



The School Scene

The Schools of Prospect Heights District 23

Meet the new Board of Education members

On April 17, 2007, four new board members were elected to fill four vacant seats on the District 23 Board of Education. Board members Linda Birnbaum, with 12 years of service, Beth Murphy, with eight years, and Kathy Gregg, with four years, opted not to run for a new term. Thomas Klingner formally resigned from the Board and was appointed at a Special Board Meeting on May 3, 2007, to fulfill the remainder of Bill Caputo's term. Mr. Caputo passed away suddenly March 22.

At the May 9, 2007, Board meeting Carol Botwinski, Jeff Bowes, David Hess, and Mari-Lynn Peters took the Board Member Oath of Office and were officially seated.



Carol Botwinski

Carol grew up in Chicago and the Northwest suburbs. She and her husband Chris of 16 years have one son who is a third

grader at Sullivan School. They have lived in the District for 15 years.

Carol has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Loyola University in Chicago and has been in the publishing industry both as a user and vendor of related computer software. Beginning at Encyclopedia Britannica, Carol moved to Datalogics, a small publishing software producer, where she started in customer support and later moved to sales support and managed a staff that developed and delivered prototypes for sales prospects. At Agfa, Carol worked in a similar capacity. Her most recent position was at R.R. Donnelley and Sons where she worked on software development and creating prototypes for online catalogues.

Carol is active in the PTO and Cub Scouts and helped start a local parent/educator organization to assist families of children with autism.



Jeff Bowes

Jeff was born and raised in the Western suburbs of Chicago and has lived in Arlington Heights for the past 20 years. His family moved to District 23 three years ago. He and his wife, a teacher at Hersey High School, have two daughters, one at MacArthur and one at Eisenhower.

Jeff attended the University of Illinois, majoring in Industrial Design. He has been a stay-at-home dad for the last 12 years working out of the house as time allowed. Currently, he is a freelance graphic designer for Stagnito Communications, a food industry magazine publisher. He also volunteers his time designing and laying out the District 23 newsletters. He served on the District 23 Referendum Advisory Committee, organized the Art Volunteer in the Classroom program at Eisenhower, and was head room dad for his youngest daughter's class.



David Hess

David received his bachelor's degree in Psychology from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1989, and his doctorate in Cognitive Psychology in 1995 from the University of Texas at Austin. He moved to Arlington Heights in 1996, and has been living in District 23 for over 10 years.

David's career has included positions at SPSS, a Chicago-based statistical software company, and Experian, a marketing services company with offices in Schaumburg. He is currently employed as a

manager of Analytics at Sears Holdings. His professional duties involve the use of statistics to drive business decisions.

David has been married to Lisa for 14 years. They have two

daughters, ages nine and five, one of whom attends Sullivan School.



Mari-Lynn Peters

Mari-Lynn graduated from East Leyden High School in 1984 and attended Boston University on a full academic scholarship earning a degree in business. She became a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) in 1988.

Mari-Lynn worked for over eight years at Deloitte & Touche LLP in the audit and special services departments. Her clients included the Chicago Public Schools, City of Chicago, Illinois Secretary of State, McCormick Place, Navy Pier, and Lambs Farm. She later took a position as a finance manager at AT&T.

Mari-Lynn moved to Wheeling in 1992 and married Daniel K. Peters in 1994. They have two sons, Justin, 8, and Jordan, 5, who attend Anne Sullivan and Betsy Ross schools, respectively. She has served on the School Improvement Committees (SIC) at both Sullivan and Ross and as PTO treasurer. ●

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great things.

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Board President William P. Caputo will be missed



William P. Caputo, School District 23 Board of Education President, passed away suddenly Thursday morning, March 22, while vacationing with his family.

Mr. Caputo was on the Board for almost 20 years having been appointed in July of 1987 and re-elected for five subsequent four-year terms. He also served as vice president and was the longest-sitting member of the current board. Mr. Caputo volunteered his time as a board member for the NSSEO (Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization).

Born in Chicago on July 1, 1951, Mr. Caputo attended Northern Illinois University where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in 1972, a Master's degree in 1974, a Certificate of Advanced Studies in 1975, and a Doctorate of Education in 1977. He taught at Ridgewood High School in Norridge for 10 years.

In 1982, Mr. Caputo graduated with honors from DePaul University with a law degree. He was a partner in the law firm of Nilson, Stookal, Gleason & Caputo, Ltd. in Chicago. He is survived by his wife Barbara, his daughter Jennifer, and his sons William, Brian, and Nicholas.

