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## Looking Ahead:

10/28 Hot Lunch-  
& 11/4 Fridays

10/24 Pizza Mondays  
&  
10/31

11/2 Fun Foods-  
Nachos



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Nerge Families,

Wow! October has come and almost gone in the blink of an eye, maybe it was the great Fall weather! Soon the Holidays will be upon us-hard to believe. Your Nerge PTA continues to work hard for all of our children and staff. In recent weeks we have held the Fall book fair, school pictures, conference dinner for the staff, the cookie dough fundraiser, birthday books, and sponsored a storyteller assembly. We have lots more in store for you and we are always looking for help. Please look in this Newsletter for ways you can volunteer. We are still looking for a Chairperson for Teacher Appreciation week in May. Please contact us if you are interested.

We remind you that our PTA Halloween parties are coming up on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. Only those volunteers on our party helper list will be allowed in the building that afternoon. Thank you. Please feel free to contact me any time, or send your questions/concerns to us via office mail in an envelope labeled PTA.

Have a great weekend!

Lynn Jacobsen

PTA President



## Readathon Reminder

Don't forget to continue tracking your child's reading minutes to earn an hour of free jump time at Extreme Trampolines and a free 6" sub at Subway.

Parents, please add up the number of minutes your child reads and record on the form. Also, parents must sign the reading log and the physical activity log in order for your child to qualify for the incentives. Please make sure your child's name and room number are on the forms. Parents of Kindergarteners and 1<sup>st</sup> graders need to remember to turn your September calendar minutes in by Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Reflections News!

Reminder that projects and future theme ideas are due October 26th! Turn them into the front office. Get creative and have fun!



PLEASE continue to save labels and box tops! We were able to raise \$970 last year, plus get some new recess equipment for the kids! All from saving labels! For more information, please visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com)

or

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

## FUN FOODS

will be serving

**NACHOS**

November 2nd

for \$1.50.



## Reminder:

**Our goal is to make recycling, reusing and reducing fun, easy and rewarding.**

This year we will be collecting the following items to recycle:

**Recycling for cash:** CapriSun Pouches, Ink Jet Cartridges, Cell Phones, Soda Cans, Water and Sport drink bottles

**Recycling for a Cause:** Pop tabs and soup tabs will be collected and donated to the Ronald McDonald House. The tabs are recycled for cash which is used to off set operating expenses at the house.

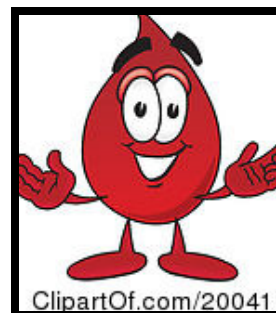
**Rewards Programs:** My coke rewards for schools. Purchase your favorite coca-cola products to get codes. Go to [mycoke.com](http://mycoke.com) to register. Enter codes to collect points-choose "Donate points to your school" from the six ways to redeem points. You can also email the codes to [jcales2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jcales2@sbcglobal.net) or send the codes to school and drop them in the "my coke rewards box" in the front hall.

## Volunteers and Blood Donors Needed!

The Annual Schaumburg School District Office Blood Drive will be held on Thursday, October 27, from 1:30 - 6:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room at 524 E. Schaumburg Road.

To Schedule an appointment to donate blood, go to [www.heartlandbc.org](http://www.heartlandbc.org) and click in box "NOW" Available or contact Heather Collier at 708-951-4118.

We also need volunteers to help run the blood drive. If you are interested, please contact Kristin Wood at [kristin.bw@gmail.com](mailto:kristin.bw@gmail.com) or 630-204-9267.





## After School Band and Orchestra Did you know.....?

***Fifth*** Grade after school band and orchestra rehearsals began  
**Tuesday, Oct. 18**, 3:30-4:15 pm at Mead Jr. High (1765 Biesterfield Rd.).

***Sixth*** Grade after school band and orchestra rehearsals began  
**Thursday, Oct. 20**, 3:30-4:15 pm at Mead Jr. High (1765 Biesterfield Rd.).

