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1/3 & Hot Lunch
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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hello Nerge families,

Winter seems to have finally arrived. Hopefully you are all staying safe and warm while enjoying some winter activities! In the coming months, Nerge PTA has many exciting things happening. Our Winter Parties will take place for all grades on February 14th, Science Fair will take place on March 1st, Spring Book Fair, ISAT snacks and more will be coming this Spring! The PTA **Volunteer Express** was sent home last week with your child. If you haven't received your copy, extras are available in the office. Please take a few moments to look through it and see if there are any upcoming activities you may be able to lend a hand with. Our PTA is also looking for nominations for our **2012-2013** PTA officers. In this edition, you will find a nominating form. Please consider serving the PTA in some way and nominate yourself or someone you know for one of our officer positions. There will also be individual committee positions available in upcoming editions of the Knightly News.

Finally, our Schaumburg Township Council Scholarship Committee is looking for donations of **new** items or gift certificates for goods and services to be placed in our Nerge Baskets for the STC auction in March. This year's theme is "Beach Party". STC uses the proceeds from this night to fund the Elementary Scholarships (see applications in this edition), as well as the High School Scholarships awarded to graduating seniors from District 211, who attended a Dist. 54 grade school. Please consider donating an item OR an entire basket! Past baskets have included things like; "spa day" gift certificates, family game/movie night items, Food/drinks, local high school spirit wear, the list goes on! For more information on what you can donate or how you can help, please contact:

Chris Gurrieri crgurrieri@aol.com , Lynn Jacobsen lynnjacobsen@comcast.net or

Mucia Burke maburke71@comcast.net

As always, we are grateful for the time so many of you donate to our PTA, our teachers, and all of our children. **Thank you so much.** Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Thanks again,

Lynn Jacobsen

lynnjacobsen@comcast.net

630-924-1278

Heartland Blood Centers and District 54 have teamed up once again to sponsor a blood drive for Tuesday, February 14th at the District Office- 524 E. Schaumburg Rd, from 1:30pm– 7:00pm. Please call Heather Collier, Health & Safety Chairperson at 708-951-4118. You can also sign-up on-line at www.heartlandbc.org and click on “schedule an appointment”. Please make the commitment to donate and help save a life!

5th and 6th Grade Orchestra Parents:

Concert!! Concert!! Concert!!

Wednesday, February 8th, 7:00 p.m.

Mead Junior High



Our orchestra concert is almost here! The students need to arrive at Mead no later than **6:40 p.m.** on **Wednesday, February 8th**. The 5th graders need to assemble in Mead's gym and 6th graders need to assemble in the cafeteria.

The students must also wear the appropriate concert attire: white dress shirt, black slacks/skirt, black dress shoes.

Please encourage your child to perform our concert pieces for you to see if he/she is ready for our concert. We look forward to performing for you. See you there! - Mrs. Herath

Sixth graders need your help! Beginning January 6, 2012, the money raised from pizza Mondays will go towards the sixth grade end of the year celebration (shirts, trip, breakfast, DVD, etc.). If you are able to volunteer your time during lunch on Mondays, we would appreciate your help. If you have any questions, you can contact Gayle Roberts at (847) 985-4848 or email me at cleancag@att.net. Thank you for your support!



The Next PTA meeting is Tuesday, February 21st at 6pm-7pm in the teacher's lounge. Please join us!!!

FUN FOODS is serving Smoothies on February 1st for \$2.



The next Knightly News will be published February 10th. Please have anything you would like included in it to Maureen Rabe by Friday, February 3rd. Send to jimmoe1835@sbcglobal.net

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

For children who will turn 5 years old by September 1, 2012.

NERGE SCHOOL on February 23, 2012

Registration Times: 9am – 11am, 1pm – 2:30pm & 6pm -8pm

Parents need to bring the following:

1. The child's official birth certificate, passport or visa; AND
2. ONE of the following: proof of residency (i.e. current tax bill, signed lease, closing statement for purchase of residence or notarized letter from owned of residence stating the duration of your residence); AND
3. TWO of the following: current driver's license, gas, electric or telephone bill, public aid card, voter registration card, auto registration or receipt for vehicle sticker.
4. Emergency Contact names and phone numbers.

