

Canton District News

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Little Giants

Intelligence plus character - that is the goal of true education.

Martin Luther King,

*Dedicated to youth.
Committed to excellence.*

FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT....



CANTON SCHOOLS TO PROVIDE STAFF WITH THE SAFE SCHOOL TRAINING.

The recent tragedy in Parkland Florida has caused many districts throughout the country to evaluate their security policies and procedures to ensure that all students are provided with a safe and healthy school environment. Here in Canton we are no different from the rest of the country. As a result, the district has been working closely with the Canton Police Department to evaluate our buildings to identify gaps and weaknesses that would compromise the safety of our students. During the process all buildings were evaluated by Canton Safety Director Richard Fairburn and Canton Police Officers Mike Walker and Joey Boggs. During the evaluation the police department made recommendations for improvement in our buildings and for training staff. The district will continue to work with the police department, and the school district architect, to remedy any deficiencies within our buildings. One of the recommendations from the Canton Police Department was to provide safety training for all staff.

The Canton Police Department has recommended that all Canton staff receive instruction in the ALICE Safety method. ALICE is an acronym that stands for ALERT, LOCKDOWN, INFORM, COUNTER, EVACUATE. ALICE is a nationally recognized program that has provided training to over 4,000 K-12 school districts in all 50 states. The program is a blended curriculum that begins with an on-line training module and is completed with face to face training by police officers. At the end of the day our goal is to collaborate with our local law enforcement agency to improve our security procedures and create a more secure environment. ALICE promises to help us reach our goal. For more information on ALICE please visit their website. <https://www.alicetraining.com/>

Rolf Sivertsen
SUPERINTENDENT CANTON SCHOOLS

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Canton High School

On February 12th, incoming freshmen and their parents had their first opportunity to be introduced to CHS! The night was a great way to meet Freshmen Academy teachers, learn about high school life, and answer any questions regarding course selection and registration. Thank you to all parents who were able to attend!

CHS Blood Drive was on March 6th. Canton High School Student Council (led by CHS teachers Ashley Krulac and Jodi Eberle) hosted their annual blood drive. Mississippi Valley Regional Blood Center collects student blood donations and helps student council coordinate the event. The drive took place from 9 AM – 1PM in the North Gym, where CHS students came to donate. A big thanks goes to CHS student council, especially student council president, Alana Foose, for the hard work dedicated to helping assist and organize the blood drive yesterday. We had 48 people register to donate and collected 41 units of blood! We also had 24 first time donors! This event provides a great on-site opportunity for students to “give back.” Blood donations directly benefit our community’s Graham Hospital. In addition to the event being one that is great for our students, we are now also able to apply for a grant worth nearly \$300 to use as a scholarship for graduating seniors, reimbursement for items that are purchased for the drive, as a donation to a non-profit, or for purchasing educational supplies.

Congratulations to CHS staff member Mike Sorrill for being awarded 2018 Educator of the Year by the Canton Chamber of Commerce!

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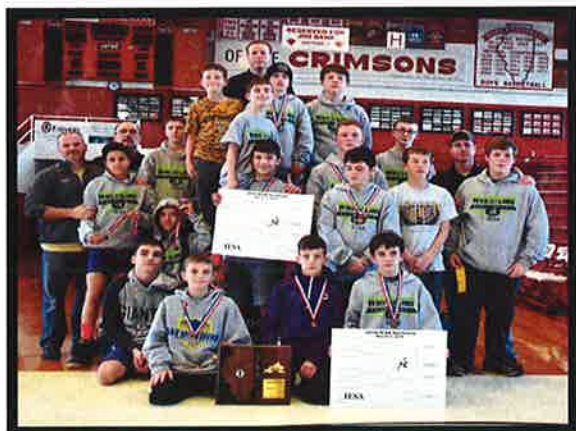


Incoming Freshmen and their parents getting to meet the Freshmen Academy teachers.