***Parents need to provide transportation.***

Students should come prepared to rehearsals with instruments, music, and supplies.  
**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orchestra students** also need to bring a wire music stand.

Please note: All students will need to wear the following formal concert attire for ALL concerts: **white dress shirt, black slacks/skirt, black dress shoes**

### **Concert dates:**

*Band* – Fifth and Sixth grade: Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Fifth grade: Tuesday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

Sixth grade: Wednesday, February 29<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

*Orchestra* – Fifth and Sixth grade: Wednesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm

**Lessons in the schools will continue as scheduled.**

*We look forward to working with your students!*

Mrs. Herath

Mrs. Kivikko

Mrs. Green

Miss Vombrack

Contact us with any questions at Mead: 847-357-6000 or email:  
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### **ONLINE OPPORTUNITY RAISES FUNDS FOR DISTRICT 54 FOUNDATION**

**By Ed Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools**  
**Published in the *Daily Herald* on Monday, October 10, 2011**

The Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation has developed an exciting new partnership with Groupon, Amazon and other companies that will allow you to help provide extracurricular activities to students in need without spending an additional dime.

The additional dollars that are generated through this partnership will also enable the Foundation to expand its commitment to providing more innovative learning opportunities for students in District 54.

The Foundation has been chosen to be among the first to participate in an exciting new program that will bring additional resources to our schools and students – the Create Excitement for Public Schools Initiative. Through this initiative the Foundation is partnering with Amazon, Groupon, Mabel's Labels and Identity Direct.

By doing nothing more than redirecting your online buying to benefit the Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation, you can help raise additional funds that are used to benefit students in all 27 of our schools.

The Foundation is made up of a voluntary Board of Directors from our community and serves as a vehicle for obtaining resources to support educational initiatives not funded by regular school district revenue sources. Each year the Foundation funds scholarships for students to further their academic, cultural and extracurricular interests after school hours. These grants have provided numerous opportunities to students who would not have been able to participate due to limited family resources. This past summer the grant recipients were able to attend scouting, sports and diabetes camps as well as classes in technology, cooking, dance, music and science.

In addition, staff members are able to apply for project grants, which provide additional resources to enhance and enrich the learning experiences that our students receive. Over the past several years, these grants have supported the purchase of additional books and other reading materials, mathematics and science materials, a variety of musical instruments, materials for parent classes and other resources. This would not have been possible without the additional support from the Foundation.

The Foundation has also been instrumental in supporting the development and implementation of school-wide innovative projects. The additional resources raised by the Foundation provided a portion of the seed money to start the new Hoover Math and Science Academy and most recently, photography equipment for junior high art elective classes.

Please consider joining us in this quick and easy way to bring additional funding to our schools. The Foundation will receive a portion of the proceeds based on the amount of purchases by our supporters. We can increase this amount tremendously if you share this information with everyone you know and encourage them to register. They will automatically receive the Groupon for their area of the country and our Foundation will receive a percentage of their sales. Once you register you will receive a daily email with the Groupon deal of the day and the links to Amazon, Mabel's Labels and Identity Direct.

Signing up is easy. Visit <http://www.ce4psdeals.com> and enter your name, email and zip code. Also, don't forget to select The D54 Foundation in Schaumburg as your Foundation of choice. Once you register, you will receive a confirmation message. From that day forward you will receive daily emails with links to the four companies listed above.

If you already have a Groupon account, please note that it is important that you buy through this link rather than the one that you are currently receiving directly from Groupon. The deals are the same, but the Foundation only benefits if you click through the Foundation email.

Thank you for your support of our Foundation.



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October 18, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian,

We would like to invite you to attend an informational meeting regarding the Your Reproductive System (Sex Education) program for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students. This will be an opportunity for you to preview the materials presented to the students at the intermediate grade levels. The presentations are scheduled from **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**, and will be held in the boardroom at the District 54 Administration Center (524 E. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194). You only need to attend one of the grade level sessions listed below:

Fourth Grade

**Monday, November 7, 2011**

Fifth Grade

**Monday, November 14, 2011**

Sixth Grade

**Monday, November 21, 2011**

If you have any questions regarding the locations or dates and times of the presentations please contact Linda Luick in the Department of Student Learning at (847) 357 – 5143 or [lindaluick@sd54.org](mailto:lindaluick@sd54.org).