Also, you will be required to pay the Consumable Materials Fee of \$50.00 to cover workbooks, art supplies, etc.

If you should need additional information, please contact the school office at 847-357-5777.

PTA is looking for a parent to head up Teacher Appreciation week in May. Duties are as simple as you like, or as detailed as you like. For more information on what all it entails, please contact

Lynn Jacobsen.

lynnjacobsen@comcast.net

**Recycling at Nerge
It is that time of year!**

In with the new and out with the old!

Recycle your old items:

MP3 Players
GPS
Computer keyboards
Computer Mouse
Laptops
Digital Cameras
Cell Phones

We continue to recycle:

Elmer's Glue sticks and bottles
Graphing Calculators
Drink Pouches
Inkjet Cartridges
Toner Cartridges

Let's keep these items out of the landfills!

Please drop off all items at the recycling center inside the front doors. Contact Jill at jscales2@sbcglobal.net with any questions.





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Edward F. Rafferty
Superintendent of Schools

At the midyear mark, here's how District 54 is faring

**By Ed Rafferty, Superintendent of Schools
Published in the *Daily Herald* on Thursday, January 12, 2012**

Annually, the District 54 Board of Education approves a variety of projects aligned with our mission of ensuring student success. These projects guide our work and support our staff in meeting the district's student achievement goals. A complete list of this year's projects can be found on our website at www.sd54.org/.

Progress is monitored on a regular basis at both the individual school and district levels. The midyear status report on several of the key projects is highlighted below.

Early elementary students continue to experience significant gains in reading with the second year of successful implementation of the K-2 Literacy Plan and Assessment Package.

Our English Language Learners have been making substantial progress with the instructional program improvements that were instituted last year. Due to the progress that our students are making, District 54 was selected as one of only 10 districts across the country to participate in a best practice research study conducted by the United States Department of Education. The findings will be made available for other districts to replicate.

A new interactive social studies curriculum is being taught in kindergarten through sixth grade. Students are excited, more engaged with the content, and better able to understand and apply their new learning in real life situations.

New opportunities for students to participate in art, music and physical education enrichment activities are taking place in all 21 of our elementary schools. Students are being provided with supplemental classes which allow them to explore, learn about and further develop specific areas that may be of interest. Feedback from students, parents and staff has been extremely positive.

To keep pace with the ever-changing world of instructional technology, hardware and software upgrades have been initiated in all 27 schools. The final rollout will be completed by early spring.

The online communication tool which will enable parents to view their children's grades will be fully operational in all six of our junior high schools by the end of February. Parents and students will be able to monitor assignments and class grades in real time.

To continue to strengthen the District's commitment to being transparent, a Web-based system for creating, posting and storing board of education meeting information and supporting documents is now available on our website.

An additional school boundary change recommendation will be part of the annual staffing plan, which will be presented at the first school board meeting in March. Impacted families have already been notified. The changes to school boundaries that have occurred over the past two years have helped to balance and stabilize student enrollment across the district.

The PTA, YMCA, other local community agencies and District 54 have been working together to support and promote the Healthier Communities Initiative. Healthier hot lunch alternatives and planning for increasing the number of schools that plant vegetable gardens are only two of the many changes that are beginning to occur.

To augment the internal monitoring process of the district's progress, we participate in an annual independent benchmarking study. This helps us evaluate our progress in comparison to other school districts across the state. Results from this year's benchmarking study indicate that District 54 continues to make strong and steady gains in every area. Over the past several years, our district has moved to being in the top 9% when ranked against all other school districts in Illinois.

The results indicate that our students continue to make remarkable progress. The positive outcomes we are seeing each year can be directly attributed to the leadership of our board of education; the outstanding teachers, support staff and administrators who work in our district; and the ongoing support that we receive from our parents and community.

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER YEARBOOKS!!

