

CCSD 46 DISTRICT NEWS

OCTOBER 9, 2024



Village Harvest Cultivating Community through Food, Fun, and Learning

Saturday, October 5, we welcomed our District families to participate in the Village Harvest event in Central Park in Grayslake. Families who are new to the District were invited to come out to the park between Grayslake Middle School and the Grayslake Library and learn about programs and services available in our community. We thank the Community Engagement Committee, the CCSD 46 Multilingual Department, and the Grayslake Area Public Library for creating a warm welcoming afternoon to share food, fun, and learning.



Special thanks to our pathway partners:

4-H Club, Circus Kazoo, El Pan de la Casa, Grayslake Area Public Library, Grayslake Arts Alliance, Grayslake Fire Department, Grayslake Historical Society, Grayslake Heritage Center and Museum, Lake County Folk Club, Lake County Forest Preserve, Lake County Sheriff's Department, Master Gardeners, PFLAG, Scouts, Shepherd of the Lakes Peace Circles, CCSD 46 Board of Education, CCSD 46 Equity and Inclusion Committee, CCSD 46 Multilingual Parent Committee, CCSD 46 Resource Conservation Committee, and the CCSD 46 Community Engagement Committee.



UPCOMING EVENTS



October 14-18 - National School Lunch Week

October 14 - Holiday - No School

October 16 - Board of Education Meeting, Frederick School 6:00 pm

October 21-25 - National School Bus Safety Week

October 23-31 - Red Ribbon Week

October 23 - District Newsletter



CLASS MEETING AND ADVISORY

At the K-4 level, homeroom teachers have a class meeting everyday in their classroom. During this time, they encourage their students to engage in a greeting, engage in a group activity and/or morning message. Class meetings set a tone of respect and positivity for the day. It engages students in learning in a climate of trust, builds relationships and community within the classroom. Having a class meeting provides a safe place for students to have conversations regarding emotions, coping skills, healthy habits, and more. It creates a sense of belonging for all students which, in turn, increases their academic skills.

Students at the 5-8 level engage in an advisory every day. Advisory and class meetings are a set time during the school day where students are focusing on the 5 key components of Social-Emotional Learning (SEL): self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. Teachers are creating positive classroom connections with students by doing daily check-ins, team building activities, positive daily quotes, breathing activities to help regulate, and circle time.

Class meetings and advisory are a time for all staff and students to feel included and valued. Goals during this time focus on developing empathy, building self-esteem, building connections, openly sharing their thinking, taking risks, and listening to one another.



In addition, both class meeting and advisory include No Place For Hate, which is a student-led program that provides pre-k - 12 schools with an organized framework for students, administrators,

teachers, and family members to develop long-term solutions for creating and maintaining an inclusive and equitable school climate. The No Place For Hate campaign helps schools to:

- Build inclusive and safe communities in which respect and equity are the goals and where all students can thrive
- Empower students, faculty, administration and family members to take action against bias and bullying by aligning with our already established school values
- Send a clear unified message that all students have a place where they belong

Attached is the No Place For Hate Pledge the district has developed and has been introduced to all students in D46. Throughout the year, school-wide activities (that are appropriate for each grade level) will take place as part of this campaign to create a sense of belonging and community in our schools.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING - ERIN'S LAW

Erin's Law, House Bill 6193, was signed by Governor Pat Quinn in Illinois on January 24, 2013. This law requires schools to implement an age-appropriate sexual assault and abuse awareness and prevention curriculum for grades pre-K through 12. Erin's Law has now been passed in over 37 states.

In response to the state mandate of educating students about Erin's Law, CCSD 46 will be hosting a curriculum from Childhood Victories, Inc. It's called Be Seen and Heard®, a prevention-oriented student sexual abuse program.

This curriculum has been designed to create an age-appropriate, safe, and engaging environment where students will learn about the difference between safe and unsafe touch, the difference between safe and unsafe secrets, and the importance of speaking up to trusted heroes and adults. (Each year, the students will learn new concepts and strategies for keeping their bodies safe.)

Join us for a 45-60 minute informational livestream presentation where you will get an overview of the curriculum and have the opportunity to get your questions answered.

Coming to CCSD 46



Be Seen and Heard® for Parents & Guardians

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 6:30pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88323455236>
www.ChildhoodVictories.com



IMPORTANT CALENDAR INFORMATION



Due to the construction planned at all school buildings during the summer of 2026, the District is beginning the planning process to adjust the school year calendars for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

In order to incorporate an **extra two-week period** into the summer of 2026 for the purpose of completing construction projects, the District plans to **start the 2025-2026 school year one week earlier than usual and start the 2026-2027 school year one week later than usual.**

We are working with our high school partners to ensure that our winter and spring breaks continue to align to make vacation planning easier for our district families. We will share specific start/end dates as soon as they have been determined.



