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**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR
 PTA PRESIDENT
 GINA BRINCKERHOFF**



After a November full of giving thanks, the month of December is all about sharing. Whether we celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanzaa or another holiday this is a time to share our blessing with others.

At Paddock we share in so many ways, our PTA Giving Tree supports two Paddock families with holiday gifts and Paddock is happy to continue to participate in the Toys for Tots Campaign (see pg. 5) again this year. We are very proud of our new Community Cares committee. Together the committee has assisted two Paddock families in need and hosted a Halloween Costume and Winter Clothing Drive. We are also excited to announce a PTA sponsored service project that the whole family

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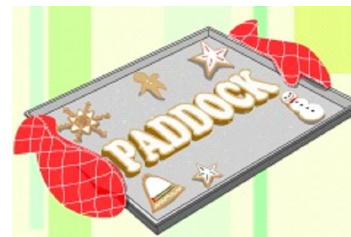
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DECEMBER 2010

- 2 SCRIIP orders due
- 7 PTA Board Meeting (7pm)
- 8 Intermediate Band Concert
Winston Campus 7pm
- 9 Chorus & Choir/chimes
Winter Concert 7pm
- 13 Beginning Band Concert
Winston Campus 7pm
- 15 BoE Meeting
- 17 Winter Sing (K - 2)
- 20-31 No School

JANUARY 2011

- 3 School Resumes
- 12 BoE Meeting
- 13 PTA Board Meeting (7pm)
PTA Planning Meeting
(8pm Resource Center)
- 17 No School
- 18 No School
- 24 SCRIIP orders due
- 31 SPARK Mtg
(7pm Sundling JH)

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT

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can participate in at Feed Our Starving Children. (see pg. 6). If are interested in joining this committee, please contact Julie VanderArk or Susanne Glazbrook.

Have you ever said....'I wish the Paddock PTA did' OR...'The PTA can improve by'.... OR... 'What I like best about the PTA is'.... OR.... 'The PTA should try this fund raiser'? Well, we want to hear from you! Please help us identify our greatest strengths and our biggest challenges by joining us for our 1st ever PTA Planning Meeting. This session will take place at the end of our January Board meeting (1/13) at 8:00pm. (immediately after the General Membership/Board Meeting at 7:00pm). Please enter school at the Kindergarten doors and join us in the Paddock Resource Center.

We have so much to look forward to in 2011- Get Ready for our first ever "Paddock's Got Talent" show (see pg. 4), Valentine's Dance (see page 5), Fun Fair, Movie Night, Family Fitness Events and 6th Grade Activities (sniff,sniff). Whew! There might even be a few more surprises, so rest up over winter break! As we close 2010 and start fresh in 2011- add a resolution to your list: I will get involved in the PTA! We'd love to have you join us!

Best wishes for the happiest holiday season yet!



Winters Coming! Be Prepared!

At www.emergencyclosings.com parents can look on the web for Emergency School Closings or register their email address to have school closings emailed to them.

The weather is getting colder, please make sure your children are dressed for the elements. It is never to early for hats, gloves, scarfs even boots and snow pants if it keeps them warm.



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL GUY HERRMANN



Dear Parents/Guardians,

During the holidays, many of you will travel to visit relatives and friends or they will travel to see you. It is nice to see each other person-to-person, even once a year, to catch up on how things have changed and how your child has progressed in one year. With the communication technology we have today your child is becoming more accustomed to communicating on a frequent basis with relatives and friends via texting, Facebook, Skype, and other forms of electronic communication instead of person-to-person.

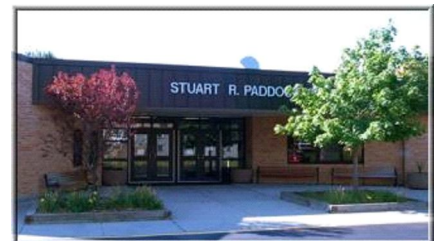
When we return from Winter Break in January of 2011 it is fun and interesting to hear what the students received for break and how they are using their new electronic devices. Now that most cell phones come with a camera and have the potential of placing pictures on a Facebook page or a short video on YouTube, we as parents must be as vigilant as ever when it comes to how our child uses their new devices. Pictures that are posted on a Facebook wall can be downloaded by a friend, altered, and sent out as a "joke" to others, without your child ever knowing it. Though they may not set up a Facebook page at your home they might at a friend's house where there is peer pressure to set a page up like all of their peers. They may use the computer their to set a page up and you would not know.

