

District 68 Welcomes New Board of Education Members

On April 26, 2005, five new members will join continuing Board members David Beller and David Ehrlich on the District 68 Board of Education. The new members were elected in the April 5, 2005 Consolidated Elected.

Four of the new Board of Education members will serve a four-year term. They replace Laurie Goeppinger, Richard Perlin, Mike Reid, and Eileen Valfer, all of whom have served together for the past eight years.

The fifth new Board member will serve the remaining two years of the unexpired term created when Board member Amy Wasserman resigned last September.

Four Year Terms (2005-2009)



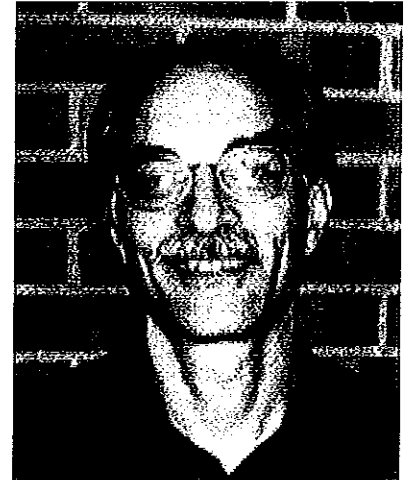
John Frendreis

Mr. Frendreis has lived in District 68 for 5 years. He is a Professor of Political Science and University Provost at Loyola University in Chicago. Mr. Frendreis and his wife have a son in his senior year at Loyola Academy, and a son in 5th grade at Devonshire School.



Jim Kaczowski

Mr. Kaczowski has lived in District 68 for 15 years. He is the Director of Marketing and Communications at Northwestern University. Mr. Kaczowski and his wife have a son in 8th grade at Old Orchard Junior High School.



Hank Schneider

Mr. Schneider has lived in District 68 for 12 years. He is a clinical social worker and works as the Clinical Coordinator in the Outpatient Psychiatry Department at Evanston Hospital. Mr. Schneider and his wife have a daughter in 8th grade at Old Orchard Junior High School and a son in 4th grade at Highland School.



Elaine Steiner

New Board Members

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Mrs. Steiner has lived in District 68 for 17 years. She recently retired from the Chicago Public Schools, where she served as a teacher, librarian, and assistant principal. Mrs. Steiner and her husband have a daughter who recently graduated from Bradley University, and who previously attended Devonshire School, Old Orchard Junior High School, and Niles North High School.

Two-Year Term (2005-2007)



Ross Del Rosario

Mr. Del Rosario has lived in District 68 for 14 years. He is a chemical engineer and works as the Project Manager for USEPA-Region 5 in Chicago. Mr. Del Rosario and his wife have a daughter in her junior year at Niles North High School, and a son in 7th grade at Old Orchard Junior High School.

Community Tour of Schools

Thursday, May 12

9:00 a.m. – Old Orchard Jr. High School

You and your neighbors are invited to the annual Community Tour of Schools, hosted by Skokie School District 68. This popular event gives participants the opportunity to meet with district administrators and see the schools in action.

The tour will begin at 9:00a.m. in the lobby of Old Orchard Jr. High School located at 9310 Kenton Avenue. Ms. Margaret Clauson, Principal, will lead a tour of the school. Immediately following the junior high tour, Mrs. Connie Powell, Director of Student Support Services, will lead a tour of the Early Childhood Center, which is housed inside the junior high building.

Participants may then choose to tour Devonshire School, Highland School, or Jane Stenson School. Bus transportation will be provided to each elementary school and back to the junior high at the conclusion of the tour.

To reserve your place on the May 12, 2005 Community Tour of Schools, please call Mrs. Sue Neyrinck at 847-676-9000 as soon as possible.



Old Orchard Junior High School Undergoes Final Renovation Phase

The final phase of the Old Orchard Junior High School renovation project will begin this June. Improvements in lighting, flooring, ventilation, and cabinetry will be made in the fine arts wing. The art room will be improved, a new orchestra room created, and the reconfiguration of space to provide two additional classrooms. Locker rooms will be updated and redesigned to provide facilities for both boys and girls adjacent to each gym. Safety improvements and handicap accessibility to all areas in the building are also included in this project.

Margaret Clauson, Principal, states, "It is very exciting to finalize the renovations of OOHJH that began a few years ago. We are looking forward to the creation of a modern fine arts area that supports our visual arts and music programming. With the completion of this project, District 68 middle school students will benefit from a fully upgraded facility that is conducive to learning."

Highland School Students Entertain at Alden Estates

Each year, choral and recorder consort students at Highland School perform for the residents at Alden Estates of Evanston. The children sing and play recorders to the delight and appreciation of the residents. In return, the students are treated to cookies and juice, and the opportunity to speak about their music. Erica Beall, Highland School music teacher, states, "The students love to spend time with the residents. We try to spend forty-five minutes to an hour with them. It's always hard to leave, because it seems that the children make new friends each time we visit. It's such a valuable experience!"

