Elevating Excellence
A Letter from the Superintendent

Hello District 163 Family,

We are continuing to excel as we end our 2019-20 2nd Quarter of learning. We are pleased to share the ongoing successes of our students. Our 8th grade leadership ambassadors have engaged in Re-igniting the Genius Saturday Symposium and a week of the Genius in Me collaborative sessions. A team of students presented at the January Board of Education Meeting to share their focus on the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens. Our goal is to ensure that our 8th graders reach their graduation goals, prepare for leadership in school and in the community, and have wings to soar as they prepare for high school. We appreciate the support of our families and community.

All families have received 2nd Quarter Report Cards to provide a snapshot of each student’s academic progress in core subject areas. All of our students have completed middle of the year assessments to monitor progress. Teachers have results to share with parents to communicate the NWEA Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) benchmarks for students in 3rd through 8th grade and DRA (developmental reading assessments) levels and benchmarks for students in grades Kindergarten through 3rd. Our pre-kindergarten students engage in activities identified through the Gold assessment to demonstrate their progress toward meeting the Early Learning Standards.

Honor Roll

We are proud of our 4th through 8th grade All A’s Obama Honor Roll students. At Michelle Obama School of Technology and the Arts, 38 students achieved A Honor Roll status 1st Quarter and 29 students 2nd Quarter. At Barack Obama School of Leadership and STEM, 23 students achieved A Honor Roll status 1st Quarter and 21 students 2nd Quarter. We are also proud of our Science Fair and Spelling Bee winners competing as representatives of School District 163 in upcoming Regional competitions. Congratulations to our scholars!
Algonquin

We are always looking for ways to show kindness and be labeled a “Kind Cookie” at Algonquin. Students have been observed demonstrating kindness by comforting upset friends, picking up garbage, and using kind words when speaking.

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Blackhawk

During this third quarter, classrooms will be competing in the AR (Accelerated Reader) Blow Pop challenge.

What is the AR Blow Pop Challenge?

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Mohawk

The Mohawk Peace Circle is an activity that is meant to build trust and reduce conflict by giving children a chance to express themselves. At Mohawk Primary Center we believe that student voice/perspective is key to our peaceful environment.

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21st Century

During the second quarter of our school year, we continued to focus on learning math, reading, performing arts, and test-taking strategies.

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Barack Obama

Our return from winter break has been a smooth one, and all of our classrooms are filled with scholars engaging in innovative lessons and preparing for the upcoming IAR assessments.

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Michelle Obama

Our performing arts team has been working hard to prepare for the South Suburban Choir Gala and our Black History Program.

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MISSION STATEMENT

Park Forest-Chicago Heights School District 163 is committed to meeting the needs of our diverse student body and to promoting high educational standards by:

- differentiating instruction
- nurturing active, strategic and higher level thinking skills
- inspiring a love of lifelong learning

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