Even gaming systems (X-box 360 for one) has the capability to allow your child to communicate with others in the game environment through a Wi-Fi connection. Your child may not know who some of these individuals are and yet may give away self-identifying information without realizing it.

Phones are now being used for texting and "sexting" which can be used to play very cruel jokes at your child's sake. It is only after this information has been spread to many others do they come to understand what has happened, yet have no place to hide from the comments.

Please sit down with your child and have a discussion (4th grade and up) about the dangers of these types of communication, from the child receiving the unwanted attention to the child that is distributing communications that may cause a negative situation to occur for others.

On behalf of the Paddock staff, I wish all of you a safe holiday season and a great beginning to 2011.



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PADDOCK'S GOT TALENT



Paddock's Got Talent 2011 Talent Show



Thursday, February 17th
6:30-8:30 p.m.

The Paddock PTA, Ms. Hult, and Mrs. O'Connor are sponsoring the talent show this year. If you are a **3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grade student** who has a talent in the categories listed below, we would love for you to participate in the talent show.

Talent Categories:

Vocal- Singing, Rapping, etc.

Dance

Musical Instrument- Piano, Guitar, etc.

Performance Art- Gymnastics, Martial Arts, Comedy, Juggling, Literary Reading (poetry, storytelling), etc.

Important Dates:

Talent Show Participation Forms Due- December 17th

MANDATORY Performance Review- Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30 p.m.

MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal- Tuesday, February 15th at 6:30 p.m.

Look for the participation forms to come home on December 1st!

STUDENT NEWSPAPER



Extra! Extra! Read All About it!

The Paddock Newspaper Club is proud to present this year's first issue of the Panther Paw Print! Please enjoy it with your children!

<http://sites.google.com/a/ccsd15.net/pantherpawprint/>

SCHOOL PROGRAM

VALENTINE'S DAY DANCE



Friday, February 4th
6:00—8:00 pm



Valentines Day is a great time to have fun as a family!

If you are in **K-3rd grade**, you won't want to miss the **Valentines Day dance**. This will be a fun evening for parents/guardians and students to interact and have fun together.

The cost is \$3.00 per ticket and will include **dancing** (along with fun group games like hula hoop competitions), punch and a **chocolate fountain** with yummy treats, **face painting**, & **fun games**. You will also get a *free raffle ticket* with each ticket purchased!

Other items available will be a **picture booth** for an additional charge and a **Raffle** which will have fantastic prizes! Each raffle ticket will cost \$1.00.

Be sure to mark your calendars for **Friday, February 4th!**
We look forward to seeing you at the dance!

FUN FAIR



Paddock Fun Fair
April 1st

More info to come later...

TOYS FOR TOTS

Please donate an unwrapped toy and put it in the Toys For Tots box in the front lobby of Paddock....now through December 17th



SCHOOL PROGRAMS

COMMUNITY CARES

**Paddock School Family Service Project
Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg
at their facility
(1072 National Parkway, Schaumburg)
Wednesday 2/9/2011
6 pm - 7:30 pm**



Paddock families and staff are invited to volunteer together for a school-wide family service project at Feed My Starving Children (FMSC) in Schaumburg. We'll pack food that meets the nutritional needs of a 4-to-8-year-old malnourished child which will be distributed through FMSC to another country. Each meal has 20 different vitamins and minerals that are specifically tailored to meet a child's nutritional needs for one day. FMSC will also provide an overview to all volunteers about world hunger.

Here is what their website has to say about what we can look forward to during our project: FMSC focuses on citizenship, social service, asset building and other positive aspects of character development. The FMSC volunteer experience can provide a real-world application of classroom learning. Students are able to work together for a finite period of time and with a specific, high-value outcome. At the end of every volunteer session the group knows exactly how many meals were produced to eliminate hunger in the world.