Ingersoll Middle School



*The Winners of the 2018 CUSD #66 Spelling Bee are:
1st Place: 7th grade student Ryan Blanco
2nd Place: 8th grade student Lauren Brown
3rd Place: 7th grade student Lucy Leverette*



Congratulations to our IMS wrestlers. They did well at sectionals.

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Eastview Elementary School

Our third and fourth grade students have begun taking the PARCC state assessment. The students and teachers are doing a great job.

Eastview has had several activities over the past quarter. Students have been able to participate in several spirit days, Valentine's Day parties, and Jump Rope for Heart.

Jump Rope for Heart was a success. The students collected over \$6000 for this worthy cause. This is the most Eastview has ever raised for JRFH. Mr. Whittington treated all of the students to a reward for their participation. The students who were able to raise over \$50 will also be able to throw pies at their chosen teacher at our end of the month assembly. Thank you to everyone who donated to this worthy cause.

On Friday March 2nd the fourth grade classes from Eastview traveled to CHS for Dr. Seuss Read Across America STREAM Day. The students were able to complete STREAM activities. These activities included reading a Dr. Seuss book and working on reading comprehension using technology. Subjects as well as science, technology, engineering, art, and math were also used as part of their educational learning experience as high school students created lessons to teach students critical thinking skills

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Fourth grade students and sophomore English students read Dr. Seuss for Read Across America.



Lincoln Elementary School

Student Spotlight

- We held our monthly character assembly on March 2nd. The third grade students created a video on "Forgiveness" and it was shared with the entire student body and staff. Our Lincoln STAR nominees for the month were: Charlie DeRenzy, Zeyna Branstetter, Eli Carrol, Addyson Krohn, Kellyn Eitenmiller, Stella VanHouten, Lillyonna Tranbarger, Katie Dailey, and Ashlynn Howarter.
- The following students were the top AR readers for the month: Nicholas Wheeler, Claire Fournier, Kate Fitzjerrald, Slade Gasperovich, Lillyonna Tranbarger, Anabel Tarvin, Jessica Eveland, and Cindy Ni.
- The Buzzy Bee winner for February was Jessica Eveland

Professional Development

- Mr. VanHouten, Ms. Cain, Mrs. Knobloch, and Mrs. Anderson all attended conferences on Math Workshop. They shared their enthusiasm for this method of teaching with the rest of the staff during our monthly faculty meeting. Mrs. Wages, Mrs. Harris, and Mrs. Buchman have recently attended a conference on Reading Workshop and they will be presenting their information next month.
- We have three staff members who will be attending a conference in Champaign Illinois on Response to Intervention (Practical Strategies for Intervening with Students Before They Fall Too Far Behind in Reading) very soon.

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Westview Elementary School

On January 30, students celebrated the 100th day of school. Students participated in a variety of special activities in their classrooms. Kindergarten students counted to one hundred using items from home, such as pennies, buttons, macaroni, and other items. On February 22 Westview hosted Family Reading Night. This year's theme was Fairytale's, Fantasies, and Folktales. Students also enjoyed Jump Rope for Heart. Braxton Rock committed to collecting \$1,000.00 himself and met his goal. Mrs. Bundy our physical education teacher was blown away at his commitment to the cause. All proceeds will go to the American Heart Association.

As we March into the last few months of the year, I want to thank Westview parents for getting more involved with their child's/ children's education in attending the most recent Family reading night and STEM night. Before you know it Westview Day will be approaching quickly after spring break. We also invite you to attend our FOW – Friends of Westview meeting to help in planning for our Ice Cream Social. We need all the volunteers to help make this year's Ice Cream Social

a continued success. Our next FOW meeting is March 13th in our Library at 3:15 p.m. Hope to see you there!

On March 1st fourth grade students will be participating in Dr. Seuss Read Across America STREAM day. Students will have the complete STREAM experience. This day will include reading a Dr. Seuss book and working on reading comprehension strategies using technology. Subjects as well as science, technology, engineering, art, and math will also be used as part of their educational learning experience as high school students create lessons to teach students critical thinking skills and problem solving.



Students in Mrs. Ellinger's 1st Grade celebrate 100 days of school.



