

SCHOOL DISTRICT 104'S

THE DISTRICT SCOOP

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First Day of School is Monday, August 22nd, 2022

School Spotlights

Wharton



Wharton Wildcats finished the year strong with exciting activities and a continued focus on academics. The entire school traveled into the city and enjoyed a warm, sunny day as we cruised the Chicago River with Chicago Cruise Line and learned about the history of our city. Students created paper bag cityscapes in art to connect to this unique experience. The Chicago Bears organization in conjunction with Advocate Health came to Wharton to host their Mini Monsters Clinic, where students completed various football drills in a morning full of physical activity and camaraderie. This event was successful in large part due to the support from various district staff, who joined us to coach the stations. Wildcats ended the year with a long-standing Wharton tradition of the Battle of the Books, where students answer gameshow style questions focused on books all students read. Field Day, Whartonpalooza, and a motivational guest speaker rounded out May.

In addition to the exciting activities, students finished the year with a strong focus on academics as staff ensured students were well prepared for the academic challenges they will face at Heritage. We were proud of the students' commitment and efforts on spring MAP assessments, IAR, and ISA testing. They truly have been dedicated to learning throughout the duration of the year. While the halls of Wharton have become silent for the time being, in a few short months, the newest Wildcats will breathe life, yet again, into the building.

Walker



It has been an extraordinary year TOGETHER at Walker School! We are all filled with great happiness to have been able to finish this school year in the presence of one another. The teachers were an amazing team unto themselves and when you add parents, students, and community to this, we were unstoppable! Each year I am blown away by how amazing our teachers are, how much they care about our students and how far they are willing to go to ensure our students are learning to the best of their abilities.

Thank you to the Walker PTO, Bedford Park Community Center, Bedford Park Police and Fire, Summit Police and Fire, and the Villages for all your ongoing support and for providing incredible opportunities for our kids. We appreciate you all so much!

Students, keep your eyes to the future as this is only the beginning of your educational career. You are all capable of doing great things in middle school and high school.

Walsh



During the months of April and May, Walsh Elementary School celebrated community by participating in an all school read. Every student and staff member received their very own copy of Roald Dahl's classic novel *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. Staff members performed a short play to get the students excited about the story. During April and the beginning of May, students and staff were engaged in a variety of learning activities while reading this story. At the end of May, students participated in an All School Read Candy Factory Celebration, where they enjoyed a variety of activities related to this classic story. Some of the activities include a bubble gum blowing contest, favorite character graphing, candy and golden egg relay races, face painting, spirit week, and many more fun filled activities. We had such a fun time reading together and celebrating classic literature!

HMS



Heritage Middle school would like to congratulate our 2022 graduates and wish them success. We would also like to thank the Village of Bedford Park, Mayor David Brady, and the Wintrust Sports Complex for hosting our graduation ceremony on May 18th.

Congratulations to Elaine Johnstone on her retirement. Elaine has worked for our school district for 28 years and finished her career at Heritage as our school secretary. Elaine always greeted students, parents, and school staff with a warm smile. We wish Elaine a healthy and happy retirement. She will be missed.

We look forward to meeting our new 6th grade students in August. Please make sure to check the school website, <https://www.sd104.us/o/heritage-ms> for any updates. We recommend you download the school district App: **Android:** <http://bit.ly/2FwUxih> or **iPhone:** <https://apple.co/2Fw30T0>.

If you have any questions or need any assistance during the summer, please contact the Heritage office. (708) 458-7590. Our office hours are M-F 8:30am-2:00pm

Graves



Graves Dual Language School has had an amazing school year! Both students and staff have shown a tremendous amount of dedication to making this school year as normal as possible. Teachers continued to strengthen our Dual Language Academic Program as they ensured all students received the latest innovative and engaging instruction. It was great to see all our students fully engaged as teachers integrated engaging and valuable lessons.

We hope you have enjoyed our family events such as the Día de los Niños, end of the year Kindergarten Celebration, and 4th grade Clap-Out. Throughout the school year we have been able to keep our student Sailors motivated with PBIS incentives at school such as our ABC Countdown to Summer Vacation and our annual Field Day. Please continue to monitor Seesaw, our school website, and newsletters for any important information.

We hope everyone has a safe and relaxing summer break!

Pre-K



The Pre-K program ended the 2021-2022 school year on a great note! The students excelled in their pre-academic skills; we are so proud! The growth and independence we have seen from August to June is to be commended! The students celebrated their success with a visit from The Traveling World of Reptiles, where they got to see and learn about many animals with a hands-on experience!

Pre-K also held several events for students and families. Our workshop on School Readiness was a great success. Students enjoyed their take home materials and learning the different games they can play with their families.