You can learn more about Feed My Starving Children at <http://www.fmsc.org>.

Families will need to pre-register with us as we have a certain number of spots to fill that evening. If interest goes beyond the spots for that night, we will schedule another date later in the year. FMSC asks that we meet these ratio requirements and so we'll make sure that there are enough adults, including Paddock staff:

Grades K, 1 and 2: 1 adult volunteer for every child
Grades 3 through 6: 1 adult volunteer for every 3 children

We will meet at the FMSC facility in Schaumburg at 5:45 pm.

Please contact Julie or Susanne to sign up for this service project or to ask questions.

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SCHOOL PROGRAMS

SPARK

SPARK - Special Education Parents Accessing Resources & Knowledge

A Northwest Suburban Council of PTA/PTSA committee serving families of children with special needs in Community Consolidated School District 15 and beyond. SPARK was formed in response to the growing needs of families whose children learn differently or have special needs. SPARK believes in providing a means to educate parents, provide resources, network, and support families of all children receiving special education. Our hope is that parents and educators will access this group for the benefit of their children, themselves, and others.

SPARK programs are monthly on Monday evenings at Walter R. Sundling Junior High School from 7:00–8:30 p.m.

If you would like to be contacted by or connected with SPARK, you can contact your PTA President for the name and number of your SPARK representative, or contact SPARK Chair Ani Erickson at (847) 907-4732 for more information.

SPARK is proud to be in partnership with PTA!

Our Next Meeting — January 31, 2011: Two Dads Talking... A Dad's Perspective on Disability *Richard Ney Ph.D. and Gino Peronti* In this workshop two Dads will share information about the life journey of families who live with children with special needs. We will examine the impact of children with special needs on both the nuclear and the extended family. Participants will learn how the child with special needs has an effect on siblings and social relationships. Information will also be shared about the systems that attempt to meet the needs of children with disabilities, including schools, legal and medical/mental health organizations.



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SCHOOL PROGRAMS

PADDOCK'S BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

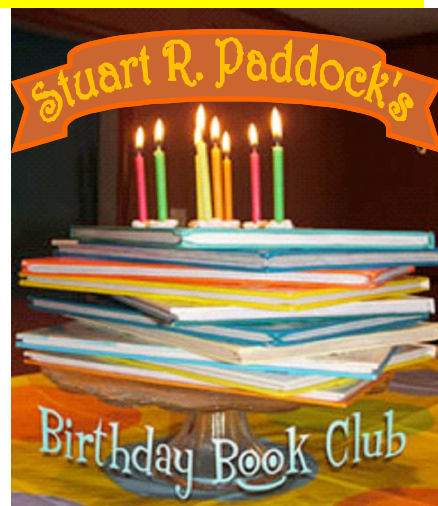
Birthdays are a special time! To celebrate your child's birthday, you are invited to donate a book to our school library in honor of your child.

For a \$15.00 donation, your child can select a hardcover, library-bound book from a bookcase of newly purchased books located in the Paddock School library office.

How can you make a contribution? The month before your child's birthday (or ½ birthday if your child's birthday falls when we are not in school), complete the form below and return it with your donation of \$15.00 (cash or check) to the library. Then, your child will receive an invitation to come to the library on the **first Monday of the month** to select a book.

A commemorative Paddock bookplate displaying your child's name and birthday will be affixed to the book. Your child's picture can also be displayed in the library and can appear on the Paddock's morning announcements. In addition, your child will be the first student to check out the book!

The Birthday Book Program gives you a chance to make a lasting gift to the school library. If you are interested in participating, please make checks payable to Paddock School. Your generosity will benefit all of our students. We thank you for your participation and support of our school library. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Schwartzers at schwartzj@ccsd15.net.



YES, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A BIRTHDAY BOOK CONTRIBUTION!

Child's name _____

Child's birthdate _____

Teacher _____ Grade _____

Please check one of the statements below:

- Please display my child's picture in the library and on the school's announcements.
 Please DO NOT display my child's picture in the library and on the school's announcements

****Please make a \$15 check out to Paddock School or send cash and attach it to this form.***

SCHOOL PROGRAM RECAP

REFLECTIONS



PTA REFLECTIONS
40 Years of Achievement in the Arts

"Together We Can"...

