



Sept. 24, 2008 meeting

## Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

*Serving 3,700+ students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort*

### Board recognizes staff honored in “Those Who Excel” awards program

Several members of the Summit Hill District 161 school community are being honored as recipients of the 2008-09 Those Who Excel awards sponsored by the Illinois State Board of Education. The Those Who Excel Awards program annually recognizes and honors people who have made outstanding contributions to public elementary education. The awards will be formally presented at the Those Who Excel banquet on October 18 in Peoria. Summit Hill 161 recipients include the Summit Hill Band Boosters – Award of Recognition in the Team category. Additional recipients are pictured below.



Pictured with Supt. Keith Pain and Board President Sean William Doyle are (top left) Kathryn Klein – Award of Recognition, School Administrator category; (center) George Sliva – Award of Merit, Educational Service Personnel category; (above) Nancy Sobczak – Award of Recognition, Classroom Teacher category; and (left) Arbury Hills 2007-08 Problem Solving Team members Sue Stachler, Christine Burke, Jean Kienzle, and Amanda Costa – Award of Merit, Team category. Not pictured are Katie McGrath, Karen Adamczyk, and Laura Kinnan.



### Mary Drew School students share school behavior expectations with Board

At Wednesday night's Board meeting, Mary Drew School students shared with Board members their Positive Behavioral Intervention Strategies, school expectations and the expectation matrix that is in place in the Mary Drew School. (From left) Third graders Gina Kwarteng, Brooke Schuler, and Jenna Baumgartner share school behavior expectations on the playground, in the bathroom, and in the lunchroom.

**In personnel matters, the Board:**

- granted the request of Dawn Krueger, sixth grade teacher at the Walker Intermediate School, and Nicole Dunnill for family medical leave of absence;
- approved the employment of Suzanne MacLeod as a teacher, Kim Weber as a clerical aide, and Julie Groos as a paraprofessional for the 2008-2009 school year.

**In other business, the Board:**

- was informed by Supt. Pain of the state test results of the students in the District. The Superintendent indicated the scores again demonstrate the high academic achievement of Summit Hill students.
- authorized the Superintendent to use the services of Midwest Credit Consultants, Inc. of Tinley Park, Illinois to recover delinquent student fees for the 2008-2009 school year and to add an additional 20% on to the unpaid fee balances.
- appointed Board Vice President Dee Molinare to serve as the delegate to the Illinois Association of School Boards. Mrs. Molinare will attend the Illinois Association of School Boards Assembly at the November conference representing Summit Hill School District.
- was updated on the progress made in preparation for the Preschool for All class that will begin on September 29;
- listened to a presentation by Julie Egan, Director of Special Services, on special services available to the students this year;
- received information from Mrs. Molinare concerning the Sept. 23 meeting of the Lincoln-Way Special Education Board;
- was informed by Supt. Pain that there currently are 3,702 students enrolled in Summit Hill School District; and
- commented on its review of the Illinois Association of School Boards webinar.