"Bill's passing is a huge loss for his family and many friends and the entire community," said Dr. Greg Guarrine, Superintendent of District 23. "His dedication to excellence in education, his leadership abilities, and his vision for continuous improvement over the past 20 years shaped our District. His influence in the community was far reaching; he will be difficult to replace and greatly missed."

To honor his passion for education, Mr. Caputo's family has established the William P. Caputo Scholarship Fund. Each year, a scholarship will be awarded to a District 23 graduate for higher education. Scholarship recipients will be announced at the MacArthur Middle School graduation ceremony. Donations can be sent to the attention of Andre Velazquez, Manager, Harris Bank and Trust Company, 215 E. Palatine Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. ●

District 23 expands Gifted Program

In late fall of 2006, the School Board and administration formed a Gifted Committee to review existing practices in gifted education, study current research and literature, and observe programs in neighboring school districts in order to make recommendations for improvement. The committee of twelve members, made up of classroom teachers, building administrators, and Board members, met twice each month through May 2007. They reviewed and discussed literature on best practices, listened to guest speakers, met with the District 214 Director of Gifted Services, visited three neighboring school districts, and solicited input from students, parents, and staff.

The Committee concluded that improvements should be made in three areas: Identification and admissions, professional development, and community relations. Subcommittees were formed for each of these areas and those subgroups met and brought drafts back for review by the entire group. The final proposal of the Committee was approved by the Board at the May 9 meeting. It calls for expanded gifted services for District 23 students over a period of three years. As a result, more students will receive gifted services. Teachers will benefit from a variety of professional development activities

to become better prepared to meet the needs of gifted students. In addition, the District 23 community will be better informed about gifted services and will have the opportunity to evaluate the services annually.

The proposal calls for an assessment/identification of Gifted Students that allows for multiple entryways including the School Ability Testing – score of 126 or higher on CogATs or Alternative School Ability Test — scoring at the 96th percentile or higher in reading and/or math in current grade level on Achievement test (MAP tests) in reading and math, Teacher Input Form, and Parent Input Form. The plan also calls for hiring additional gifted teachers and the establishment of a Gifted Advisory Committee.

The District 23 program will be known as Gifted and Talented Education (GATE). Over the next three years, District 23 can expect student/teacher contact time to increase, instructional practices to improve, and parent/community relations to be enhanced. The goal of GATE is to stimulate and challenge students to translate their potential into performance and to become responsible citizens, sensitive to the needs of a changing society. The GATE proposal provides gifted students the opportunity to meet the District goal. ●

District 23 says good bye to Betsy Muir, Anne Sullivan Principal!

In 15 years as principal of Sullivan School, Betsy Muir has kissed a pig, rollerbladed through the halls, read from the top of the Sullivan roof, and baked cookies for 350 children all in the name of encouraging students to read through various reading incentive programs.

"One of my greatest accomplishments was assembling a caring and competent staff who work so well together," said Mrs. Muir. "I also facilitated writing a grant that resulted in our school receiving connectivity to the Internet before most schools in the state had connections. This small beginning brought us to where nearly all Sullivan teachers, and most other teachers in the District, have completed extensive technology training through our tech department."

Besides managing the day-to-day operations of the school, Mrs. Muir devoted countless hours to committee work serving as the administrative liaison on the 2006 negotiating committee – the first to use Interest Based Bargaining to reach a contract agreement. She also worked on the committees for Teacher Evaluation, Science, Social Studies, and Gifted Education.



"My goal as a principal has always been to create an environment in our school, where everyone in the learning community strives for continuous improvement," said Mrs. Muir. "It has been very gratifying to observe students', parents' and teachers' growth, as well as my own, throughout the 15 years I spent at Anne Sullivan School."

On behalf of all those who have benefited from your expertise and passion for excellence, thank you, Betsy. We will never forget your unfailing commitment to the children of District 23. Enjoy your retirement! ●

MacArthur 8th Graders Moving On...

