



I am thankful that we have caring and involved parents who are our partners. I am thankful that our children care about their learning and work hard everyday. I am thankful that we have a terrific teaching and support staff. I am thankful to have an assistant principal. I am thankful for our assistants. I am thankful for our office staff and health office staff for following up on everything and supporting our students, staff, and parents. I am thankful for our custodial staff that keeps our building clean and working. I am thankful for our bus drivers who take care of our students to and from school everyday. I am thankful for our PTO. I am thankful for our senior volunteers. I am thankful for all of our volunteers. I am thankful that we are a part of a district that provides resources for us to teach our children. I am thankful for our central office team that supports our buildings. I am thankful for our D64 staff across the buildings that team with us for our continued professional growth. I am thankful that we have board members that volunteer their time. I am thankful for Beyond the Bell and their work. I am thankful I live and work in a terrific community. I am thankful to my family that supports my work to be the best principal I can be for Carpenter. Happy Thanksgiving Carpenter Community!



HOLIDAY SING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21st
TIMES & INFORMATION

9:15 AMK & 1st Grades (Doors open at 9:00)

10:15 2nd & 3rd Grades (Doors open at 10:00)

1:00 PMK, 4th & 5th Grades & Chorus (Doors open at 12:45)

Please enter through the main doors on Hamlin

Announcements:

- ✚ When your child is absent, you **MUST CALL INTO THE OFFICE** as part of our attendance reporting procedures. You can call the attendance line direct at (847) 318-4370 and press 1 to leave a message. Please understand that emails may not always be checked as promptly or that sometimes teachers and staff members are absent and may not see their email until the following day.
- ✚ Construction on our north gym roof is being completed this week going into break. Our north gym should be open the Monday that we return. Thankfully, we had some great weather these past couple of weeks.
- ✚ Our new risers have been delivered that were purchased by the PTO. Thank you for supporting the PTO!
- ✚ Winter MAP testing will begin the week of 12/12 for 2nd-5th graders.
- ✚ Please continue to check the Community Info/Events page of the website located at <http://www.d64.org/communications/Community-Info-and-Events.cfm>

Feel free to contact me at (847) 318-4374 or at bbalduf@d64.org.

Warm Regards,

Brett Balduf, Principal

D64 News . . .

10TH ANNUAL CASINO NIGHT!

"A NIGHT OF GOOD FORTUNE"

Don't miss THE District 64 event of the year, D64 ELF Casino Night at Café La Cave on Saturday, January 28th from 6:30 – 11:30 p.m. Full Buffet, Open Bar, Casino-style Gambling, Fantastic Auctions, and more. All proceeds benefit the District 64 ELF (Elementary Learning Foundation) and fund grants supporting innovative programming in D64 schools.

Tickets are \$100 until January 16 - \$125 thereafter. Purchase online at www.district64elf.org.

Last year this great fundraiser event allowed us to award the following grants:

- Active Learning Environment Makeover, Lincoln School
- 2nd Grade 21st Century Learning Environment, Washington School
- Kindergarten Ready Set Work, All Elementary Schools
- Portable PA System, Emerson School

For details on each grant and Casino Night, please visit the District 64 ELF website.


Attachments . . .

- Illinois 5Essentials Survey
- D64 Parent University
- Winter Closing Guidelines 16-17
- D64 Casino Night 2017
- Spelling Bee Flyer & Permission Slip

Illinois 5Essentials Survey

COMING AFTER THANKSGIVING TO SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

Parents, teachers and students across Illinois will soon have an opportunity to participate in the Illinois 5Essentials Survey. The survey was designed to generate a detailed picture of the inner workings of your child's school. As a parent, this opportunity will allow you to share your thoughts on the important elements of school effectiveness.



Research shows that schools strong on the "5Essentials" are 10 times more likely to improve student learning.

The Illinois 5Essentials Survey will be administered online by UChicago Impact at the University of Chicago, on behalf of the Illinois State Board of Education.

