Dear District 163 Families,

First and foremost, thank you for your support and partnership throughout our 4th Quarter of the 2019-20 school year. We were launched into remote learning, and your daily work with your children and their teachers to ensure that learning continued was phenomenal. We deployed 758 technology devices to support at home e-learning. Our engagement data tells us that 82% of our students connected with their teachers to keep learning. We found that 71% connected through the use of technology, while others completed the grade level paper learning packets. On May 28th we hosted our Virtual 8th Grade Graduation and Diploma Day Parade and enjoyed celebrating our 8th grade leaders and their accomplishments. In addition, since March 18th we have served 29,560 meals to our school community. I applaud our District 163 staff and families for responding to the school closure and working together to stay connected and keep learning! We loved talking with you, seeing your photos, waving to you during our parades and working together! Congratulations to our graduates and each of our students for completing the 2019-20 year!

The 2019-20 school year has been unprecedented for many reasons. We are facing three overwhelming challenges: the COVID-19 health crisis, economic decline, and social injustices. Our goal is to provide positive and effective learning environments for all students. With your help, we swiftly transitioned to at home learning due to the COVID19 health crisis. We also provided ongoing nutritional supports for families in our community. Our Board of Education and administrative leaders have studied the potential impacts of the economic decline and planned continued core educational and innovative programming for our students.

The social injustices and civil unrest present throughout the United States stir us to continue to find ways to engage in conversations about racial literacy and awareness. We began the 2019-20 school year with interactive professional learning workshops with Dr. Bryant T. Marks focused on addressing diversity, bias, and equity in the classroom. We also work closely with the Partnership for Resilience to implement strategies for supporting students through trauma informed practices. Our educators work diligently to create supportive and caring communities and to celebrate and honor the differences among us. We will keep working to provide trauma informed resilient learning support and enhanced cultural sensitivity. District 163 stands against racism and we are dedicated to eliminating inequities. We appreciate your partnership, and we stand together with those demanding justice and equality. We will continue our commitment to educate in caring school environments that ensure non-bias, equity, and excellence.

We look forward to seeing you soon! Stay well! Be safe!

Sincerely,

Dr. Caletha White
Superintendent of Schools
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“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” Dr. Martin L. King, Jr.
We greatly enjoyed seeing families during our District Motor Parade. The smiles brought joy to us all.

It seems like just yesterday we opened the doors to the start of the 2019-2020 school year. Emotions were heightened as many students said goodbye to their parents for the first time and ventured off to preschool. Now here we are, saying goodbye to one another and welcoming summer. It has been a true joy and honor having your family be part of #TeamAlgonquin this year. We wish you the very best summer and future.

If your family will be returning to us in August, we look forward to welcoming you back. If your child is moving on to Kindergarten, we wish him/her a wonderful year of learning, growing, and developing.

While we are sad that the school year ended in such an unprecedented way, we are grateful for the health, safety, and well-being of our students, families, and staff. You are missed greatly. Take care and stay well this summer.

Mrs. Colbert

Families of students moving on to Kindergarten in August: Please save the date for “Camp Learn-a-Lot,” our Kindergarten Transition summer school program. This program will be offered August 3-13, 2020. Please be on the lookout for more information throughout the summer.

Lori Colbert, Principal
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Virtual learning has continued at 21st Century School during the 4th quarter by including “Arts Integration.” We have partnered with the Chicago Arts Partnership of Chicago to include STEAM into our virtual classes. Materials were purchased with grant funds, and our staff created a bag of supplies for each child to do activities at home. During the year, CAPE teaching artists and classroom teachers collaborated to integrate music, visual arts, dance, digital media, and drama into their academic lessons in order to improve academic and social-emotional outcomes such as creativity, critical thinking, problem solving and collaboration skills. Once Covid-19 struck the teachers and artists continued to work via ZOOM Meetings to ensure students continued their work. Thank you to those who came and picked up the materials; the students had a great time creating projects from their homes.
Greetings Blackhawk Parents/Guardians,

We did it!! Congratulations to all the parents, staff, and students on successfully completing another year of primary school. I am so honored to have served as your principal this academic school year. Though we may have had to make adjustments to our instructional engagement and activities, we all were still left with life lasting memories. Our 3rd students will be leaving us this school year to continue their educational journey to middle school. We will miss you all dearly. You were an elite group of students who left an everlasting mark on what it means to “Elevate Excellence” in all that we do.