Memorable experiences and admirable accomplishments in District 23... Saying Good-bye to the Class of 2007 ... Here are just a few of the fine students at MacArthur Middle School. They have excelled in many areas of student life. Some of the highlights of their years in District 23 are included. Meet the Students: *(Listed in alphabetical order.)*

Steven Bjankini




Steven Bjankini has been a student in District 23 since kindergarten. His character and maturity and his approach to school and classes along with his exceptional success with all assessments make him a delight and a wonderful privilege to have as a student. To simply focus on the straight A's that Steven achieves would understate all he really is. His maturity is obvious, yet his wit and somewhat dry sense of humor only heighten his abilities. Steven is a remarkable student with a host of positive attributes that, when packaged together, form a unique and phenomenal individual. His character, maturity, willingness to learn, and positive outlook toward school and life make him an outstanding and exceptional student.

Steven's favorite memories include the Eisenhower 5th grade project "World of Work". He was assigned the jobs of police officer and manager. He really liked guarding the bank in his role as police officer. The school conference room served as the jail.

His 7th grade class elective, The History of Airborne Projectiles, also was a highlight for the opportunities to build catapults and launch eggs to see how far they travel. Steven also enjoyed the Ice Cream Socials and Fall Mixers at Eisenhower.

Kelsey Buffa





Kelsey Buffa is an exceptional musician and a wonderful leader. She has been playing the string bass for five years. At MacArthur, she is involved with the Symphony Orchestra, Serenading Strings, Concert Band, and Jazz Band. She received a Perfect I+ rating at Solo Contest this year. Kelsey is also a member of a swim team. Last summer, she attended the Blue

Lake Fine Arts Music Camp in Michigan. Kelsey participated in a special audition, and she has been invited to travel to Europe and perform with the Blue Lake International Orchestra in the summer of 2007. Kelsey has been enrolled in District 23 since kindergarten.

Kelsey's favorite memory was the fifth-grade trip to Springfield and visits to New Salem, Lincoln's neighborhood, and the Capitol. After the trip, they created a slide show about what they saw and learned.

She also liked having gym every day in Middle School where she had fun playing soccer, badminton, and volleyball. Finally, she enjoyed the solo ensemble competition. The strong music program at MacArthur taught her a lot.

Brian Havel





Brian Havel has been an outstanding leader for all three years at MacArthur. He participated in Cross Country and Track for three years in addition to playing basketball in 8th grade, becoming a three-season standout. Brian is an excellent student as well, maintaining a 3.9 grade-point average. Brian qualified for the State Cross Country meet as a seventh and

eighth grader placing 21st and 27th respectively. Brian is also a midfielder for the Arlington Aces Travel Soccer Team. Brian has been enrolled in District 23 since kindergarten.

Brian's favorite memories included going to state in 8th grade for cross country and placing 27th. He also enjoyed the field trip to Springfield in 5th grade; it was so much fun seeing lots of stuff like the State Capitol, Lincoln's home, and towns from long ago. The bus ride to Springfield with all his friends and 5th grade class was a highlight.

Katy Heath





Katy is an extraordinary individual. She strives for the best and she always achieves it. Katy has been enrolled in District 23 since third grade, and she has continually excelled in her classes. The work she turns in is of quality and consistently completed at a high level of accuracy. Katy maintains an A average in all of her classes. Katy applies different approaches to resolve tasks or problems that require higher-level thinking skills. She is open to assisting others, along with simply volunteering when needed. Overall, Katy is a well-rounded individual who excels across the spectrum.

Katy really loved being in the plays at MacArthur in 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. Her favorite was *Music Man*. The plays were great fun; they helped her get comfortable at MacArthur, meet other students, and get to know herself better.

She also has enjoyed this year's 8th grade reading class with Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Somers. They made learning fun and everyone paid attention. Her favorite book this year was *To Kill a Mocking Bird*. She also liked the Ice Cream Socials in grade school.

Sarah Hennessey





Sarah Hennessey has been in District 23 since kindergarten. Athletic coaches can always count on Sarah to provide the extra lift a team may need. Sarah is always a leader on the floor and off. She doesn't wait for things to happen. Sarah supports her teammates with leadership and guidance. She is honest, straightforward, and a hard worker. Sarah has a great attitude and exhibits outstanding sportsmanship. She has a bright future ahead of her and many great personality traits to share with the world.

Eight grade was Sarah's favorite year, especially when the girls volleyball team was undefeated and won conference. The big game was against River Trails, who had an excellent team. The Marauders held their own for the win and the conference title.

She also enjoyed going to state in 6th and 7th grades for track in the shot put event – a most unusual accomplishment for a sixth grader. Sarah also liked climbing the rope in grade school at Sullivan.