The survey identifies **five indicators** that can affect **school success**:

- Effective Leaders
- Collaborative Teachers
- Involved Families
- Supportive Environments
- Ambitious Instruction

After Thanksgiving recess, District 64 will email you an invitation to access the survey online.

5E survey reports will be included in the School Report Card released by ISBE next fall.

For more information about the Illinois 5Essentials Survey, please visit:

<https://illinois.5-essentials.org>.



Parent University Series 2016-2017

Take Care of You

Social-Emotional Learning and How it impacts Digital Citizenship

How do students protect themselves when they're interacting with others online? In this modern age, students may have many types of interactions while online... positive, negative, friendly, hostile. How can we teach our children to deal/cope with the actions of others, and their reactions to a digital world? Social worker Linda Mirza, Psychologist Jocelyn Ortiz, and



Instructional Technology Coach Beth Rihtar discuss online interactions, and respond to questions from students submitted anonymously. **You will be able to view the video discussion on your own time!** This is geared towards parents of students in grades 3-8 and is a great opportunity for a family viewing and discussion.



Podcast video produced by:

Linda Mirza

Roosevelt Social Worker

Jocelyn Ortiz

Field/Roosevelt School Psychologist

Elizabeth Rihtar

Field Instructional Coach

Save the Date!

On Wednesday, December 14, 2016

...this online podcast video will be made available on D64's website and the link will be sent out to parents by email.



School Closing Guidelines Winter 2016-17

Wind-chill is a key factor in our closing guidelines.

District 64 coordinates guidelines with other elementary and high school districts in our community (62, 63, 79 and 207). The Superintendents work together on closing decisions for severe weather-related conditions or other emergency situations.

Safety is our priority

Our first priority is the safety of students and staff. At the same time, we know that closings create child care and work schedule problems for families. Districts understand that individual views of weather-related closings vary, and that not everyone will always agree with district decisions. For many reasons, we prefer to keep schools open. In deciding, Superintendents consult with local municipal departments and use National Weather Service data. Some factors we consider include:

- ❖ safety of students and staff
- ❖ severity of weather (extreme cold, flooding, etc.)
- ❖ timing of the weather
- ❖ ability of vehicles to travel safely and ability of students to walk to and from school safely
- ❖ operable condition of our buildings and ability to maintain safe conditions around the buildings, sidewalks and parking lots

Wind-chill is a key factor

Wind-chill notices from the National Weather Service are the primary meteorological source to determine and declare weather conditions, such as snow forecasts, wind-chill advisory, or wind-chill warning.

- ❖ **Advisory** - Schools will be in session when a wind-chill advisory is issued. A wind-chill advisory is typically issued when the wind chill is -20 degrees F or colder. The weather during a wind-chill advisory is not life threatening, but presents conditions that may result in inconvenience or pose moderate risk to safety.
- ❖ **Warning** - In contrast, schools will be closed under the condition of a wind-chill warning, which indicates life-threatening conditions and a risk to safety exists. Measures should be taken to safeguard life and property immediately. A wind-chill warning is typically issued when the wind-chill will be -30 degrees F or colder OR the actual temperature is -15 degrees F or colder.

How we inform parents and staff of closings

When a decision is made to cancel school, parents and staff can expect to receive an automated phone call and email. It is the parent's responsibility to provide up-to-date contact information and/or preferences to the school office. **School closing decisions will usually be made by 6:00 a.m. This allows Superintendents to monitor weather overnight and avoid unnecessary closures.** Weather closing information also is available through: District 64 and school websites; recorded on District and school phone messages; www.emergencyclosingcenter.com; and broadcast on TV and radio stations.



Here's to a safe
winter ahead!

Your family situation. . .

Any decision to cancel school or alter the school day is based on general safety conditions for all students and staff. Districts know that conditions may vary for each student or family. If, in the event of severe weather when schools are open, you feel it is unsafe to send your student to school, please contact the school office.