In past years we have been able to order books up until March. However, we have changed yearbook companies which changes two things for us. One...our final order count is due to them by the end of this month. Two...we don't even have a ballpark figure of how many overruns we may get at the end of the year. There is no guarantee we will have any to sell at the end of the year as we don't purposely buy any extra!

Yearbooks are \$16 each. If you have not seen them before, they are 80 pages, hard cover, full color books with a custom drawn cover by five of Nerge's sixth graders.

There are three options for ordering this year. You can fill out the bottom portion of this form and return it to school, you can mail it to my house at the address below, or you can go online to the Balfour website and order there.

- **To return it to school:** Fill out the bottom of this form and return it to school in an envelope marked Beckie Cosgrove, c/o Kamden Cosgrove, Room 105.
- **To Mail it to me:** Fill out the bottom of this form and send it to: Beckie Cosgrove, 475 Carlsbad Trail, Roselle, IL 60172
- **To Order online:** <http://shop.balfour.com/smi22771> and click on "Your Yearbook" on the left-hand side of the page.

If you are not sure if you have already ordered a book for your student, please call or email me and I can quickly check for you.

Beckie Cosgrove 630.539.4637 or Becmomof4@gmail.com

Childs Name: _____

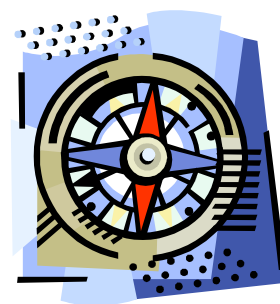
Teacher: _____ Room #: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$16 x _____ = \$ _____

ALL MONEY DUE BY 1/30/12

NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Please make checks payable to: Nerge PTA



Navigating Community Resources

➤ *Has your child been diagnosed as being on the Autism Spectrum or as having a Developmental Delay?*

➤ *Do you find yourself confused about how to locate the essential community services, or even how to identify the services that your child or adolescent needs?*

If you answered "yes" to these questions, please join us as we explore the following areas:

- Community Resources- what is available
- First steps in connecting to resources
- Services available with private or public insurance
- Supports available to the family (siblings and parents)
- The effect of the diagnosis on the family
- *How* to talk to your child and *when* to talk to your child (or others in their lives) about the diagnosis
- Any other questions you may have...

Date: Thursday, February 9, 2012

Time: 7:00-8:00 pm

Place: District Office (524 E. Schaumburg Rd.)

Presenter: Brianne Lukowski, Psy.D., Clinical Navigator,
Autism Spectrum and Developmental Resource
Center, Alexian Brothers Hospital Network

Interested? Please sign up by e-mail at SPU@sd54.org or contact Meg Kwak at (847)357-5534.

Free childcare will be provided and a gift card drawing held!

This presentation will be presented in English

NERGE PTA OFFICER BALLOT

The Nerge PTA is seeking nominations for the following positions:

- ★ **President** – presides over PTA meetings and coordinates work of the PTA
- ★ **1st Vice President** – parent engagement chair who assists president as needed.
- ★ **2nd Vice President** – legislation chair who also assists president as needed.
- ★ **3rd Vice President** – room rep. chair (class parties) who also helps the president as needed.
- ★ **Treasurer** – receives and distributes funds and keeps accurate financial records.
- ★ **Recording Secretary** – keeps minutes at meetings.
- ★ **Corresponding Secretary** – conducts correspondence between PTA and staff and student body.

Additional information can be found on the back of this ballot.

Nominating Committee Members

Beckie Cosgrove (Chair), Kim Moore, Pam Borkenhagen, Jill Meister, Clara Arnold, Hannah Mercado, & Paula Waterman

Questions can be directed to:

Beckie Cosgrove 630.981.1793 or Becmomof4@gmail.com

If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else for one of these positions please fill out the ballot below. The

Nerge Nominating Committee will look at all of the applicants and make group decisions to fill the 2012-2013 Executive Board. Our goal will be to fill the positions with enthusiastic people who want to make a commitment to Nerge and its staff and student body. If you are not sure if the person you are nominating will want the position, don't worry, we will contact them directly to see if they are interested before we vote.

Submit your nominations in a sealed envelope to the front office or Beckie Cosgrove by Friday, February 24th.