Justin Mazarrella



As a third-year member of Student Senate, Justin has shown incredible leadership. This past academic year, he provided excellent ideas and management skills as one of the Student Senate officers. Justin often shines above his counterparts. He exhibits a positive and respectful approach to peers and teachers alike, and is someone who can always be counted on. His willingness to go above and beyond, whether it's while leading a meeting, helping one of the advisors, or raising donated funds for the organization's fundraisers, Justin demonstrates what it takes to be successful in school and life. Justin has been enrolled in District 23 since kindergarten.



Justin liked the pioneer unit in 5th grade at Eisenhower. A field trip to The Grove and Pioneer Day held at school definitely were highlights. He also liked the Ice Cream Socials and Fall Mixers in grade school. ●

Congratulations to the MacArthur Class of 2007

MacArthur 8th Graders Moving On...

Meet the Students, page two: (Continued in alphabetical order.)

Melissa Neff





Melissa Neff is a quiet but very talented eight-grade musician. She has been a student in this District since kindergarten. In her seventh- and eight-grade years in MacArthur's band and orchestra program, Melissa has shown herself to be an outstanding member of those performing groups. Her primary instrument is the trumpet, which she plays extremely well in both solo contests and Jazz Ensemble. When volunteers were needed to improve the band's instrumentation, Melissa stepped forward and quickly learned to play the French horn, again, at a very high level of accomplishment. She plays her second instrument in the Symphony Orchestra and Concert. In addition, Melissa is an accomplished pianist and used that skill as the piano player in the Jazz Ensemble during her seventh-grade year.

Melissa really enjoyed the band program at MacArthur. She especially liked going to Super State and Great America with the band. The bus ride to Champaign and playing at the University of Illinois Krannert Hall are some of her best memories.

She liked being in the Jazz Band, too. This was especially fun because the music was cooler and harder. Plus, the Jazz band went on gigs and played at places such as Randhurst and Hawthorn malls.

Sam O'Neil





Sam O'Neil is a student who always pushes himself and those around him to do their best. He has excelled in the area of fine arts during his three years at MacArthur. He always creates projects that push his skills to the limit. Sam is a natural-born competitor, but he competes mostly against himself. Sam's quest for knowledge and desire to help others make learning a better experience for everyone. His grade point average is a consistent 3.9. He has been enrolled in District 23 since kindergarten.

Sam's favorite memory was being on the volleyball team at Mac and competing against other schools. He liked going to contest and Great America with the 7th and 8th grade bands. He enjoyed playing for a large group of people at Great America.

He also really enjoyed the fifth-grade trip to Springfield. His favorite stop on this trip was Abe Lincoln's house which was very small and historical; you were not allowed to touch anything.

Rebecca Sessions


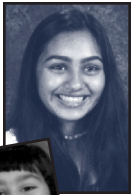


Rebecca is a wonderful, outgoing, friendly individual who has been enrolled in District 23 since kindergarten. She always comes to Student Senate with an energetic smile pasted on her face and an eager willingness to help. As a three-year member of the organization, she is always creating new and inventive ideas to help make the club and sponsored activities the best they can be. Rebecca's positive outlook and attitude has helped make Student Senate and MacArthur a wonderful place to attend.

Rebecca's favorite memories are acting in the 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade plays. She especially liked *Jungle Book* where she played Mowgli's mother. She likes to act and sing. She enjoyed seeing the Hersey Chorus perform at Mac. She was able to see what chorus will be like next year in high school. She liked working on the yearbook where she learned about responsibilities. She learned about yearbook deadlines for both written materials and photographs.

She enjoyed the trip to Springfield. All the fifth graders got to go and they had tons of fun. They got to see and learn about the past and Abe Lincoln. It was very interesting. She also enjoyed Field Days at Ross in first and second grades. They competed against each other in races and other events. The day ended with ice cream Blizzards.

Sejal Shah

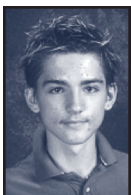


Sejal Shah has spent her entire school academic career in District 23. Sejal has so many admirable traits, it is hard to know where to begin. Sejal is first, and most importantly, an excellent, conscientious student. She is highly regarded academically, athletically, and socially. As an athlete, Sejal is a skilled basketball and volleyball player. She conducts herself with the highest level of sportsmanship while giving 100% in every performance. Sejal has a great attitude and is always a team player who supports every team member. She is a commendable individual who has a great future ahead.