Braxton Rock with Mrs. Bundy donating over \$1,000 to the American Heart Association.

Kindergarten Registration For School Year 2018-19

If your child will turn 5 years old on or before September 1, 2018, you may register your child for kindergarten.

Please go to your elementary school on one of the following dates and times:

April 24, 2018 4:30 - 7:30 P.M.
April 25, 2018 8:30-11:30 A.M.
April 26, 2018 12:30-3:30 P.M.

If these days or times are not convenient, please call the school for an appointment.

Eastview Elementary School
1490 East Myrtle 647-0136

Lincoln Elementary School
20 Lincoln Road 647-7594

Westview Elementary School
700 West Old Vine 647-2111

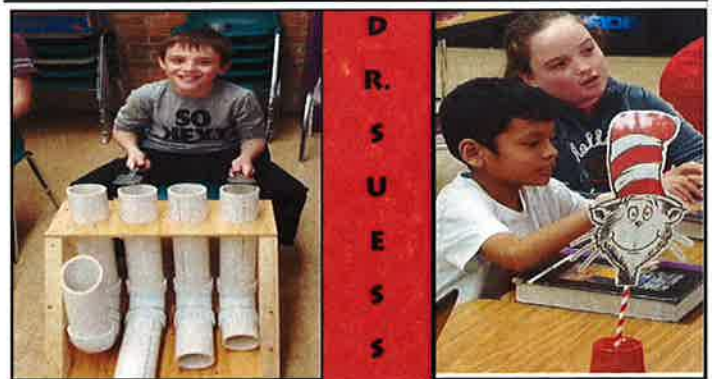
Please bring a certified copy of your child's birth certificate to registration.

Early registration may help guarantee your child's placement in his/her school of residence. Fee payment is requested but not required at time of registration.



TEAMWORK!

OUTWARD INGERSOLL, a three-day out-of-building environmental science program for all eighth graders, will be held May 8, 9, and 10 at Youth Acres near Canton Lake. This will be the 22nd year for this event. Students will use teamwork as they study aquatic life, knot tying, outdoor first aid and orienteering along with several other topics. Support from the community pays for most of the approximately \$6000 program, which includes rental of the camp, craft materials, t-shirts, professional leadership personnel, and supplies. The school asks each student to contribute \$7 towards cost of the event. A variety of community experts and volunteers is required for this unique outdoor program. The eighth grade teachers are looking forward to this year's Outward Ingersoll Adventure!



Outward Ingersoll
May 8, 9, & 10

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On Wednesday, March 14th Canton High School Students participated in a nationwide walkout. According to its organizers, the walkout was intended to honor those who perished in the shooting at Marjory Stoneman High School in Parkland, Florida. The walkout lasted 17 minutes, in honor of the 17 people who lost their lives in the shooting. While we neither approve or disapprove of the walkout administration was committed to working with the student to ensure the safety of all students and minimize disruption to the learning environment. We are committed to providing a safe and healthy environment for students and staff. We will never compromise that assurance and we will always do what is best for students and staff.

March 16th through 18th, the Canton Thespian Club performed the musical Big Fish by Andrew Lippa and John August. Big Fish revolves around the relationship between Edward Bloom, a traveling salesman, and his adult son Will, who searches for the meaning behind his father's tall tales. This show was directed by Amanda Vandermeer, music directed by Tony Militello, orchestra directed by Andrew Speiden, and choreographed by Mandy Delmastro.

The spring sports are up and swinging, running, and kicking! Fortunately, the first few days of practice was accompanied by great weather which allowed them to get outside. Unfortunately, the cold weather returned putting the teams back indoors. From hearing kids in the hallways, talking with coaches, visiting practices, and seeing their posts on twitter, the excitement of the upcoming seasons have the teams working very hard. One can stay current with all Little Giant activities by following us on Twitter [@CantonActivity](https://twitter.com/CantonActivity).

You can also follow Canton High School on Facebook for daily announcements, pictures, and happenings of student life here at CHS!

