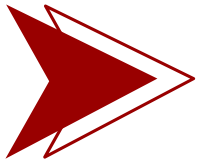


CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

MAY 1, 2024



2024-2025 School Registration is Now Open



**Act Now:
Early Bird Pricing
Ends May 31!**

Registration for current CCSD 46 students and siblings starting school next year is going on now. Parents/Guardians can complete an Online Registration application in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal by clicking More in the left menu, then Online Registration, and selecting 24-25 Existing Student Registration.

New students (e.g., Kindergarteners) can be added to the Existing Student Registration application. Pre-K students must complete the Early Childhood Screening and qualify for one of the early childhood programs PRIOR to completing the registration application. Only two more opportunities for Early Childhood Screenings are left - May 10, and June 4. For more information regarding the Early Childhood program, please contact Sue Hobson at (847) 543-6204.



After completing the Online Registration application, the 2024-2025 registration fees can be paid online by clicking on Fees in the left menu. Early bird pricing is in effect until May 31!

Please remember that for registration to be complete for the upcoming school year, in addition to the payment of registration fees, the Online Registration application must be submitted and approved. Schedules and transportation assignments will not be released in August until registration is complete.

UPCOMING EVENTS



- May 6-10 - Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8 - Late Start Day
- May 15 - Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm Frederick School
- May 24 - Half-Day/Early Release
- May 27 - Memorial Day - No student attendance
- May 31 - Last Day of School (if no emergency days are used)
- June 2 - Eighth Grade Graduation Ceremonies - Grayslake North High School
Grayslake Middle School 11:30 am, Park Campus 2:00 pm



GRAYSLAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL REOPENS AFTER EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS



On Friday, April 26, students and staff of Grayslake Middle School East said goodbye to the University Center of Lake County - their home away from GMS for the past three months. Students and staff gathered in the UCenter courtyard for a final photo opp at what had become a beloved learning environment. Thank you notes were posted throughout the University Center facility, boxes were packed for delivery back to GMS, and staff and students departed the building knowing that the next week would bring new adventures back in familiar, but renovated, surroundings.

Staff members began their day at GMS on Monday morning, April 29, amongst cheers of appreciation from district staff and parents lining the hallways. While students remained home on Monday, teachers and staff members were hard at work setting up their classrooms once again in anticipation of a third "First Day of School" for their students. Many thanks to the Frederick-GMS PTO for providing lunch for staff members! We were also delighted to welcome our friends from the University Center to join us for lunch and a tour of our facility and renovated areas, expressing our thanks for "sharing their home" for months, and welcoming them to our home.

Tuesday, we welcomed back all of our GMS students. With 'welcome back' messages painted on the front doors and windows as a backdrop, and the award-winning jazz band performing, students filed off of buses and cars to warm welcomes from staff. Cheerleaders, the panther mascot, and the new wavy arm mascot guy (a recent PTO purchase) all added to the celebratory nature of this 3rd first day of school for Grayslake Middle School.

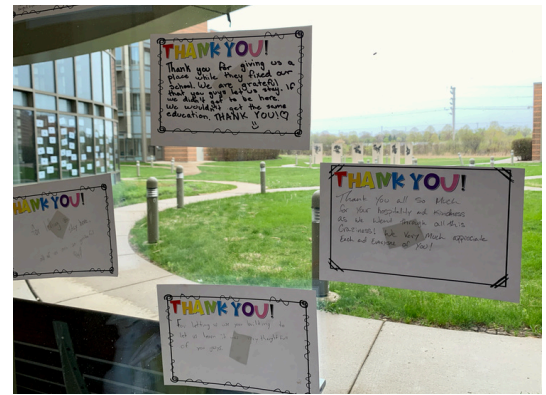
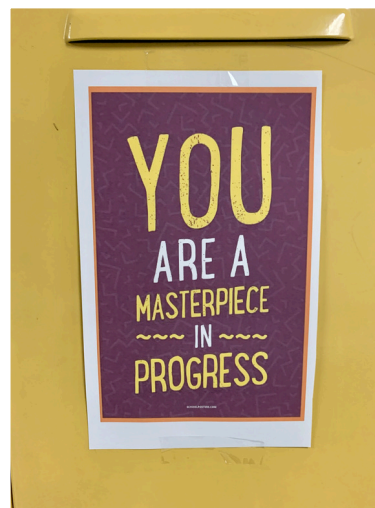
Inside, students met up with friends and headed to class to learn about their schedule for the day, passing by inspirational locker quotes that were put up Monday night by PTO members. Locker clean out also took place, as those lockers hadn't seen the light of day since January 11. Later in the day students gathered in the large gym with its newly installed and quite beautiful wood floor for a "color wars" all-school assembly.



