



The Rocket Report Fall 2009

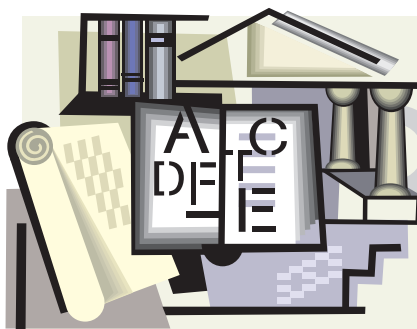
Central Community Unit School District 301

Quality, equity and care for all students.

301 Achievement

District #301 has many achievements to celebrate this year. ISAT data continues to be strong in both reading and math. Students in grades 3-8 and 11 exceeded the 70% state criterion for students meeting/exceeding in the area of reading. Grades 3-8 hovered in the 90th percentile in the area of mathematics. Science is currently not used to determine AYP; however, we continue to see excellent scores in both the 4th and 7th grades.

All state-wide districts face challenges. D301 has challenges to face as well. D301 did not make AYP district-wide with our Limited English Proficient (LEP) students. We will continue to strive for instructional strategies that will assist this specific group of students to make educational gains. District-wide we continue to make gains in meeting the needs of our students with disabilities. However, as the bar continues to rise at the state level, this group of students will continue to be a challenge for buildings who meet the qualifications of a subgroup (45 students). PKMS did not make AYP in this area and will continue to develop school improvement goals that target ways to utilize data and research strategies to enhance instruction for these students. D301 did not make AYP in the area of mathematics at the high school level. We will continue to dialogue, problem-solve, and look at data for ways to assist students in meeting the state's mathematics goal throughout the 2009-2010 school year.



Overall, parents, students, and all staff members in D301 should be very proud of what is being accomplished. Parental involvement, high student motivation, and effective teaching practices allow our school district to achieve the high marks that we do!

District-wide scores are presented in the table below of students who meet/exceed state levels:

<u>Gr.</u>	<u>Rdg</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Sci</u>
3	87%	92%	—
4	86%	95%	89%
5	86%	93%	—
6	89%	93%	—
7	90%	95%	93%
8	97%	93%	—
11	74%	61%	66%

Parent Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for Monday, November 23rd and Tuesday, November 24th. While there is no student attendance on these two days, teachers will be very busy engaging parents in conversations related to their children's academic achievement and personal development. A parent-teacher conference can be a positive and powerful tool that hopefully helps everyone involved better meet the unique needs of each student. This initial conference opportunity will allow district staff to set a positive tone and open communication lines, making your job that much easier as the year unfolds. Your child's school will be sending out information on scheduling these conferences. By having the conference two weeks later this year, we hope to not only be able to review 1st quarter progress, but also provide academic progress for the 2nd quarter. We always welcome parents to contact their child's school to discuss academic progress with staff and administrators.

District 301 Emergency Preparedness

District 301 has a standing Emergency Preparedness Committee that meets every other month to coordinate efforts to offer a safe environment for students, staff, and visitors. The committee includes representatives from every district school, buildings and grounds, transportation, student services, and local emergency responders including the Elburn Countryside, Burlington, Pingree Grove and Elgin Fire Departments. The Kane County Sheriff's Department and the Elgin Police Department participate as well. The work of this committee has resulted in a district-wide unified plan of response based on common planning, drills, and shared responsibility. The committee focuses on preventing crisis, preparing for crisis, and recovering from crisis. Students and staff participate in fire and law enforcement drills as well as bus evacuation drills, and severe weather drills. Numerous district staff members have training in first aid, AED/CPR, and crisis aftermath intervention.

H1N1 Vaccinations on November 2nd

The Kane County Health Department, Kane County Sheriff, Burlington Fire Department and Superintendent Stirn met on Tuesday, October 6th to coordinate the use of Central High School as an H1N1 Vaccination Clinic Site on Monday, November 2nd. The clinic will be held in the Central High School gymnasium and Commons area from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kane County residents who fall into one or more of the following priority groups will be eligible to receive H1N1 shots at the clinic. The five target groups for the H1N1 vaccine are:

- Pregnant women
- Persons who live with or provide care for infants <6 months (e.g., parents, siblings, and daycare providers)
- Health care and emergency medical services personnel
- Persons ages 6 months to 24 years
- Persons aged 25-64 years who have medical conditions that put them at a higher risk for influenza-related complications

The Health Department will make the vaccine available free of charge at the community clinics.

Once demand for the vaccine for these target groups has been met, the Health Department and local providers will begin vaccinating everyone from ages 25 through 64 years. Current studies indicate the risk for infection among persons age 65 or older is less than the risk of younger age groups. As vaccine supply and demand among younger age groups is being met, programs and providers should offer vaccination to people over age 65.

Please feel free to contact the Kane County Health Department at 630-208-3810 with any questions or concerns.

Code Reds

Code Red is an emergency notification service provided through Kane County government in conjunction with its municipalities and school districts. From Amber Alerts to evacuation orders, the faster you are alerted of a situation the more able you are to respond. The system will be used to notify county users of evacuation notices, severe weather warnings, boil notices, flood notices, and bio-hazard/bio-terrorism threats. Named Code Red, the system is capable of placing up to 60,000 phone calls per hour to inform County residents of what is taking place and provide important instruction on what to do next. The county data-base includes every listed landline number in the County, but not cellular phone numbers, unlisted lines or Voice over Internet Protocol listings. Kane County residents are being asked to take a minute to submit alternative numbers where you can be reached in case of an emergency. Sign-up is secure and easily accomplished by visiting www.countyofkane.org.