Congratulations to the 120 entrants who participated in this year's program. We thank all of you for sharing your talent and your creativity! We are proud to announce that the following students' Reflections entries have been chosen to advance to PTA Council for the next round of admiring and judging.

Literature

Delaney Garcea
Morgan Fischer
Jonny Flores
James Kim
Crystal Diaz
Jovani Ariza
Yesamin AlArcon-Ramirez
Madison Fischer
Devyn Oak
Ally Brey
Beshar Jabri
Mikayla Seitzinger
Nicole Hollenbeck
Sasha Cierniak
Rhea Akhaury
Madison Smith
Shannon Trenkle
Jordan White

Visual Arts

Antony Iannuzzelli
Lisa Birazzi
Anish Mukherjee
Fuka Shiratori
Erin Ham
Shion Takashima
Danielle Heini
Lily Ferber
Emily Patel
Josh Bentley
Emily Glazbrook
Sarah Glazbrook
Autumn Riddle
Andrew Tobin
Kenan Mesic
Amila Mesic
Reese Higdon
Abigail Iannuzzelli

Photography

Kelly Tobin
Carly Auer
Nicholas Asilani
Madison Duberstein
Koen Cauwels
Heath VanderArk
Gentry Mabry
Courtney Murphy
Juan Islas-Parker
Annahlise Evanhoff
Max Murphy
Mackenzie Pappas
Hadyn Hermanson

Musical Composition

Matthew Olin

SCHOOL PROGRAMS RECAP

MULTICULTURAL DAY

On November 3rd, we celebrated Multicultural "Day" by viewing displays on France, Japan, China, Mexico, India and Italy. The students also attended a Cultural Music Assembly. "The Birthplace of Rhythm" presented their Global Show which will musically takes the students on a percussion journey around the world.

A special thank you to our 5th and 6th Grade Girl Scout Troops, Joanne Colucci, Manu Khare, Maria Jaurez, Aindrila Dutta, Jen DeFranco and Trish Foltman for helping with this event. What a wonderful way for our children celebrate diversity and learn about the rich cultures around us!



Contest Winners:

Maria Vazquez- Field Museum passes

Olivia Higdon - Shedd Aquarium passes

Ithzel Chavez- Museum of Science & Industry passes

BOOK FAIR

The numbers have been crunched and it is official and our November Book Fair was a great success! So many of our students were able to purchase books to add to their home libraries, and many of our teachers benefited through donations to classroom libraries as well. The big winner is our Paddock Resource Center, where the proceeds will be used to purchase books to be shared by all of the students at our school. Thank you so much to everyone for your support, and especially to all the great parent volunteers who helped to make it happen!

Gina Brinckerhoff
Jen DeFranco
Vaishali Desai
Terri DiPaolo
Bernice Giebelhaus
Samantha Ham
Pat Herod

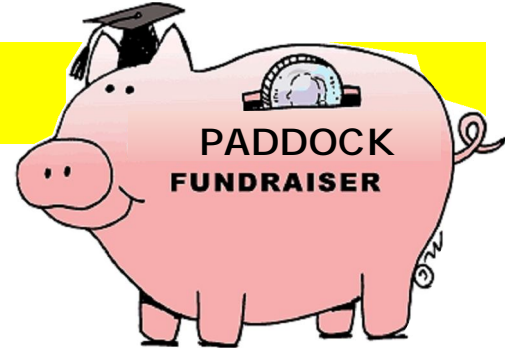
Beth Hilquest
Jenn Hurwitz
Teja Kics
Yvonne Kronberg
Jill May
Michelle Mabry
Karen Pullam

Yuko Yuno
Karen Reaney
Terri Scaglione
Linda Takao
Jennifer Tobin
Julie VanderArk
Renee Wolski

-Elizabeth Lambke and Jill Schwartzers

FUNDRAISING

SCRIP



DUE DATES:
December 2nd
January 24th
February 18th

BREAKING NEWS

The holidays have just gotten a little merrier...You can now purchase \$25 American Girl Gift Cards through SCRIP and the Paddock PTA will receive an 8% non-profit contribution at no extra cost to you. In addition to that, if you order American Girl Gift Cards on your December order they will contribute an additional 2% for a total of 10% this month. Please just add the number of gift cards to the bottom of your order form and include the amount in your check. We'll be sure to get the gift cards to you by December 15th.