Name _____

Position _____

Name _____

Position _____

Name _____

Position _____

Feel free to fill out more than one ballot if needed

PTA OFFICER DUTIES

The president or co-presidents shall:

- a. preside at all meetings of this organization, the executive board, and the executive committee;
- b. be a member ex-officio of all committees except the nominating committee and, if authorized to sign checks, the audit committee;
- c. sign all legal documents, including contracts;
- d. appoint members to special committees;
- e. be responsible for other duties as may be assigned by him by the organization, the executive board, or the executive committee;
- f. delegate the work of the organization to other officers or chairmen as may be appropriate;
- g. coordinate the work of the officers and committees in order that the Objects may be promoted;
- h. co-sign checks with the treasurer; and
- i. have completed the Illinois PTA President's Course before election or within six (6) months of election.

The first vice-president shall:

- a. serve as an assistant to the president(s);
- b. perform the duties of the president(s) in the absence or inability of that officer to serve;
- c. serve as chairman of the parent-education committee; and
- d. perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The second vice-president shall:

- a. serve as an assistant to the president(s);
- b. perform the duties of the president(s) in the absence or inability of that officer and the first vice-president to serve;
- c. serve as chairman of the legislation committee; and
- d. perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The third vice-president shall:

- a. serve as an assistant to the president(s);
- b. perform the duties of the president(s) in the absence or inability of that officer and first and second vice-presidents to serve;
- c. serve as chairman of the room representative committee; and
- d. perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The recording secretary shall:

- a. keep an accurate record in a permanent form of the minutes of all meetings of the Nerge PTA, and the executive board;
- b. sign delegate credentials;
- c. co-sign checks in the absence of the president or treasurer;
- d. maintain a current membership list;
- e. not serve on the audit committee; and
- f. perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The corresponding secretary shall:

- a. conduct the official correspondence of the Nerge PTA in triplicate, keeping one (1) copy in the permanent file and transmitting the other to the respective board member;
- b. be responsible to follow the memorial/gift of appreciation guidelines as stated in the Nerge PTA Standing Rules; and
- c. perform such other duties as may be delegated.

The treasurer shall:

- a. receive all monies of this organization and keep an accurate record of receipts and expenditures;
- b. place all monies in a depository approved by the executive board;
- c. pay out funds in accordance with the budget as approved by the membership and authorized by properly signed vouchers. Vouchers shall be signed by two persons. Checks shall be signed by the treasurer and one other duly elected and authorized officer.
- d. present a written financial statement at every meeting of the organization and at other times as requested by the executive board making a full report at the first general membership meeting in the fall.
- e. be responsible for the remittance of the state and national portion of the dues paid by each member as directed in ARTICLE V of these bylaws;
- f. provide the checkbook, all bank statements, canceled and voided checks, deposit slips, treasurer's record book and receipt book, vouchers and invoices for all disbursements to the audit committee;
- g. be responsible for completion and filing of appropriate forms as may be required by Internal Revenue Service Regulations no later than the date established by the regulations;
- h. not be a member of the audit committee; and
- i. complete the Illinois PTA ABCs of PTA Finance.

All officers shall:

- a. have completed the Illinois PTA Information Course before election or within six (6) months of their election;
- b. have completed the Illinois PTA Advanced Course before election or within one (1) year of their election;
- c. perform the duties prescribed in the parliamentary authority of this organization in addition to those outlined in these bylaws and those assigned from time to time;
- d. maintain a procedure book and a file of official material which are the property of Nerge PTA;
- e. present a plan of work to the executive board for approval;
- f. shall prepare a year end report to the executive board for approval; and
- g. deliver to their successors all official material without delay, all records, books and other material pertaining to the office.

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF PTAs
2012 ELEMENTARY SUMMER SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
DEADLINE MARCH 22, 2012

As part of its commitment to life-long learning, the Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs (STC) offers scholarships for summer programs/camps to District 54 students *currently* in 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades who wish to broaden their education, talents and experiences.