New Administrative Faces in D301

District 301 welcomed new administrators this year and has had many existing administrative staff members move to new positions and roles for the 2009 -2010 school year. New administrators to the district include Ryan Olson, Director of Student Services; Daniel Schuth, Principal of Prairie View Elementary; and John Puklin, Dean of Students, Central High School. Mr. Olson was a school psychologist in Crystal Lake before coming to Central 301. Mr. Schuth has teaching and administrative experience in West Aurora and Elmwood Park, and Mr. Puklin previously taught at both the high school and middle school level. Transfers within district include Dr. Todd Stirn, Superintendent; Greg Rabenhorst, Assistant Superintendent; Esther Martin, Director of Curriculum and Instruction; and Theresa Kolkebeck, Principal of Prairie Knolls Middle School.

SCHOOLS:

Country Trails Elementary

3701 Highland Woods Blvd
Elgin, IL 60134
847-717-8000
Principal: Mrs. Carie Walter

Howard B. Thomas Grade School (HBT)

44W575 Plato Road, P.O. Box 395
Burlington, Illinois 60109
(847)464-6008
Principal: Mrs. Jan Harnish

Lily Lake Grade School (LL)

5N720 Route 47
Maple Park, Illinois 60151
(847)464-6011
Principal: Mr. Trent Lange

Prairie View Grade School (PV)

10N630 Nesler Rd.
Elgin, Illinois 60123
(847)464-6014
Principal: Mr. Daniel Schuth

Central Middle School (CMS)

44W303 Plato Road, P.O. Box 397
Burlington, Illinois 60109
(847)464-6000
Principal: Mr. Lloyd Stover

Prairie Knolls Middle School (PK)

11N225 Nesler Rd.
Elgin, IL 60124
(847)-717-8100
Principal: Mrs. Theresa Kolkebeck

Central High School (CHS)

44W625 Plato Road, P.O. Box 68
Burlington, Illinois 60109
(847)464-6030
Principal: Mr. Dave Oleson

District Office/Burlington Grade School

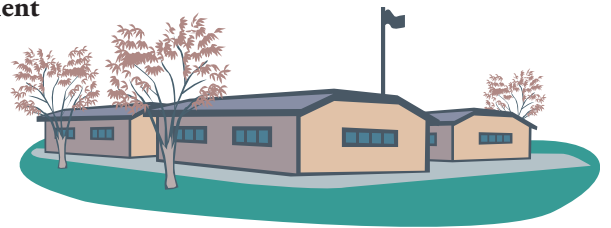
275 South St., P.O. Box 396
Burlington, IL 60109
(847)-464-6005
Superintendent: Dr. Todd Stirn

Transportation Department

44W303 Plato Road, P.O. Box 397
Burlington, Illinois 60109
847-464-6052
Director: Mr. Rusty Lemcke

Buildings & Grounds Department

41W625 Russell Road
Elgin, Illinois 60124
847-464-6050
Director: Mr. Mike Halfpenny



State of District 301 Information Night

Please plan to attend a District 301 information night on Tuesday, October 27th. The event will be held in the Central High School LMC from 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. District administration will be presenting information related to curriculum initiatives, district test score trends, student safety and building security, student discipline, future construction plans and fiscal responsibility. Administration will be highlighting areas of strength, addressing areas of concern and sharing the ongoing improvement efforts that are underway. This event will be followed by future building based public forums where community members can have an opportunity to ask questions and receive answers from both administration and Board members. We look forward to welcoming you to this event. We ask that you contact Pam Israelson at 847-464-6605 to RSVP by October 26th if you plan to attend this district information night.





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Education Foundation Reminders

If you attended 301 Central Education Foundation's fundraising event *Trivia Schmivia* last fall, you already know how much fun awaits this year's participants. Joining in the November 14th event is as easy as clicking a mouse; just go to the Foundation's website at www.301foundation.org or use the link on the District's webpage under "district office" and follow the sign-up instructions. Join with area businesses, community groups, school organizations, and many others (including some school teams) in a fun-filled evening of unique competition with food included. Find out why so many of last year's contestants eagerly await this second annual event.



301 Central Education Foundation

Burlington-Plato-Central Alumni Association

The Burlington-Plato-Central Alumni Association Banquet was held on August 1st at the Burlington Fire Department. Fifty-five alumni and guests attended the banquet. The scholarship recipients were also recognized:

- Lorenza Branecki, attending Eastern Illinois University
- Amy Nicole Rivers, attending Northern Illinois University

Special thanks to the raffle prize donors: Old Second Bank, Buck Brothers John Deere, Red Ox Restaurant, Grand Victoria Casino, Elgin Parks and Recreation Department, Marengo Ridge Golf Club, Gail Stover and Klein's Country Market

The 2010 Alumni Banquet is scheduled for Saturday, July 31st. For additional information contact Denise Ramm at 630-365-5559.