Pre-K is getting ready for the 2022-2023 school year. Our staff is planning some engaging family activities to begin our school year. Screenings will be held August 22nd and 23rd for new students. Our Pre-K Open House is scheduled for August 26th and the First Day of Pre-K will be August 29th. Please call the office at 708-546-7151 to learn more about the program and to register your child!

Meet Kelsi Frank – Athletic Director for School District 104

My name is Kelsi Frank, and I am honored to be the new Athletic Director for all the incredible students we have in this district.



First, a little about myself. I grew up near Springfield. I always loved sports. I played as many sports as I could growing up. Activity would always reenergize me and help me focus more on my school work as a

kid. These activities included jumping on trampolines, running in the park, playing tag, soccer, and softball. I also participated in AAU Basketball, was part of a state championship for basketball, two state championships in cross country, and multiple placements at state in track. I went on to get a scholarship to run cross country and track at NIU. After a knee injury sidelined me and I was not able to run on the D1 level, I enrolled at IUPUI and earned my degree in Kinesiology. I also have my master's degree from Michigan State in P-12, Postsecondary Leadership, and Sports and Coaching Leadership. I have been teaching for 6 years, with the last 4 years at CPS. I also have been coaching for 9 years. I have a three-year-old son and I love the Bulls, the Bears, the Blackhawks, and the Cubs.

My life long goal has always been to have children enjoy sports, learn the fundamental basics, and achieving a love of being active. Physical activity either in physical education or in sports programs has a direct effect on learning. Together we can make District 104 an amazing place inside the classroom, outside on the track, on the courts, or in the fields for our students to be all they can be.

Thank you and I look forward to working with everyone very soon!



The Sailor Sports Corner

Boys' Volleyball: "This season, HMS Boys Volleyball welcomed 11 new athletes to the JV team with two returning members, while varsity brought on 6 new athletes and 3 returning members. Our athletes showed up day after day improving their hustle, heart, and communication. They worked on jumping higher, hitting harder, and focusing longer. They grew as athletes and as men. We are so proud of our sailors." – Coach Guenther and Coach Puhr

Girls' Soccer: "The 2022 girls' soccer program was a season to remember and celebrate. Both JV and Varsity grew and accomplished so much this season. Wilson and I couldn't be prouder of these girls. The 8th grade girls will be greatly missed for their humor and leadership. Cannot wait to watch them play next year at Argo." – Coach Gentile

Softball tryouts will be July 25th at 10:00am at the Bedford Park Fields.

Register: <https://heritagems.8to18.com/>

EL Department

During the summer of 2022, School District 104 provided extending learning opportunities to all students in the district. The summer school program assumed an enrichment model, which focused on deep learning experiences rather than on remediation of basic skills. Students in grades PreK – 7th grade were offered the opportunity to engage in learning around integrated units of social studies, science, literacy, and the arts. The program also extended a variety of elective programs to participating students, from athletics to folkloric dance and mariachi, to visual arts, movement, yoga, and dance as well as coding engineering and STEAM programming. The summer school program also sponsored a Juneteenth Celebration on June 17th in commemoration of the holiday. With the support of a variety of community members and organizations, including the Argo Coalition for Education, the event opened the school doors to the community to recognize the significance of Juneteenth as a day of celebration and jubilation. The event was made possible by the hard work of the district's dedicated teacher staff, community partnerships, and funding from the INFUSE 21st Century Community Learning Center program.

Please join us for our annual Back to School Bash on August 18th from 4:30 – 7:30 at Summit Park. The district will welcome students back to school from the summer with a variety of performances, activities, give aways, and celebrations. We hope to see you there!

Special Education

In our transitional classrooms, students in grades 5-8 learned through the authentic application of the hot chocolate cart. Students were job trained, learned critical life skills like meeting and greeting all staff, navigating through the entire building and hand delivering their products. Kids designed the Star Duck's logo and continue to build their confidences. Kids brewed the beverages on their own, took inventory, and even kept records of all purchases.

Students in our 2nd-4th grade self-contained program room continued with progress identifying and sharing safety information including full name, address, birthday, and phone number. Given this practice, all students have experienced an increase in functional social skills to prepare for life beyond elementary school.

Finally, all our kindergarten and 1st grade students in the transitional program mastered packing up their book bags with verbal prompting/physical prompting and no longer need hand over hand assistance. Progress!

GOT RIDDLES?

1. What can't talk but will reply when spoken to?
2. What has many keys but can't open a single lock?
3. What has hands, but can't clap?

3. A Clock
1. An Echo 2. A Piano

Answers:

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Grades: K – 4th

Principal: Amanda Venegonia

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Grades: K – 4th

Principal: Christine Smith

Asst. Principal: Jeff Moore

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Grades: 5th

Interim Principal: Sara Leone

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Heritage Middle School

Grades: 6th – 8th

Principal: Pamela Malone

Asst. Principal: Laura Skowronek

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