We are so pleased to have all of our staff and students finally home, at Grayslake Middle School.



WELCOME HOME, PANTHERS!



WE'RE SO GLAD YOU ARE BACK!



CCSD 46 WELCOMES NEW STUDENTS

Dr. Stephanie Diaz, Director of ML

Like in many school districts, District 46 has received an influx of newcomers over the past two years. During the 23-24 school year, CCSD 46 welcomed 53 students from a variety of counties. Many of our students are arriving from Nicaragua, Venezuela, Cambodia, Russia, and Ukraine. There are over 100 newcomers in the district from 24 countries. The top five high-incidence languages besides English include Spanish, Tagalog, Polish, Russian, Hindi, Gujarati, Teguleu, and Tamil.

Newcomer, Migrant, Refugee, and Asylee are widely used terms to describe our newest students. A brief definition of each is provided below.

Newcomer: anyone who has been in the country for three years, does not have to qualify for ML(multi-lingual) services to be a newcomer (England, Canada, South Africa).

Migrant: anyone who changes his or her country of usual residence, irrespective of the reason for migration or legal status.

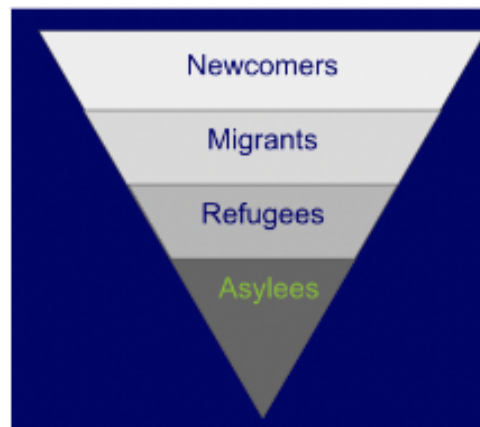
Refugee: person who has been persecuted or fear they will be persecuted on account of race, religion, nationality, and or membership in a particular social group or political opinion.

Asylee: person who meets the definition of refugee but is already in the United States or is seeking admission at a port of entry.

Anyone who fits the term above is considered a newcomer; however, migrants are not refugees or asylees.

Illinois administrative code, as well as board policy, oversees the well-being of the students by providing some provisions and regulations. As a district, we ensure that students have a positive transition into school. One way that the State allows for this type of transition is to provide support for an extended period. Newcomers receive support such as breakfast, lunch, school fees waived, and community support for their first three years in the States.

Welcoming newcomers and their families to the district has many facets. This article was provided to outline terminology and provide brief demographics of some students in our district. Please do not hesitate to contact me [diaz.stephanie@d46.org] if you have any questions, would like more information, or would like to be involved in the Newcomer Curriculum Council. The NCC is a committee that includes teachers, administrators, and an occasional board member. Our focus is to meet the needs of our newest students through resources, curriculum, and experiences.



REFUGEE NEEDS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP



The Deerfield Free Store (DFS) began as a grassroots volunteer organization in January 2022 at Holy Cross School in Deerfield. Their mission is to help recently arrived refugees in the community to set up their new homes by providing free household goods, furniture, and clothing. The Deerfield Free Store has proudly helped refugees from Afghanistan, Ukraine, Russia, Syria, and many other countries.

To complete their work, they rely on the generous support of donors who provide all of the items that are distributed at DFS. The Deerfield Free Store maintains a [Facebook page](#) with current list of what items are needed and details about the positive impact that they make in the community.

LOCAL COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Twice a year the CCSD 46 community comes together for a District-wide Food Drive to stock the shelves of the Avon Township Community Food Pantry. These non-perishable food and personal item donation drives provide items that benefit local families right here in the CCSD 46 community. The bi-annual food drive is sponsored by the CCSD 46 Community Engagement Committee. In addition to these food drives, individual schools host food drives throughout the year to benefit the Avon Township Community Food Pantry, and gift drives are also held during the winter months in our CCSD 46 schools.

More information on Avon Township services can be found on the Avon Township website: <https://www.avonil.us/>.

