

January 8, 2014 meeting

Summit Hill District 161 Board Briefs

Serving 3,348 students living in portions of Tinley Park, Mokena, and Frankfort

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Frankfort Square students share Daily 5 Reading and Writing with Board members

Frankfort Square School's 2nd grade team presented Daily 5-Reading and Writing at the January 8 meeting of the Board of Education. The teachers and students discussed the Daily 5 system and shared instructional activities that are used in all of the second grade classrooms at Frankfort Square School. Components of the Daily 5 are reading to self, listening to reading, reading to someone, working on writing, and work work. Daily 5 is a structure that helps students develop the daily habits of reading, writing, and working independently that will lead to a lifetime of literacy independence.

Board of Education adopts Summit Hill School District 2014-15 school calendar

At its January meeting, members of the Board adopted the District calendar for the 2014-15 school year. The year will begin with Teacher Institute days on August 21 and 22. Winter and spring breaks match the breaks at Lincoln Way North. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held the week of Thanksgiving. The calendar includes five emergency days.

Summit Hill School District 2014-15 School Calendar

August 21 & 22	Teachers Institute - No School
August 25	First Day of School Labor Day - No School
September 1	Labor Day - No School
October 10	1/2 Day School in AM; PM Teacher In-service - No School
October 13	Columbus Day - No School
November 11	Veterans Day-No School
November 24-25	Veterans Day-No SchoolParent/Teacher Conference Days - No School
November 26-28	Thanksgiving Holiday - No School
December 19	Last Day of School before Holiday Break
December 22-January 2	Holiday Vacation
January 5	Classes Resume after Holiday Break
January 16	Teacher Institute - No School
January 19	Martin Luther King's Birthday - No School
February 13	1/2 Day School in AM; PM Teacher In-service - No School
February 16	President's Day - No School
	Pulaski Day - No School
March 13	1/2 Day School in AM; PM Teacher In-service - No School
April 2	1/2 Day School in AM; PM Teacher In-service - No School
April 3-April 10	Spring Break
April 13	
May 25	Memorial Day - No School
May 29	Teacher Institute - No School
June 11	Last Day of School

Board hears discussion of District 843 program proposal for 2014-15 school year

Special education programs and services for next school year were shared with members of the Board. Among the items discussed were the expansion of programs and services provided at the District level, utilization of District 843 programs and services, building utilization, and the plan to communicate changes in programming and services.

2014-15 Kindergarten registration drive is set to begin February 4 and 5

The District's fall 2014 Kindergarten registration drive is set for February 4 and 5. To encourage early participation in the process, District Kindergarten teachers will host tours of the kindergarten wing following the completion of the registration process. Registration fees will be finalized at the January 22 meeting of the Board of Education.



In personnel matters, the Board

- approved the employment of Suzette Fitzpatrick as a paraprofessional to fill a FMLA;
- approved the employment of Tony Bara as a paraprofessional;
- approved the employment of Karen McKay as a clerk; and
- approved the resignation of Penny Nomikos, lunchroom supervisor.

In other matters, the Board

- approved the lease agreements with the Dr. Wolfe's Montessori beginning January 9, 2014 for space at Mary Drew School;
- heard the preview of the January 17 Teacher Institute;
- heard an update on bullying prevention programs being implemented at Walker and SHJH;
- heard a report on the Superintendent Advisory Technology meeting and SHEF meeting;
- reviewed Board Policy Section 8 Community Relations for possible changes;
- set the yearly cost for student milk at \$52.20 for the 2014-2015 school year; and
- approved the destruction of closed session audio recordings for the period of January 1, 2012 through June 30, 2012.

Next meeting of the Board of Education will be at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22, 2014.