In 7th grade, Sejal was one of two seventh graders selected to attend the Mini-Med Program. The program exposed them to various medical fields in a series of six sessions. The program was sponsored by Congressman Kirk whom they had a chance to meet. This program opened her mind to many new things and future career ideas.

She also enjoyed the trip to Springfield in fifth grade at Sullivan. Her favorite sites on this trip were seeing the old capitol and Lincoln's home. She enjoyed playing basketball and volleyball all three years at Mac.

Patryk Szady




Patryk has been an excellent asset to the yearbook staff. He has achieved the title of "Yearbook Editor" for his devotion of time and creativity in design. Patryk began his eighth-grade year at MacArthur after living in New York for three years. He originates from Poland. We will miss him as he goes off to High School next year.

This was Patryk's first year in the District. School sports teams were new for him; they were not available at the school he attended in New York. He liked being able to go to the sports events after school.

He participated in cross country in the fall and was on the track team. He enjoyed track much better since he likes to run or sprint shorter distances.

He enjoyed working on the yearbook and he got to help create the design of this year's book.

Stephanie Wong



Since sixth grade, Stephanie Wong has demonstrated consistently high skills in the fine and creative arts. Stephanie has selflessly donated her time and talents to creating quilts and pillowcases for the WINGS charity. When given the choice of projects, Stephanie always selected the most difficult so she could challenge herself and further develop her skills and knowledge. Stephanie enrolled in District 23 in sixth grade.

Stephanie likes making quilts and had fun creating them for other people in need. She also enjoys track and running long distances. Track is fun because her friends are also on the team. ●

Congratulations to the MacArthur Class of 2007

District 23 Welcomes Principals

Anne Sullivan School

Debbie Gardiner received a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, Master of Education in Educational Administration, and an Advanced Certificate of Education, all from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign. She started her career as an educator in the 1980s as a classroom teacher and taught one year in first grade, five years in second grade, and six years at fifth grade. In 1996, she received the Golden Apple Award in Education.

Her administrative experience began with a move from Urbana, Illinois, to Mount Prospect for an Assistant to the Principal position and then on to four years as principal in Riverside, Barrington, and, most recently, Evanston. Ms. Gardiner sought out the Anne Sullivan principalship because of District 23's strong reputation and to be close to her Mount Prospect home.

"I am very excited about working with such a wonderful staff that is committed to meeting the needs of all students," said Ms. Gardiner. "The positive climate in District 23, based on building relationships with students, staff, and families, creates an atmosphere where everyone can grow and learn from each other. I look forward to a long career at Anne Sullivan, and to making a difference in the lives of the people in District 23." ●

MacArthur Middle School

As Dr. Deb Wilson moves on to the position of District 23 Assistant Superintendent, MacArthur welcomes Steven Lee as the new principal. Mr. Lee comes to MacArthur from the Aurora Education Center in North Aurora where he had been principal since 2005. The special education school services severe and profound students with disabilities from ED/BD to autism. Prior to that, Mr. Lee was principal of Huntley Middle School from 2001 to 2005, and Associate Principal at Barrington Middle School from 1990 to 2001. He was named Assistant Principal of the Year in Lake County in 1998. Starting in 1980, Mr. Lee taught physical education for 10 years at John T. Magee Middle School in Round Lake.

Mr. Lee earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Physical Education from Northeastern Illinois University and a Master of Educational Administration and Supervision from Roosevelt University. A resident of Crystal Lake, he is married with three children ages 26, 22, and 21.

"We are very excited to have Mr. Lee join our District 23 family," said Superintendent Dr. Greg Guarrine. "He is a very experienced administrator. Steve was the unanimous choice of the MacArthur Selection Committee." ●

Eisenhower Student Senate raises \$22,000 for classmate

The Eisenhower Student Senate, under the leadership of second-grade teacher Dara Saunders, hosted a Dance-a-thon, "Have-a-Heart," and t-shirt and bake sales to raise funds for classmate Joseph Nudo. Joseph is a first-grade student at Eisenhower School who has been undergoing treatment for leukemia throughout the school year.

A phone call from an anonymous donor promising to match up to \$5,000 jump-started the fundraising. Families, local businesses, friends, students, community, staff, and faculty all worked together to match this challenge. T-shirts and the services of DJ Ken Murphy, a former Eisenhower student, were donated. Through the bake sale, T-shirt sales, and the Dance-a-thon, \$22,000 was collected and presented to Joseph's parents. ●

Congratulations, Ms. Berge and Mrs. Moan!