Hedy Campeas-Cohen, Community Liason for Alden Estates, indicates, "It has been a great pleasure to work with Erica Beall and her students. Our residents get a big kick out of it, and often talk about it. Marsha Lidskin, another Alden Estates Community Representative, first contacted Ms. Beall about the possibility of these visits several years ago. Ms. Beall believes that without Ms. Lidskin's encouragement, Highland School students would not have been able to share their music with the residents. Ms. Lidskin takes pictures of these special visits and has informed us that the residents have made picture frames for them to highlight this annual event.

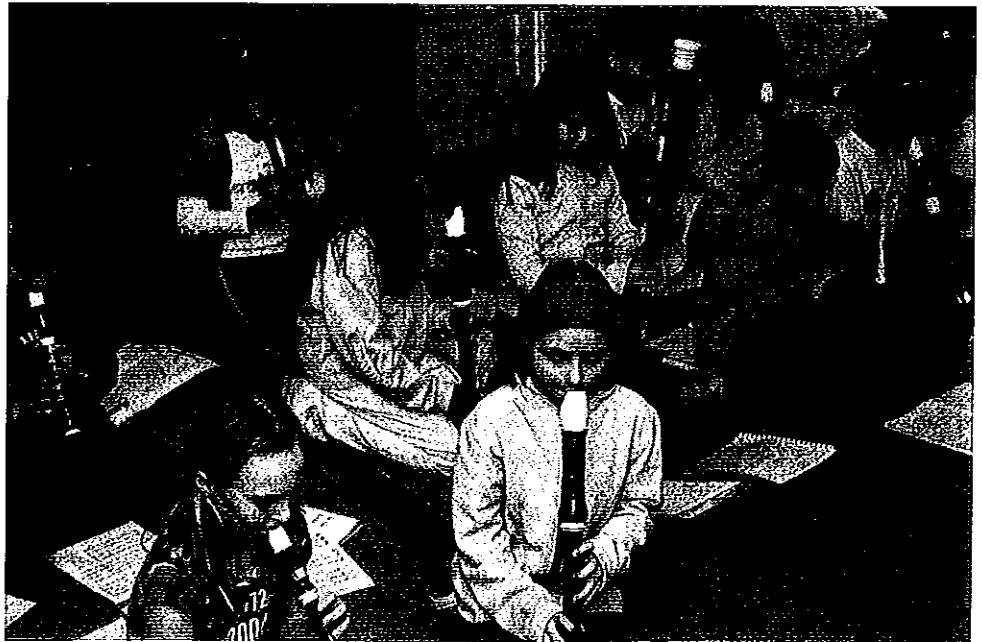
By sharing their talents, Highland School students give back to our community!

District 68 Honors Retiring Board of Education Members

Laurie Goeppinger, Richard Perlin, Mike Reid, and Eileen Valfer will retire from the Board of Education at the conclusion of the April 26 meeting. Together they have accomplished much for the children of District 68. Major accomplishments include the following:

- Renovated all four schools, including updated heating and cooling systems, security systems, new windows, flooring, redesigned Library Media Centers and cafeterias, junior high science labs and fine/applied arts classrooms
- Developed a long-range strategic plan for the district with widespread community input
- Decreased K-5 class size maximum guidelines
- Provided support for curriculum revisions in K-8 science, writing, mathematics, reading, and social studies, including active participation on learning teams in these content areas
- Developed the first collective bargaining agreement with the teachers
- Completely updated the Board of Education policy manual
- Hired the majority of the current administrative team
- Maintained the financial stability of the district
- Kept the safety, welfare, and excellent education of children the District's top priority

We thank them for their dedication, service, and ongoing commitment to our community!



Highland students playing for the Alden Estates residents.

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Board of Education Meetings are held in the Educational Service Center at 9440 Kenton at 7:30 p.m. You are encouraged to attend. The next regular meeting will be April 26, 2005.

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District 68's Early Childhood Center currently enrolling children for 2005-06

Classes are offered for children turning 3 or 4 years old by September 1. An experienced staff provides developmentally appropriate experiences through play and instruction in fine arts, science, and academic pre-readiness skills. A nurturing environment enhances social and emotional development.

The center also provides childcare services for District 68 students in kindergarten through fifth grade. Before-and-after school bus service is available from the three elementary schools. The after-school program is designed to be fun and stimulating. Outdoor recreation, nutritious snacks, craft projects, and games are provided. A supervised homework room is also available for the older students.

Please call the center at 847-677-4560 for information or to arrange a visit.

Summer School Registration Continues

There is still time to enroll students in the District 68 Summer School program. Enrichment classes, Basic Skills classes, and ESL classes are available from June 13 to July 8, 2005. Classes fill in late April and early May so register now for the best selection.

Please call the Summer School Office at 847-676-2266 to request a brochure and registration form.