Also, don't forget to order gift cards to your favorite everyday stores. It's a great way to help support the Paddock PTA. Thank you for your continued support.

PTA DONATIONS

2010 Year End Appeal

Are you looking for a charitable organization to make a year end contribution? The Paddock PTA has still not reached our 2010/2011 fundraising budget and direct donations of any amount would be gladly accepted. 100% of your donations goes to supporting the PTA sponsored services and activities for all of our students. All donations are tax-deductible. A letter to acknowledge your donation for tax purposes will be provided. Submit your donation in an envelope marked PTA Direct Donation.

WANTED: BROWN GROCERY BAGS

There is a short supply of large brown grocery bags in the lunchroom. They use these bags to collect garbage from each lunch table. Please considering saving them from your next grocery trip and sending them to school. Thank You!

PANTHER PRAISE



Thank you to...

- Julie Towers for decorating our outdoor planters with beautiful winter greens
- Terri Scaglione and her team for making our entryway sparkle with "Holiday Sweets".
- Jen DeFranco for doing a great job with our PTA directory and membership drive
- Jenny Kendall for organizing a fabulous Family Reading Night
- Cathy Fischer for organizing the hospitality & welcoming activities at Generation's Day

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- Congratulations to the following staff members who were recently awarded grants for Paddock!

District 15 Foundation Grants

- Mrs. O'Connor and Ms. Findlay were awarded 10- i-Pod Touches
- Ms. Schwartzers was awarded 1 MACbook and 4 sets of 30 Award Winning Rebecca Caudill Blue Stone Books
- Ms. Joseph was awarded 6 netbooks

District Technology Grants

- Ms. Nayak, Ms. Mullins Mr. Bruhn, Ms. Lannert, Ms. Joseph, Mrs. Leone and Ms. Patel were awarded 10 net books
- Ms. Lannert was awarded a SMARTboard
- Mrs. Schwartzers was awarded 8 MAC books

All of the new technology will be available after winter break!

- Congratulations to Jen DeFranco and the 2009-2010 Executive Board. Last month at the Illinois PTA District 37 dinner, Paddock PTA received a Local Unit Honor Award plaque for meeting a variety of leadership and program criteria during the 2009-2010 school year. Paddock was one of four schools out of the twenty District 15 schools to earn this distinction.



COMMUNITY

FREMD CRAFT FAIR



FREMD HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR
Saturday, December 11, 2010
9 AM to 4 PM



Get in the holiday spirit at the Fremd Holiday Craft Fair and check out our show for all things fashionable and fun! Shop with friends and family for those last minute holiday gifts. Find something special for that hard to shop for person from over 200 booths!!

No admission charge!
Plenty of parking available!

The Craft Fair is organized by the Fremd Viking Booster Club. All proceeds are used to benefit our Fremd students. Please stop by and support the school!

NOROVIRUS PREVENTION

From the Illinois Department of Public Health

Important Public Health Notice Regarding Norovirus

The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has noted a marked increase in the number of reported outbreaks of Norovirus in schools and daycare facilities this fall. The Norovirus is a very contagious acute gastrointestinal virus characterized by diarrhea, vomiting and stomach pain. IDPH has released guidance concerning limiting the spread of the virus and exclusion recommendations for children and staff in schools and daycare facilities.

Norovirus, formerly called norwalk-like virus, is a virus that causes acute gastroenteritis in humans. The most common symptoms of norovirus are diarrhea, vomiting, and stomach pain. Norovirus is very contagious, and is spread through contaminated food or water, by contact with an infected person, or by contamination in the environment. The virus has an incubation period of 24-48 hours. Infected individuals are symptomatic for 1-2 days, but may shed the virus for up to 2 weeks after recovering. Norovirus outbreaks are common in schools and daycare facilities. In 2010, Illinois has experienced a greater number of outbreaks than is normally expected.