Sincerely,

James Vreeland  
Director of Mathematics and Science



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October 14, 2011

Dear Parent/Guardian:

I would like to remind all of you to consider now, what kind of alternative arrangements need to be made for your children should our school be closed for inclement weather or other related emergencies. Though District 54 makes every effort to keep our schools open and operational, circumstances beyond our control oftentimes dictate school closings. In your mind, you should be prepared to answer the following questions:

- 1. If school should be closed tomorrow for inclement weather or an emergency, who would care for and supervise my child(ren)?**
- 2. If school was to close early today (due to broken water pipes, power failure, heating problems, accumulating snowfall, etc.), who would be able to take care of my child(ren) for the remainder of the day?**

Most importantly, remember that you, the parent or guardian, ultimately make the decision whether to send your child to school. If you do decide to keep your child home on a day in which the weather is extremely inclement, the absence will be considered "excused". With that designation, the absence will not count against any attendance incentive program and your child will be given every opportunity to make up missed work.

Again, I would urge you to initiate a plan of action now, so that you are not placed in a position of having no emergency child care arrangements made should the time arise. In addition, please be sure to discuss these arrangements with your children so that they are aware of your plan. Finally, please update your emergency contact information with your child's school in the event we need to contact you during the school day.

As additional assistance, please utilize the information included with this letter entitled "Emergency School Closing Sources of information" as a handy reference for emergency school closings. In advance and as always, thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Ed Rafferty  
Superintendent of Schools

## **EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

- **Email:** All District 54 parents/guardians who have provided their child's school with an email address will be sent an email when school is closed.
- **AlertNow:** Each student's primary phone number will be called using our AlertNow rapid notification system.
- **District 54 website:** <http://sd54.org>
- **Emergency Closing websites:** [www.cancellations.com](http://www.cancellations.com) or [www.emergencyclosings.com](http://www.emergencyclosings.com)
- **Radio Stations:** WGN (720-AM) or WBBM (780-AM)
- **Television Stations:** CBS Channel 2, NBC Channel 5, ABC Channel 7, WGN Morning News Channel 9, Fox Channel 32, CLTV (cable channels vary)
- **Emergency Closing Center Hotline** 1-847-238-1234, enter 847-357-5000 and you will be told if our district has made the decision to close schools.
- **District 54 Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/D54schools](http://www.facebook.com/D54schools)

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**Parents are asked to please not call their local school or the District 54 administrative offices for information on school closings. Switchboards must remain open for emergency purposes.**

# Schaumburg Parent University

## *SPU Presents...*

### *“Healthy Body, Healthy Mind!”*

**Who:** Dr. Michael Feld

Alexian Brothers Behavioral Health Hospital

**When:** Thursday, November 3, 2011, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

**Where:** RAUCH CENTER (520 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

This building is located just WEST of District Office (building closer to the street).



What do you wish for your child? To be healthy and happy, right? Come listen to Dr. Michael Feld as he explains the correlation between physical health and mental health. In his engaging presentation, he will share realistic tips for the promotion of positive physical/mental health for both you and your child.

**\*\*This class will be presented in English!\*\***

There will be childcare available and a gift card drawing!

You can register for this class at [SPU@sd54.org](mailto:SPU@sd54.org), or by calling Meg Kwak (847) 357-5534 or Brigid Janiak (847) 357-2073

# Do you **GROUPON?**



Support the District 54 Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation by registering for this exciting SD54 Foundation Groupon/Amazon initiative at [www.ce4psdeals.com](http://www.ce4psdeals.com)

Help the District 54 Foundation by registering... and spread the word! Everywhere around the country, people can help the Foundation – feel free to pass this information along.

For more details, check out the link below or contact the Foundation at [found54@sbcglobal.net](mailto:found54@sbcglobal.net) or (847) 352-0652

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