Continue to elevate, never quit, and always do your best.

Thank you to all our parents who gave great input on better ways to service students during our conference calls and parent meetings. As encouraged, I believe all students can benefit from our free summer school virtual learning opportunities. Remember, practice makes perfect. To be an advocate reader, we must encourage and motivate our students to “Read, Read, Read.”

We are here to service you at Blackhawk Primary Center. Please contact us as 708-668-9500 for further support, such as summer paper packets and technology rentals to support summer remote online learning. Stay updated by checking the [District website] routinely for breaking news and E-Learning resources.

Please stay uplifted, positive, and smiling. 😊

Have an amazing summer.

Dr. Felix Anderson
When Mohawk students began to wonder about people wearing masks, Mohawk teachers saw an opportunity for a teachable moment.

Some of our younger students were able to make masks at home.

In spite of the stresses caused by COVID-19 and the resulting closure of schools, Mohawk teachers, staff, and parents continued the learning for our students. Teachers who were desperately missing their students were immediately energized when they shared pictures of their students during zoom classes.

Parents ensured that learning continued as they shared evidence of students’ work daily. Parents also shared stories of setting up workstations or classrooms in their homes. Parental involvement is a key element in a child’s success, and students who have parents that participate during the process of their education do better in school. Thank you to all of our amazing parents who partnered with us during these unprecedented times.

As a reminder, parents, please do not forget to pick up your child’s personal desk items, summer reading, and enrichment packet.

To all of our amazing 3rd grade students, we hope you enjoyed your “Clap Out”!!! We will miss you, and we look forward to the great things in your future.

Congratulations Azaleah & Jessica

Good Luck in 4th grade!
Barack Obama School of Leadership and STEM

Well done, OLS scholars! Thank you for a wonderful and productive school year. In the midst of change, we continued to focus on winning in everything that we do. Scholars continued to be committed to learning and working diligently to meet their academic goals. Kudos to you all for your hard work and commitment to success. I would also like to take a moment to thank our families for their patience, support and encouragement during these past few months. We could not do this without you.

As we conclude the 2019-2020 academic school year, I want to share the amazing things that took place during fourth quarter at OLS. Our scholars went above and beyond in all subject areas, especially STEM and Horticulture, where scholars eagerly participated in virtual science challenges and projects, creating and inventing new gadgets using household items or working to build home gardens. Way to go, young leaders! Keep up the great work this summer.

In addition, families had an opportunity to participate in a conversation with the principal to learn more about our remote learning program, ways to support their child, and also enjoy learning some new recipes the whole family can make – enjoy!

We celebrated our scholars who excelled scholastically this year at our Virtual Honors Award Ceremony. Way to go scholars, keep up the great work. Finally, we ended the year of celebrating our 8th grade leaders who had a wonderful opportunity to participate in a Motor Car Parade which culminated with a Virtual 8th Grade Graduation Ceremony. This quarter was truly all about winning!

Congratulations to all of the scholars at OLS. Have a wonderful and safe summer. Remember to keep reading, keep learning, and keep being GREAT!
Remote Learning

We are proud and thankful for all of the hard work from our parents and students during this unprecedented time. Please remember, if your child is not participating in summer learning, his or her chromebook and power cord needs to be returned to the main office. We are hopeful that we will see you in the fall. Please check the website (www.sd163.com) for updates.

8th Grade Graduation

We hosted our very first motor parade to celebrate our graduates on May 28, 2020. We want to thank all of our parents and students for your patience while we worked out all the details. It was a wonderful celebration and a great way to send off our graduates.

We also had a virtual ceremony that you can access on the district website along with the 8th grade presentation of their favorite things. Remember, diplomas, yearbooks and graduation pictures will be mailed home upon arrival. Please contact Ms. Ashley at (708) 668-9606 if you have a change of address.

What You Can Do This Summer

- Enroll your children in summer programming
- Complete your summer packet
- Challenge your mind!
- Make an appointment to get your child a school physical
- Register online
- Do community service
- Spend time with family
- Exercise
- Read
- Have fun!

Important Dates

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What’s happening at Michelle?

4th Quarter Highlights

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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

Stay connected!