



# PUFFER BLUE NEWS

March 24, 2017



Mar. 27 – 31 – NO SCHOOL – Spring Break  
 Apr. 3 – Classes Resume  
 Apr. 4 – Grades 4 – 6 Book Club - @ Lunch – LRC  
 Apr. 6 – 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade AV Club – 2:55 – 5:00 pm – Room 217  
 Apr. 7 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to Holocaust Museum – Student Bring Sack Lunch  
 Apr. 10 - PTA Presents: DuPage Children’s Museum Science Labs 3rd Grade – AM – Classrooms  
 Apr. 10 – Preschool Screening – AM – Preschool Classrooms  
 Apr. 11 – Kindergarten Round-Up/Orientation – 9:00 am – Room 201 & Small Gym  
 Apr. 11 – District 58 Board of Education Meeting – 7:00 pm @ Longfellow  
 Apr. 12 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip to Emerald City Theatre & Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum – Students Bring Sack Lunch  
 Apr. 12 - Kindergarten Round-Up/Orientation – 9:00 am – Room 201 & Small Gym  
 Apr. 12 – DG Fire Dept. 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade “Learn Not to Burn” PM – Classroom  
 Apr. 13 – Report Cards Sent Home  
 Apr. 14 – NO SCHOOL  
 Apr. 17 – Spring Elementary Band Concert – 7:00 pm @ **Herrick**  
 Apr. 18 – PTA Talent Show Dress Rehearsal – 2:55 pm – Both Gyms  
 Apr. 18 – PTA Meeting – 6:30 pm – LRC  
 Apr. 18 – 5<sup>th</sup> / 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra Concert – 7:00 pm @ **Herrick**  
 Apr. 19 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Cow Eye Dissection – 1:00 pm – Small Gym  
 Apr. 19 – Preschool Family Fun Night – 6:00 – 7:00 pm – Small Gym  
 Apr. 20 - 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Grade AV Club – 2:55 – 5:00 pm – Room 217  
 Apr. 22 – PTA Talent Show – Doors Open – 6:00 pm / Show – 6:30 pm @ **DG NORTH High School**



**Don't Forget to Check**  
 the District 58 website,  
[dg58.org](http://dg58.org)  
 for all the activities  
 happening in Downers Grove  
 for kids and families.  
 Click on the “Community” tab  
 at the top and scroll down  
 to “E-Flyers”.

Incoming!



## 2017-18 School Registration



Registration packets for next year will come home with students with their 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter report cards on Apr. 13. District 58 will be offering an online registration form again this year. Directions for submitting registration online and your family code will be included in the registration packet. Parents may choose to register online or by paper copy for 2017-18. Either way, there are additional registration papers that need to be completed. ALL registration **FORMS** are DUE on or before Friday, May 12. School **FEES** may be submitted with registration forms or turned in at a later date and may be paid by cash, check or online. All school fees are due by August 5. Herrick Middle School will be mailing information to our 6<sup>th</sup> graders.

## Puffer Alumni SUCCEED!



Congratulations to Puffer alumni, Ryan M who as a junior became only the third diver in the Downers North Diving Team program history to earn a state medal when he finished 8<sup>th</sup>. As a senior, he finished 11<sup>th</sup> in the state to become the first Trojan to win two diving medals at state. Awesome effort, Ryan, we are proud of you!

## District 58 Reading Games

More than 600 eager readers flocked the halls of O'Neill Middle School on Saturday, March 11 to participate in The Reading Games. Puffer had 6 teams and 45 participants! Great work to:  
 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders – Lily E, Caitlin S, Georgia M, Jocelyn G, Ethan W, Nathaniel W, Colton W, and Luke V  
 4<sup>th</sup> Graders - Kassie B, Taylor C, Emma K, Griffin H, Seann P, Isaac B, Varun G, Russell O, Ryan N, Nate W, Bobby G, Nolan H, Zander Y, Conor S, and Lucy K  
 5<sup>th</sup> Graders – Jack C, Ryan E, Veronica L, Luke N, Jack V, Kate W, Madeleine H, Kerry K, Jake R, Matt S, Griffin S and Izabella W  
 6<sup>th</sup> Graders – Molly S, Aubrey W, Allie G, Deanna R, Max P, Dylan H, Brodie B, Henry W, and Eric S.

A BIG THANKS to all the parent volunteers who worked so hard to get our readers ready!



## Notes From The Nurse

It is NOT too early to start making those doctor and /or dentist appointments for the 2017-18 health registration requirements for entering:

Preschool – a physical  
 Kindergarten - a physical, dental & vision exams  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – a dental exam  
 6<sup>th</sup> Grade – a physical & dental exam

Forms will be sent home in the registration packets and are also available online ([dg58.org](http://dg58.org)) or in the school office. All health exams are due on or before the first day of school in August.

## Puffer Family News



We would like to WELCOME 2 new student teachers: Ms. Bria Walker in Preschool with Mrs. Del Monico Buege and Ms. Maureen Sweeney in Preschool Speech with Mrs. McSherry and WELCOME BACK to our Head Custodian, Mrs. Nancy Zambrano and to Mrs. Leah Lewis, who is now subbing for Mrs. Lebbing in 4<sup>th</sup> Grade. CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Kelly Lebbing and her husband on the birth of their new son, Benjamin Thomas (7 lbs. 3 oz.), on Mar. 14. GREAT JOB to 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher, Mrs. Katie Hurckes on her **published** article The Traveling Caterpillar in the March 2017 Teaching Children Mathematics magazine. And a fond FAREWELL to Kindergarten student teacher, Ms. Emilie Camp, who is now at Pierce Downer getting 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teaching experience. Lastly, we are all SADDENED by the loss of our Night Custodian, Mr. Wayne Pombert, who was a kind man and a big part of our Puffer community. He is greatly missed.

## Illinois Young Authors

Congratulations to all of our talented writers who submitted entries for this year's contest. The winning entries are:  
 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Disaster and the Piggy Files by Russell O and Zander Y, both in 4W, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Alone in the War by Molly S.  
 Congratulations and great work to ALL our talented writers!

## THANK YOU PTA...

for the AMAZING and fun DuPage Childrens Museum's Science Labs. Each grade level had their own science activity and every student really enjoyed the hands-on explorations! Thank you for providing this unique opportunity.

