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Message from the Superintendent

Dear Parent(s), Guardians(s), and Friends:

On Behalf of the Canton Union School District learning family, I would like to welcome all families to the 2019-20 school year.

This summer has been a very busy summer for our school district. For example, the district completed the following:

- Roof work at Lincoln
- Completed final phase of roof work at IMS
- Completed final phase of roof work at Alice Ingersoll Field House.
- Completed the removal of Asbestos floor tile in Lincoln School.
- Roof work at EV and WV schools.
- New Visitor Bleachers at Ron Fanhastock
- Creation Lab at IMS

From a curricular standpoint, the district created the following:

- A capstone STEM Computer Science course at CHS.
- A capstone Biomedical Course at CHS.
- An Early College Program at CHS.

Finally, this year marks the year in which our district implements our continuous improvement model. It is our goal to improve instruction within classrooms and empower teachers to make curricular decisions to improve education for all students. Most importantly, each building will have goals in Math, Literacy, and Social Emotional Learning. We are very excited to begin the 19-20 school year.

Rolf Sivertsen

Superintendent

Canton Union School District #66

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Two Canton Administrators Receive Awards



Tad DeRenzy was awarded the Arnold W. “Arnie” Salisbury Educational Leadership Award from Western Illinois University.

The Salisbury award is given annually to a student who has earned the EdS in Educational Leadership and has displayed exemplary leadership skills in his or her professional career. Recipients of this award are chosen through a process of Western Illinois University faculty nomination and selection of all previous WIU EdS graduates.

Jay Valencia was awarded the Norman L. and Eileen A. Krong Award from Western Illinois University.

The Krong award is given every two years to honor an outstanding Master’s degree graduate in educational administration. This award is given in recognition of high scholastic achievement in the master’s degree program and promise for continuing educational leadership. Recipients of this award are chosen through a process of Western Illinois University faculty nomination and selection of the previous two years, 190 graduate students, of WIU educational administration graduates.

New Principal at Eastview School

Mr. Chris Piper



Students, parents, and faculty of Eastview Elementary School will be seeing a familiar face in a new position, as Chris Piper takes the helm as Principal of Eastview Elementary School this fall. Chris is a graduate of Canton Schools and began his career within the Canton School District at Lincoln Elementary School. Chris has hit the ground running and is very excited about his new assignment as EV principal. Please welcome Mr. Piper in his new assignment as Eastview Principal!

Eastview Creates Student Leadership Team



This year Eastview School created a student leadership team. The team seeks the advice and feelings of students in regards to the improvement of the school. Above is a photo of the first student leadership meeting.

WHAT DOES THE CLOSURE OF THE DUCK CREEK POWER PLANT MEAN FOR CANTON SCHOOLS?

The answer for the above question is easy to answer. However, there is much more at play here than just the closing of the Duck Creek power plant. For example, the Duck Creek closing is just one of a many legislative measures that will impact the Canton School District within the next couple of years.

THE CLOSING OF DUCK CREEK – estimated revenue loss – 950k – per year

On August 21, 2019 Vistra Energy announced the closure of the Canton Duck Creek power generation station. Vistra informed the public that the closure was due to the requirements of the recently approved revisions to the Multi-Pollutant Standard rule imposed by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB). The IPCB enforces state and federal laws relating to emission standards. The closure of Duck Creek will result in a \$950,000 loss in yearly revenue for the Canton School District.

SB0001 - \$15 DOLLAR AN HOUR MINIMUM WAGE = estimated yearly Cost - \$300k to \$500k Per year

Let me begin this paragraph with the following disclaimer: EVERYBODY SHOULD BE ABLE TO EARN A LIVING WAGE. With that stated let's talk about SB0001 and its lack of foresight. SB0001, also known commonly as the \$15 dollar an hour minimum wage law, will increase the minimum wage 82% within 5 years. Although the law was codified with good intentions not one legislature who voted for it remotely considered how taxing bodies, like schools, will pay for the increase. For example, the Canton School District is currently receiving the maximum amount of revenue from local taxpayers – which we are grateful for. As a result, our school district has no way of increasing our revenue source to pay for the 82% adjustment to the minimum wage. SB0001 will cost the district \$300 to \$500k per year - forever.

HB2078 – MINIMUM TEACHERS SALARY – cost – unknown at this point

Let me begin this paragraph with my final disclaim-

er. WE DON'T PAY TEACHERS ENOUGH. The recent legislation to create a base salary of \$40,000 for teachers is not a bad law in and of itself. It is the rest of the law that makes it bad legislation. Specifically, many school districts are already at or close to the 40k base teacher salary. However, under the law, future raises are based on the rate of inflation or CPI. This creates a big problem for schools. For example, the growth in the value of the downstate tax base has typically been 2% or less for the past 10 years – depending on the community. Inversely, the rate of inflation has recently exceeded the rate of the downstate tax base growth. As a result, salaries and retirement cost may overwhelm a taxing body's ability to sustain their salary level as costs outpace tax base growth. This phenomenon is certain to happen to many taxing bodies as the economy grows.

SUMMATION

The closing of the Duck Creek generation station certainly is going to impact all of Fulton County in a negative manner. The Canton School District alone will lose \$950,000 from the closure. On the other hand, the aforementioned legislation will also create a hardship for the district. One thing is for sure, it is very disappointing to sit helplessly by and watch our governor and state legislature create laws that endanger much needed services for children and the community as a whole.



Spotlight 66

Every month we will spotlight our staff and students. This is the first in a series of Spotlights.