 <https://www.facebook.com/CHSLittleGiants/>



Conratulations!
Mike Sorrill, CHS staff member being awarded 2018 Educator of the Year by the Canton Chamber of Commerce.



The CHS Scholastic Bowl Varsity team won the Fulton County Tournament in 2018.

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and problem solving. They enjoyed tasty snacks made by the Foods class and enjoyed a musical number performed by some of the musical students as well. Each fourth grader worked with a high school student to complete their tasks. Eastview students and their families will have the opportunity to participate in a family night on April 5th, the 3rd and 4th grade music program on April 12th and the Eastview Ice-cream Social on April 26th. We look forward to seeing everyone at our upcoming events.



4th Grade students making music at the HS during the Dr. Suess Read Across America.



Taking time out from the party to pose with her Valentine's Day Box.



Notice of Public Meeting

On **Friday, May 11, 2018, at 10:00 AM**, a meeting, conducted by Canton Union School District #66, will take place in the second floor conference room at the District Administrative Office, 20 West Walnut Street, Canton. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss the district's plans for providing special education services to students with disabilities who attend private schools and home schools within the district for the 2018-2019 school year. If you are a **parent of a private school or home-schooled student** who has been or may be identified with a disability and you reside within the boundaries of Canton Union School District #66 you are urged to attend. If you have further questions pertaining to this meeting, please contact Cheley Martin, Director of Student Services, at 309-647-1418.



The annual Mr. Little Giant competition, entitled this year 'I'm Going To Knock You Out', took place on February 1. CHS Seniors participating were Kalen Lancaster, Brandon Mortland, Lance Carter, Ryan Bates (Mr. Congeniality), Michale Davis, Nicholas Daily, Cole Williams, Brian Duvendack, Jesse Theobald (Talent Winner, 1st Runner Up), Zach Jackson (Mr. Little Giant), Dalton Crumley (2nd Runner Up). As always an evening full of talent, laughs, and entertainment.



The Ingersoll (above) and Canton High School (right) State Special Olympics Basketball Tournament.



State Special Olympics Basketball games were held at Horton Fieldhouse – ISU and the Shirk Center IWU on March 16 – 18. Approximately 1,750 athletes from across the state competed this year. **Canton School District sent both of our Special Olympics teams this year.** These athletes have worked hard all season and **brought home a GOLD medal (Junior Division) and a SILVER medal (High School Division).** Sportsmanship Awards were presented to Dylan Smith and Landon Smith in the Junior Division. Parker Roos and Lukas Zumstein received the award in the High School Division. The final games before the state competition, Canton’s Special Olympics athletes play their Club Unify peers in a fun game. Club Unify is part of Project Unify, a Special Olympics education and sports-based program that promotes

respect through sports. Project Unify strives to build an inclusive environment among youth, as well as empowering them to be leaders and agents for change.

Parent/Guardian Notification Teen Dating Violence Prohibited

This is notification that the Canton School District Board of Education has adopted and does maintain a Teen Dating Violence Policy (#7:185). The Teen Dating Violence policy can be found on the Canton School District website (www.cantonusd.org) under Board of Education/Board Policies/Section 7-Students.

Questions concerning this policy should be directed to the Canton School District Administration Office at 309-647-9411 or to your student’s school principal.

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SPRING BREAK
March 26 thru April 2.

END-OF-YEAR SCHEDULE

If no additional emergency days are used, students in Canton Union School District #66 will attend school through Thursday, May 24.

- *Thursday, May 24: Last Student Attendance Day
- *Friday, May 25: No School, Staff Institute



Lincoln February STAR students.

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Staff and Students participated in a week long event of sharing the LOVE. Events included making Valentine Cards for the residents at Heartland Nursing Home, Creating conversation hearts celebratinf what they LOVE about Lincoln School, and our STAR assembly that included Valentine themed games for students and staff.