PARENTSQUARE COMMUNICATIONS PLATFORM


CCSD 46 has adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. The rollout for our family communications began with a Test Emergency Communication which was sent to all of our staff and CCSD 46 families on Friday, September 27. Our families should have received this test message by email, text, and phone if those communication avenues were shared with the District.

School principals have also begun using ParentSquare to send their school newsletters and other parent communications. Teachers will begin using ParentSquare for classroom communications after November 11, 2024.



In addition to this helpful video [Parents—Getting Started Video](#) and the [Parent/Guardian Getting Started Guide](#), we have compiled some helpful links and Frequently Asked Questions on the D46 website.

Please visit <https://d46.org/departments/communications/parentsquare/> for instructions on updating notification preferences, changing language preferences, and more information. You will also find this information attached at the end of this newsletter.

Register Your Account



Then Download the App



Download on the App Store

GET IT ON Google Play





ParentSquare FAQs

What is ParentSquare?

ParentSquare is CCSD 46's communication platform that will allow us to communicate with our families from the district, schools, classrooms, and activity groups in a consistent manner. Families can choose how they receive communications from us - immediately throughout the day, or in a one-email digest format. Of course, Emergency communications will supersede these settings and be sent immediately to all families.

Do I have to create a ParentSquare account?

You do not need a ParentSquare account, but registering allows you to access old posts, control how and when you are notified, and choose your preferred language and other settings.

Do I have to use ParentSquare on my smartphone?

No, you can log in to your ParentSquare account at <https://www.parentsquare.com> from a computer.

How do I sign up for ParentSquare?

All CCSD 46 families should have received an invitation email or text encouraging them to join ParentSquare, including a link to activate their account. You can also use your email address or phone number to set up your account without an invitation.

How do I change my communication preferences in ParentSquare?

From a Web Browser:

- From the Home screen, click your name in the top right-hand corner and select My Account
- Select Notification Settings on the left
- Choose your preferred Notification Settings for General Announcements and Messages (Off, Instant, or Digest) and School Alerts (On or Off)

From the Mobile App:

- From the Home screen, tap the Menu (triple bars) on the top left
- Select Account
- Select Notifications
- Use the toggle to turn on or off notifications by email, text, and app
- Select Instant or Digest for each mode

How do I change my language preferences in ParentSquare?

You can customize your language settings by going to My Account and clicking Preferences and then Language. After choosing a language from the drop-down menu, you will start to receive content in that language.

From a Web Browser:

From the Home screen, click your name in the top right-hand corner and select My Account
Select Language Settings on the left
Click the drop-down menu and select the language you want to receive messages in
Click Save

From the Mobile App:

From the Home screen, tap the Menu (triple bars) on the top left
Select Account
Select Preferences
Select Language
Scroll through the list and tap the language you want to receive messages in

How do I change my ParentSquare password?

Navigate to <https://www.parentsquare.com/> and click on Forgot Password on the login screen. Enter your email address or phone number and you will be sent a link to reset your password.

My email is correct, but I am not receiving emails?

Please check the spam folder in your email to see if your ParentSquare messages are there and mark them as Not Spam if they are. You may also add donotreply@parentsquare.com to your email contacts so your server recognizes the messages. If you are still not receiving emails, please contact your child's school.

I'm getting too many notifications from ParentSquare. How can I receive fewer notifications?

Once you have activated your account in ParentSquare you can choose your notification settings. If you select Digest you will only receive one summary email in the evening. Learn more about notification settings here: [Set Notification Preferences](#).

Will teachers be using ParentSquare this year?

ParentSquare is the main source of messaging for district and building-level communications. This fall, ParentSquare will also be rolled out to our teachers.

NO PLACE FOR HATE PLEDGE



I PROMISE TO...

...do my best to treat everyone with respect.

...do my best to be kind to everyone, even if they are not like me.

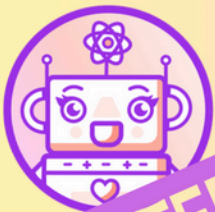
...help others to feel safe and happy.

...tell an adult if I see someone being hurt or bullied.

...be someone who tries to make a difference.

...be a part of making my school a No Place for Hate.





REGISTER NOW!

Lake County

STEM FOR GIRLS



November 2, 2024

(8:00am - 12:30pm)



Grayslake Central High School

400 N Lake Street
Grayslake, Illinois



<http://www.lcstemforgirls.com/>



For more info, to volunteer or donate:
lcstemforgirls@gmail.com

Middle school girls in Lake County are invited to an interactive exploration of Science, Technology, Engineering + Math. Be inspired by incredible local women STEM professionals!

Hurry! Registration closes October 25th!

REGISTER

