



## District 308 celebrates American Education Week: November 17-22

District 308 banners will fly throughout Oswego November 16-22, signaling the 87th annual American Education Week. AEW presents all Americans with an opportunity to celebrate public education and honor the individuals who are making a difference in ensuring every child receives a quality education. The AEW tagline, "Great Public Schools: A Basic Right and Our Responsibility," calls upon all Americans to do their part in making public schools great for every child so that they can grow and achieve in the 21st century.

District 308 schools have each planned special

events to recognize AEW. In many, members of the public have been invited into the schools to read or share a career with students, tour the buildings or become involved in some other special way. Parents

are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to visit the schools and see the advances in education that have been implemented to ensure

our "21st century learners" succeed in life. Only through a partnership of schools, families and residents can District 308 achieve its mission of providing our students with educational excellence within a caring community setting.



## Parent Teacher Conferences—an opportunity for everyone to succeed

Parent-Teacher conferences are a way for teachers and parents to work together to develop the best educational path for their students. For parents, the conference provides an opportunity to get to know their child's teachers, learn about the school and curriculum, and discuss their child's strengths and challenges. Teachers benefit with a better understanding of each child and how to more successfully meet each student's educational needs. Most importantly, the child receives a better and more personalized education.

Here are a few tips to help parents make the most out of their parent-teacher conferences:

- Be prompt for your conference so you can take full advantage of your allotted time. If you feel you need further discussion, ask to schedule

additional time on another day to speak with the teacher.

- Make a list of any health, social or emotional issues that may influence your child's education to help the teacher better understand each student.
- Ask questions. It will help if you take some time prior to the conference to make a list so you remember what to ask.
- The teacher will discuss your child's test results, success and challenges in various subject areas, and other academic and social observations. Be open to working together with the teacher to develop home and school strategies to help your child be successful.

## Final District 101 session on Nov. 12

In October, District 308 hosted the first two sessions of "District 101" a glimpse into the inner workings of your Oswego school district. The third and final session is scheduled for November 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Oswego East High School Community Room, 1525 Harvey Road in Oswego.

Please attend to learn more about the following topics: personnel, human resources, student services, boundaries and the function of the Board of Education.

The experience is for anyone who has an interest in learning more about how District 308 functions, including potential board members.

Information from the October sessions has been posted on the District 308 Web site:  
[www.oswego308.org](http://www.oswego308.org).



## Nov. 15 named School Board Members Day

November 15 has been designated School Board Members Day in Illinois, and District 308 is joining in to thank these community volunteers for their commitment and contributions to our public schools.

School board members serve countless hours working to make public education the best it can be for every child. In a climate of change and challenge, they develop policies and make tough decisions on complex educational and social issues that affect the entire community and the lives of individual students.

Please join District 308 in thanking these dedicated volunteers.

### *During its October meetings, the Board of Education:*

- Approved construction contracts for additions to Fox Chase, Homestead and Lake Wood Creek Elementary Schools and renovations at Long Beach Elementary School.
- Approved the purchase of 121.5 acres of farm land on Route 126 about a half-mile east of Grove Road in Kendall County for \$5,349,080.
- Approved the purchase of 400 tons of road salt from State Line Salt for \$59,200.
- Approved the purchase of a climbing wall for Oswego High School from Everlast Climbing Industries for \$51,999.
- Approved a resolution for the Illinois Principals Association to provide mentors for new District 308 principals Heidi Podjasek of Prairie Point and Phillip Chapman of Southbury Elementary Schools.

*Click the BoardDocs link on [www.oswego308.org](http://www.oswego308.org) to access additional Board of Education meeting information.*

### **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC:**

- Nov. 3 Curriculum Committee  
5:45 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.  
  
Finance Committee  
5:45 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.  
  
Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.
- Nov. 4 Policy Committee  
6:00 a.m. / Superintendent's Office  
  
Personnel Committee  
6:30 a.m. / Administration Center
- Nov. 17 Board of Education Meeting  
7:00 p.m. / Oswego East H.S.
- Nov. 24 Growth Committee  
6:00 a.m. / Superintendent's Office