DISTRICT 64 ELEMENTARY LEARNING FOUNDATION'S

CASINO NIGHT

**A NIGHT
OF
GOOD
FORTUNE**



TICKETS:

**\$100 each until
January 16th**

\$125 thereafter

Buy online at

www.district64elf.org

**CAFÉ LA CAVE
2777 S MANNHEIM RD
DES PLAINES, IL**

6:30pm - 11:30pm

Proceeds support innovative & imaginative education programming for D64 schools

SATURDAY JANUARY 28, 2017



Did you hear the buzz???

The (Spelling) Bee is back!

District 64 is participating in the 2017

Scripps National Spelling Bee

The District 64 2017 Spelling Bee will operate on two levels:

School Spelling Bees	District Spelling Bee
Who: All 3 rd -8 th Graders What: School Spelling Bee When: January 2017 Where: YOUR School! See Spelling Bee Website for more details!	Who: Top 3 Spellers from each District 64 School What: D64 Spelling Bee* When: Monday, January 30, 2017 (Check-in begins at 3:30 p.m.; Bee starts at 4:00 p.m.) Allow approximately two hours for the Spelling Bee. Please be considerate of all spellers and remain until breaks between rounds. Where: Roosevelt School's Auditorium
Why: IT'S FUN!!!	

- ✓ Spelling & Vocabulary rounds will be included at the School Spelling Bees.
- ✓ Study Guides and Additional Information about School Spelling Bees will be available from School Coordinators:

CA: sdouglass@d64.org	EM: ebachmann@d64.org
FL: jknoblauch@d64.org	FR: spater@d64.org or kkaniecki@d64.org
LI: kmay@d64.org	RO: nazark@d64.org WA: bjoyce@d64.org or gjaffe@d64.org
- ✓ Additional Spelling Bee information is available on the school websites and by direct link <https://sites.google.com/a/d64.org/d64-spelling-bee/>
- ✓ All of the top-spelling students who participate will be recognized; the District 64 winner will move on to the regional competition!
- ✓ Questions? Ask Meghan Keefer, District 64 Spelling Bee Coordinator
847-318-8148, mkeefer@d64.org



The student listed below has permission to participate in the first round of the CARPENTER SCHOOL SPELLING BEE which will be during the lunch hour on the following dates:

3rd grade:	Friday, January 13th
4th grade:	Thursday, January 12th
5th grade:	Wednesday, January 11th

We understand that the top spellers in each grade level will then compete for the top 3 spellers from Carpenter School AFTER SCHOOL on Thursday, January 19th starting at 3:45 p.m. in the auditorium. We also understand that following the final round at Carpenter School, the top 3 spellers will continue on to the District 64 Spelling Bee on MONDAY, JANUARY 30th, 4 p.m., at Roosevelt School.*

Spelling Bee study lists are available by providing your email address below. A hard copy can also be requested from Mrs. Douglass. Please note that during a spelling bee at any level, additional words may be chosen from *Webster's Dictionary*, if needed. Also, this year the **School Spelling Bee will include vocabulary rounds** for the top 10 spellers. Additional information can be found on the Carpenter School Website at <http://www.d64.org/ces/>.

If you have any questions regarding the Carpenter School Spelling Bee, contact Mrs. Douglass at sdouglass@d64.org. If you have any questions regarding the District 64 Spelling Bee, please contact Meghan Keefer at mkeefer@d64.org or 847-318-8148.

Student Name _____

Grade Level _____ Teacher _____



I have read the Spelling Bee Permission Form. Please send the study lists to the following email address:



Parent email : _____ (Please print clearly)

student signature

parent/guardian signature

Permission deadline: Wed. Dec. 7, 2016

*A separate permission slip will be sent home to the top 3 Carpenter spellers for participation at Roosevelt School on 1/30/17