Kim Freiley
Teacher
Ingersoll Middle School

1. What three traits define you?

Determined, Energetic and Empathetic

2. What is the greatest challenge you have had to overcome in your life thus far?

One of my greatest challenges was being a nontraditional student working toward my degree in Elementary Education. While being a wife, mother of 2 elementary aged children, and working at Parlin Ingersoll Library during nights and weekends, I was also trying to be a good student. During that time, I cleaned houses during my off school hours.

3. What is the most important issue in education?

In my world, the most important issue in education is the decline in reading in the lives of children. If a student has the ability to read at a high level, that child can do anything they desire.

4. What does true leadership mean to you?

In my opinion, leadership is having a willingness to try new things for the advancement of the group and not being afraid to fail. Leadership is about having the courage to express your ideas/opinions on the important issues, even if the ideas/opinions are not the most popular.

5. What would you do (for a career) if you weren't doing this?

I would be a Book Editor or Librarian.

6. How do you define student success?

Student success for me is when a child leaves my 6th grade ELA classroom en-

joying books and understanding the value of reading and writing.

7. Tell us something that might surprise us about you.

I was a Produce Manager at a grocery store that has long been closed. On hot summer days, you could find me in the back of a semi-trailer truck lobbing watermelon or cantaloupe to my coworkers. The higher the arc on the lob, the more fun the throw!

8. Why did you become a teacher?

Reading has always been a central part of my life. I decided to go back to school at a time when my children were in elementary school. During that time, I became aware of my son Zachary's struggles with reading comprehension. He cried, I cried, we all cried because Zach didn't understand what was happening in the text. I had a strong desire to help my own child and others' who have difficulty reading.

Bio:

I have been married to Mark for 37 years and we have 2 children, Zachary and Ashley; they are both married. When my children were students at Westview Elementary School, I made the decision to go to college to earn my certificate in Elementary Education. I began my higher education journey at Spoon River College and transferred to Western Illinois University.

While attending college, I worked at Parlin Ingersoll Library and am now on the Board of Trustees for that outstanding community resource. I graduated from WIU and began my teaching career at Ingersoll Middle

School as a substitute teacher for Deb Corsaw during her maternity leave. Next, I went to Westview and taught 4th grade for three years. I transferred to IMS and taught 8th grade history and reading for two years while earning my Reading Specialist degree from WIU. After earning that degree, I moved to 9th grade English Language Arts. Because I love learning, I also earned a certificate of Integration of Technology in Education.

Ingersoll Middle School and 6th grade feels like home. I am lucky to be surrounded by caring, professional people, and it's very exciting to be working along-side many of my former students, who are now educators and support staff.



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Cally Stein Jr.

Junior

Canton High School



Cally Stein Jr.

1. My parents are Cally Stein and Crystal Stein

2. Three traits that define me are leader, good teammate, and non selfish player.

3. The greatest challenge i've had to overcome so far is getting suspended and earning all the trust in my coaches back to become the starter.

4. My favorite place to be is the football field.

5. The best place i have traveled to is Indianapolis, it was for JFL and I got a chance to score on the Colts field, even though i'm a cowboys fan.

6. True leadership means being there for your teammates and coaching staff when things get low, and showing up 100% of the time.

7. My career option for right now is get a scholarship and when i'm in college find out what I want to major in.

8. My plans for after high school is hopefully college.

9. I define success by how happy you are with how you did, even if you lose if you're happy with how you did then you are successful.

10. I was supposed to be a twin but my sister died prior to birth.

Bio:

My Full name is Cally Lee Stein Jr. I am around 5'9, I moved to Canton in 3rd grade from Cuba. I spend most my time playing Madden, playing football, or hanging out with my girlfriend. I play football and participate in track and field. In track i run the 200, 4x200, and long jump. I would like to end the losing streak for Canton and hopefully make it to the playoffs.





Other Notes..... **Lincoln School**



Lincoln Elementary School has created a Sensory Walkway, which includes activities to rev up and calm down. The sensory walkway is being used as an extension of the sensory room for those student's that have a sensory plan and it is being used by classes for brain breaks. It has been a great addition to the building. Funding for the project came from the 2019 Mc Teacher Night.

AQUARIUS



4th Grade students from Eastview and 3rd Grade students from Westview launched the new school year with an exciting virtual field trip! Students were able to visit Aquarius, the only underwater research and development laboratory in the world, through a live Skype with real Aquanauts!!!! The Aquanaut brought students through the vessel leaving no detail the of the living quarters out! They also learned about pressure and its' role in keeping water out of the vessel. The trip leant itself to real life mathematical configuration where students measured what 50 feet under water would actually look like in the building. The trip also gave kids the opportunity to collaborate with other classrooms around the country, explore different careers, and learn about marine biology! Shout out to Mrs. Matzke, Mr. Lindmark, Mr. Stevens, Ms. Bequeaith, and Mrs. Hardy for embracing the four pillars by breaking the barriers of the classroom walls!



Other Notes.....

IMPORTANT DATES

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2019

Homecoming Coronation	9/23
P&O Band Meeting	9/23
WV Pictures	9/24
Homecoming wiener roast	9/25
Homecoming Bonfire	9/26
Homecoming Parade	9/27
P&O Chilli Supper	9/27
Homecoming Dance	9/28
CHS Band Competition	10/5
Columbus Day No School	10/14
Immunization due	10/15



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Don't forget immunizations are due by October 15th. Students who fail to provide proof of immunizations and a physical will be excluded from school as mandated by state law.

For specific requirements visit Illinois Department of Public Health at <http://idph.prod.acquia-sites.com/topics-services/prevention-wellness/immunization> or [click here](#)