13th and May 14th, the 6A and 6B teams held Greek Days. Both events simulated life in ancient Greek. Students and teachers dressed to represent their city states, sold handmade goods in the “agora”, had a Greek feast and a Pan-Hellenic bowl, and ended the day with Greek Olympics.





"Remember the Child"

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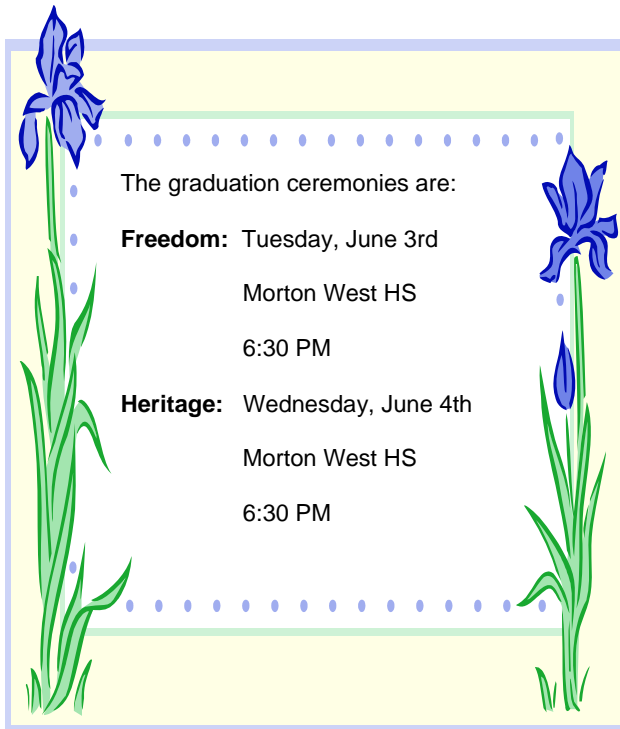
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"Remember the Child"

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

Graduation News



The graduation ceremonies are:

Freedom: Tuesday, June 3rd
Morton West HS
6:30 PM

Heritage: Wednesday, June 4th
Morton West HS
6:30 PM

Congratulations -

This year, the Youth Services Department of the Berwyn Public Library is awarding a "Make a Difference" award to **Marilyn Williams**, Principal of Hiawatha School, for working tirelessly through summer school 2007 and this coming summer, promoting the Library's Summer Reading Program among summer school students.

Congratulations to Ms. Williams on receiving this award and to the students able to participate in this program.

Please check out the upcoming programs at the Library—there is something for all ages.