Steps daycare facilities and schools can take to reduce transmission of norovirus are outlined below.

- Children and staff who are experiencing symptoms of norovirus should stay home from school or daycare until **24 hours** after symptoms have stopped. Staff involved in food preparation should be restricted from preparing food for **48 hours** after symptoms stop. The staff may perform other duties not associated with food preparation 24 hours after symptoms have stopped.
- Good hand hygiene is the best way to prevent transmission of norovirus. Hands should be washed with warm water and soap for 15-20 seconds. Children should be taught good hand hygiene practices, and should wash their hands after using the bathroom and before eating. Staff, especially staff responsible for caring for diapered children, should wash their hands frequently. During outbreaks, washing hands with soap and water is preferable to using alcohol-based hand sanitizers. Hand sanitizers are only minimally effective against norovirus¹.
- Norovirus is often spread through contaminated food or water. Facilities serving or sharing food should take these extra precautions: Restrict sharing of foods brought from private homes. Restrict students' sharing of any communal food items in classrooms. Instead, the teacher should hand out items to be shared after washing his/her hands. Stop using self-service food bars. Do not let children serve themselves in any manner which might promote direct hand contact with shared foods.

DISTRICT 15 NEWS

NAVIGATE 15

Navigate15: Community and District for Educational Success



In a move to involve the full force of the community in decisions affecting the future direction of Community Consolidated School District 15, Superintendent Scott Thompson recently announced plans to hold a series of community meetings beginning Tuesday, November 16. A small team of staff and citizens will help plan and implement these meetings. The Facilitating Team has given the process a name: *Navigate15*. The name reflects the team's goal of using the engagement sessions to guide the future direction of Community Consolidated School District 15.

The task force will seek the opinions and insights of the entire community—parents, residents, and business leaders. *Navigate15* hopes to open the lines of communication between the District and the communities it serves and will use that feedback to create connections resulting in meaningful recommendations for District 15.

Beginning on November 16 and continuing into the next year, individuals participating in *Navigate15* will study and discuss a variety of topics. *What do other high performing school districts have that District 15 doesn't? What programs would improve student achievement in District 15 schools?* From facilities to finances to demographics to technology, *Navigate15* meetings will provide the information needed to make informed recommendations to the school board in August 2011.

Community involvement in *Navigate15* is vital to its success and the District has extended an open invitation to participate in the meetings. The 2011 Schedule is as follows...Winston Campus Elementary, 900 E Palatine Rd, Palatine, IL 60074 (Cafeteria) January 18, 2011 / February 15, 2011 / March 22, 2011 / May 3, 2011 / May 31, 2011 / June 21, 2011 **Time:** 7:00pm–9:00pm.

DISTRICT 15 NEWS

NEWS RELEASE

December 1, 2010

District 15 Board of Education hires new Superintendent



The Community Consolidated School District 15 Board of Education has hired Scott Thompson as its new superintendent of schools, effective today.

Mr. Thompson's selection comes after four months of serving as the District's interim superintendent.

"In his short time in District 15, Mr. Thompson has demonstrated positive leadership and a commitment to continuous improvement of our school district," said Gerald Chapman, District 15 Board President. "He is a proven leader who will serve all children of the District 15 community."

Mr. Thompson has worked to increase the communication between all stakeholders, and his openness and availability have been well received in the community. In addition to his educational duties, Mr. Thompson has maintained high visibility in the community through participation in local service organizations.

Upon his selection, Mr. Thompson said, "I am honored to serve in a district with such a rich history and tradition of excellence. Creating positive, caring learning environments for children has always been my passion, and I look forward to working together with staff, parents, and community members to continue to enhance the quality of education for all children in District 15."

Overall, Mr. Thompson has served 21 years in education in the Chicago area. He served as a fifth-grade teacher, an assistant principal, and principal before taking the superintendent post at Antioch School District 34 in 2005.

Mr. Thompson earned a master's degree in divinity at North Park Seminary and is currently working toward completion of his doctorate in educational leadership from National Louis University.



For more information, contact James Garwood, assistant superintendent for administrative services, at 847-963-3202 or garwoodj@ccsd15.net.

