

January 22, 2018

CCSD 89 families:

This month, I challenged our staff to try something new in their classrooms.

I suspected many of them have been thinking about at least one innovative project that aligns to standards and incorporates hands-on, real-world experiences. And because they care deeply about their students' learning, they've probably worried whether taking on this new project – as well as the inherent risk that comes with change – will turn out well for the kids in their classroom. I asked the teachers to stop waiting and go for it.

It's not easy to upend what you've been doing. It's an invitation for discomfort and disorientation – maybe even failure. But our staff is ready to dive in because they know our kids deserve it.

I'm sending the same challenge to our families. Pick one thing you've been wanting to try that will support your student at home.

Maybe you've been waiting to volunteer in the classroom, but have been putting it off for one reason or another. Email your student's teacher to find out what they need. Send the note today.

Maybe you've been wanting to introduce your student to a book you loved when you were growing up. Find that book and start reading it together this week.

Maybe you have been thinking about how you can help your student get involved in more extracurricular activities. Start the conversation tonight!

You truly have nothing to lose. Even if things don't go as planned, you'll have learned something new. More importantly, you will be building an even better relationship with your kids. They will see you investing in them and they'll be ready to try something new, too.

Here are some important reminders and information:

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2019-20 registration for new students opens February 5

Do you have a child who will be starting school next year? Registration will open February 5 for students who will be new to CCSD 89 or starting kindergarten in 2019-20. Registration for returning students will open April 3. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/2M0TU01>

Meet the next principal at Park View

Kristie Mate is an experienced administrator who has worked in education for nearly two decades. At the last board meeting, the Community Consolidated School District 89 Board of Education unanimously approved Mate to be the next Park View principal, starting in the 2019-20 school year. Mate will replace Barb Peterson, who is retiring at the end of the 2018-19 school year, after 20 years in education. Peterson has been the principal at Park View for seven years.

You can learn more about Mate and see a video introduction here: <https://bit.ly/2VUUroP>

Video: Musical moments

You'll notice that these two videos from December have a holiday theme but the musical talent is truly timeless. If you haven't had a chance, take a look (and listen) to the Westfield fourth- and fifth-grade chorus singing "Peaceful" at the December board meeting: https://youtu.be/b2ykZz_QdQg Then, enjoy the Glen Crest sixth-grade band performing "Liturgical Fanfare" at Yorktown Mall: <https://youtu.be/FxeKD5JXRtk>

Keep your contact info current

As you saw today, our district uses a "call-out" system to notify families of any school closings or schedule changes. In order to receive these notifications, the district needs your current contact information. Please update your phone number and email with your school office. If there is a closing, information will also be posted on the district's website (www.ccsd89.org), Facebook page (facebook.com/CCSD89), and Twitter account ([@CCSD89](https://twitter.com/CCSD89)). Because of the November 26 snow day, one day has been added to the end of the school year. The last day of the school year is now scheduled to be Thursday, May 23.

Recent district highlights

- Two students at Park View Elementary School earned rare perfect scores on a national vocabulary exam. Third-grade student Shreyansh Vatsa and fourth-grader Michael McIntyre both got all 20 questions correct in the competition! Read more: <https://bit.ly/2Aiflow>
- Glen Crest students found a unique way to honor a beloved staff member. Check out the Daily Herald story about this fundraiser: <https://bit.ly/2S19TR4>

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- The Glen Crest Middle School eighth-grade boys basketball team is DuPage Metro Valley Association Conference champions after winning both the regular-season and conference-tournament titles! Read more about this outstanding team: <https://bit.ly/2RagEf6>
- Eleven Glen Crest students showed off their world knowledge during the recent National Geographic GeoBee. Seventh-grade student Christian Pogorzelski earned first place, and eighth grader Jason Lo earned second in the school-level competition. Read about what's next: <https://bit.ly/2S4wPyl>

Board of Education highlights

The Board of Education met January 14. Several student groups were recognized, including the [Glen Crest boys basketball conference champions](#), the Glen Crest [Geography Bee winners](#), the [Park View students](#) who earned perfect scores on WordMasters, and Westfield third graders who were cheerleading champions.

The students and staff who created the [Cocoa Express at Westfield](#) were also highlighted.

The board also approved the hiring of Kristie Mate as the next principal at Park View. You can learn more about Mate here: <https://bit.ly/2VUUroP>

The Board will meet next at 7 p.m. Monday, February 11, at the District Office, 22W600 Butterfield Road, Glen Ellyn. All meetings are open to the public. Full agendas and minutes for all board meetings can be found at www.ccsd89.org/board

Upcoming events

February 1: Half day for students (Morning attendance for students; parent-teacher conferences in afternoon)

February 8: Preschool screening at Briar Glen

February 11: Board of Education meeting

February 18: No school (President's Day)

February 27: Second trimester report cards sent home

Thank you for all you do to support learning for life in CCSD 89!

Sincerely,



Dr. Emily K. Tammaru

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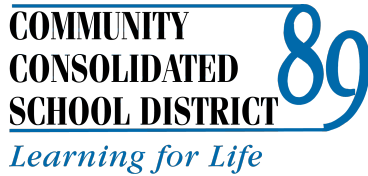
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