Mrs. Brewer’s 3rd grade class recently went on a virtual field trip to Buffalo Bill’s Center of the West located outside Yellowstone National Park. Mrs. Brewer shares: “We have been studying animals and their adaptations, and how certain adaptations help animals live in certain environments. The virtual field trip allowed us to meet with a museum director and talk about animals that live in the Rocky Mountains and how they are able to live there. At the end my kids were able to show what they knew about Illinois animals, and discuss their adaptations.”



Events

MARCH

Mar. 26 – Apr. 2 Spring Break – NO SCHOOL

APRIL

- Apr. 3 School Resumes
- Apr. 5 Westview Fundraiser Pickup, 3-5 PM
- Apr. 5 Westview Gr. 3 & 4 Spring Music Program 6:30 PM, CHS
- Apr. 10 Friends of Westview Mtg 3:15 PM
- Apr. 10 Lincoln Gr. 3 & 4 Spring Music Program 6:30 PM, CHS
- Apr. 11 Little Giant Booster Club, 6:30 PM
- Apr. 12 Eastview Gr. Spring Music Program 6:30 PM, CHS
- Apr. 14 ACT Test
- Apr. 16 School Board Meeting, 7:00 PM
- Apr. 17 Eastview SOS, 6:30 PM
- Apr. 17 Reading Adventures at Oaklawn, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
- Apr. 17 Lincoln School Supporters, 6:30 PM
- Apr. 18 PAC Meeting, 7:30 AM, IMS
- Apr. 19 Westview Ice Cream Social
- Apr. 21 Prom Grand March: 4 PM Dinner/Dance 6-10 PM
- Apr. 23 P & O Band Club Mtg., 7 PM
- Apr. 24 Ingersoll Spring Band Concert 7:00 PM, CHS Auditorium
- Apr. 26-27 5th Gr Band Instrument Display
- Apr. 26 Eastview Ice Cream Social 5:30-7:00 PM
- Apr. 26 Senior Art Show, 6-7:30 PM
- Apr. 26 CHS Spring Band Concert, 7:30 PM
- Apr. 27 Lincoln Day
- Apr. 29 FFA Banquet, 5 PM CHS Cafeteria
- Apr. 30 International Thespian Society Induction, 6 PM CHS Auditorium

MAY

- May 3 Lincoln Ice Cream Social, 5:30-7 PM
- May 3 IMS Spring Chorus Concert, 7 PM, CHS Auditorium
- May 3 11:30 AM Dismissal
- May 4 Westview Day
- May 4 Ingersoll Spirit Day
- May 5 State Math Competition @ U of I
- May 6 National Honor Society Induction, 3:00 PM CHS Auditorium/Café
- May 6 CHS Honors Assembly, 4:00 PM, CHS Auditorium
- May 7 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 8-10 OUTWARD INGERSOLL
- May 8 5th Grade Band Sign-up 3:30-6:30 PM
- May 8 Lincoln School Supporters, 6:30 PM
- May 8 Friends of Westview, 3:15 PM
- May 9 Little Giant Booster Club, 6:30 PM
- May 10 Eastview Awards Assembly, 9 AM
- May 10 Eastview Day
- May 11 Public Mtg. RE: Special Education Services, 10 AM
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 14 Lincoln Awards Program, 9 AM
- May 14 CHS Spring Chorus Concert, 7:30 PM
- May 15 Elementary Track Meet Gr. 3 & 4
- May 15 Gr. 7 & 8 Awards 8:30 AM Dare Graduation, 1:30 PM Gr. 5 & 6 Awards, 1:30 PM IMS Awards Program, 7 PM
- May 15 CHS Senior Celebration, Aud., 8:20 AM
- May 15 Eastview SOS, 6:30 PM
- May 16 Little Learners Graduation, 6:30 PM
- May 17 Westview Awards Assembly, 9 AM
- May 17 Little Learners Graduation, 6:30 PM
- May 20 CHS Commencement, 2 PM
- May 21 Westview Airwave Day
- May 21 School Board Meeting, 7 PM
- May 24 End of SCHOOL YEAR
- May 25 Staff Institute Day, if no emergency days

Please consult the Activity Calendar for additional events.

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