Two District 23 music teachers, Susan Berge and Joanne Moan, are the recipients of the Larry Stilgebauer Award for integrating technology in their classrooms. Their Technology Integration Project (TIP), "Books on Tape" received an Exemplary rating from the Learning Technology Center that serves suburban Cook County. The award was presented to Ms. Berge and Mrs. Moan March 1 at a reception held during the Illinois Technology Conference for Educators in St. Charles, Illinois.

The "Books on Tape" TIP project was a collaboration between Mrs. Moan's third grade classes and Ms. Berge's sixth grade orchestra students during the 2005-06 school year. The students utilized the open source (free download) program "Audacity" to add special instrumental effects to narrated books and poems. Both MacArthur and Sullivan students found the sound studio program to be fun to learn and a great opportunity for children of different ages and from different schools to work together on a project. ●

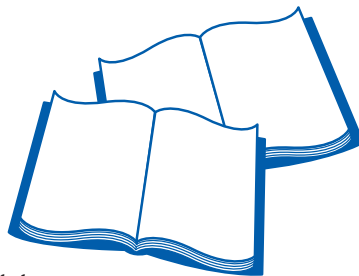
Summer Reading Program taking off

"Mission Read and Beyond" is the name of the District 23 2007 summer reading program. Every child in the District received a bookmark printed with a recommended reading list. District 23 teachers and librarians compiled the grade-appropriate book list to make it easy to select enriching reading materials over the summer. Students are encouraged to visit the library and bookstores to make book selections. All District 23 reading lists are available at local libraries.

MacArthur sixth-grade students will choose a book from a list of five to read over the summer and come back for the book discussions in the fall. Incentives of a gift card to a bookstore will be provided for those participating in the book groups.

Students are encouraged to read every day over the summer – even if it's only for a few minutes. Studies have supported the importance of summer reading and have verified that a child's reading level can drop up to half a class grade without summer reading.

With Mission Read and Beyond, reading skills are sure to "take off" this summer and kids are guaranteed to have a "blast" with books! ●





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Employee Awards/ Retirements

At the annual employee recognition banquet held June 1, **Pragna Shah**, Sullivan School Library Assistant, received the **Employee of the Year** award. **Katy Crowley-Bauman**, Betsy Ross School 1st grade teacher, received the **Teacher of the Year** award. Staff receiving retirement recognition included **Betsy Muir**, Anne Sullivan School Principal for 15 years of service, **Robin LeNoac'h** Betsy Ross School 2nd grade teacher for 21 years of service, and **Doug Somers**, MacArthur Middle School 8th grade teacher for 33 years of service to the District.

Employees who also received recognition are:

- 25 Years:** *Julie Ryan, Ron Vos*
- 20 Years:** *Sharon Faber, Mimi Gember, Dolores Glover, Paula Goldberg, Pete Nickolich, Jan Travis*
- 15 Years:** *Karen Bell, Betsy Muir, Karen Presutti, Linda Robideau, Judy Szos, Deb Wilson*
- 10 Years:** *Virginia Harding*
- 5 Years:** *Janet Bishop, Kris Brand, Barbara Forst, Coreen France, Julie Haenisch, Jill Halpin, Linda Hartmann, Kristen Herzog, Sara Kirchner, Carol Stivers, Ann Walker* ●

Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year

Two long-time District 23 teachers were selected by Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. for the distinction of 2007 Local Teacher of the Year. Cathy Weadley, physical education instructor at Anne Sullivan School, was selected by the Wheeling store. She has taught in District 23 for 26 years. Dara Saunders was chosen by the Mount Prospect Wal-Mart. Dara currently teaches second grade at Eisenhower School and has been in District 23 for 12 years. ●

Upcoming Events

- June 13 . . . First Day of Summer School
- June 13 . . . Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- July 4 . . . **No Summer School**, Independence Day
- July 11 . . . Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- July 13 . . . Last Day of Summer School
- Aug. 20 . . . Teacher Institute Day — Students Not in Attendance
- Aug. 21 . . . First Day of Classes — Students Dismissed in Morning
- Aug. 22 . . . Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Aug. 27 . . . First Day of Kindergarten
- Sept. 3 . . . **No School**, Labor Day
- Sept. 4 . . . First Day of Early Childhood Classes
- Sept. 12 . . . Board of Education Meeting 7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 13 . . . **No School**, Non-Attendance Day ●