



## **School District 105**

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### **March 2017**

This is the fourth of six **District 105 Newsletters** we will send throughout the year. This one page newsletter is another way we highlight the important district information we share on our website and through presentations and forums.

### **Did You Know?**

- Eighth grader Jocqael Thorpe earned Fifth Place at the Illinois Elementary School Association State Wrestling Meet held at Northern Illinois University on March 10-11.
- Former District 105 student Lenny Prystalski, a senior at LT High School, was named a National Merit Finalist.
- Our preliminary high school scheduling information shows that our **Eighth Grade Class has the highest percentage of students placed in accelerated/honors math, English, and science courses of any Gurrie class since the district began monitoring this data twelve years ago.**

### **SCOTY Awards**

The five students listed below were recognized as SCOTY Winners in an awards ceremony on March 15<sup>th</sup> hosted by the West 40 Regional Office of Education. The SCOTY Awards go to students who make a positive difference in their schools by being excellent citizens.

- Karen Martinez, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Ideal School
- Roberto Llanes, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Hodgkins School
- Mariah Bonfiglio, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade at Gurrie Middle School
- Thomas Tobolaski, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Seventh Avenue School
- Jeanne Mardegan, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Spring Avenue School

### **Student Empowerment Interviews**

Students' strong sense of influence in their own learning is one of the most powerful predictors of student achievement growth and success in school according to top researcher John Hattie. Each year, we interview our students about their learning experiences. Below are some findings from the 85 students we have interviewed.

- 91% responded that their unit pre-assessments help them perform better on unit post-tests.
- 99% shared that they work with their teachers to set specific learning goals based on unit pre-assessments.
- 77% could provide specific information about their plans to accomplish their learning goals.
- 86% said that their parents were aware of their specific learning goals.

### **Third Annual D105 Dash**

The District Parent Teacher Organizations are sponsoring a 5k run and 1.5 mile family walk on Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>. Proceeds from the event will benefit students from all of the District 105 schools. For more information, or to register, please visit: <https://raceroster.com/events/2017/11482/d105-dash>

### **Foundation Kane County Cougars Baseball Outing**

Please save the date of Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, for our annual District 105 Foundation Kane County Cougar baseball outing. Once again we will have seating together on the right field deck, free access to the Kidzone, and special performances from all three of our music groups. Next year, the Foundation will be funding 18 scholarships for our former District 105 students who are most in need of support to pursue a college education.

### **District School Board Elections**

District School Board elections will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2017. Our parent and staff organizations are sponsoring a Candidates Forum at Gurrie Middle School on Wednesday, March 22, 2017 from 7:00 P.M. until 8:30 P.M. Candidate profiles are provided on the front page of our District 105 website.