A full and complete application **must** include *all* the following:

- ✓ the Identification and Certification Form (attached)
- ✓ the Student Statement Form consisting of one (1), two-part question with a maximum of 300 words (attached)
- ✓ the Parent Statement Form with a maximum of 200 words (attached)
- ✓ a copy of the program or camp brochure (including cost information)
- ✓ a copy of the application or registration form (**no exceptions**)
- ✓ a copy (not the original) of the parent/ guardian PTA/PTSA membership card for the 2011-12 academic year, OR local unit membership chairman written verification of valid PTA/PTSA membership
- ✓ a copy of the elementary scholarship checklist(attached)

Please note that any application not meeting *all* the criteria will be disqualified.
No materials will be returned.

The student and the parent/guardian statements must be **on the STC application form and fit in the space provided**, either typewritten, computer generated or neatly handwritten with text able to be clearly copied. Each response must be at or close to the number of words indicated at the top of each statement. There must be a separate application submitted for each student for each program/camp and for each session of a camp/program. No submitted materials will be returned.

A limited number of scholarships for up to 50% of program or camp tuition will be awarded. The individual amount awarded will not exceed \$200.00. **All scholarship checks will be forwarded directly to the program agency or the camp.** Should a recipient not attend the camp/program for which a scholarship was awarded, it is the responsibility of the recipient's family to reimburse STC.

Students may apply for as many scholarships as they choose. Each session of a camp/program must have a separate application. No household will be awarded more than one (1) scholarship. Any one (1) student may be awarded a scholarship for only two (2) consecutive years.

The camp or program must start on or after June 1, 2012 and be completed by September 1, 2012.

To comply with the Bylaws of PTA, to be “noncommercial, nonsectarian, and nonpartisan,” a camp with the purpose of religious instruction will be ineligible for a scholarship.

Please return a completed application in a *sealed* envelope to the **school office**. **The deadline for submitting an application is March 22, no exceptions can be granted.** If you have any questions, please email Debbie Anestopoulos at debo@ms.com. All candidates will be notified of committee decisions shortly after May 1, 2012.

Scholarship recipients are encouraged to notify STC describing the benefits of having attended the camp/program for which the scholarship is received.

Please note that this program is not the same, nor is it affiliated with the Schaumburg Township Elementary School Foundation Memorial Scholarship Grant program.

**SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF PTAS
Elementary Summer Scholarship Application
Identification and Certification Form**

Student's Name: _____
Parent's Name: _____
Home Address: _____
Primary Contact Phone Number: _____
Last year, 2010-11, I attended _____ School
This year, 2011-12, I attend _____ School
Next year, 2012-13, I will attend _____ School
What summer program or camp do you plan to attend? _____
What is the cost of the program or camp? _____
What dates will you attend? _____
Where is the summer program or camp located? _____

Current grade level (please check one) 4th 5th 6th 7th

I certify that I have attended a District 54 school for a minimum of two (2) consecutive years. I also certify that I will attend a District 54 school for the 2012-13 school year.

I certify that if awarded an STC Elementary Scholarship I will attend the approved summer program or camp for which the scholarship application was submitted.

Student Signature: _____

I certify that I am a **current** member in good standing of the _____ PTA/PTSA prior to November 1, 2011.
A copy of my membership card/verification is attached.

Parent Signature: _____

Please note: All information needs to be completely filled out. If we should have a questions, we may need to contact you.

Student Statement Form
2 Part Question

Question #1: Why have you chosen this summer program or camp and what benefits do you think you will get from it?

(300 word maximum and must fit on the front of this page)

Parent/Guardian Statement Form

What do you hope your child will gain from this summer program or camp experience?

When answering statement about your child,

Please do not use personal information, refer to child as (him/her, he/she, son/daughter, my child)

(200 word maximum and must fit on the front of this page)

Final Checklist for Elementary Scholarship Application

Your application must include:

___ **Identification and Certification Form with signatures**

(Please note this must be filled out completely and both the student and parent must sign.)

___ **Student Statement Form consisting of 1, two part question with a maximum of 300 words.**

(Please note question must be on its own page.)

___ **Parent Statement Form with a maximum of 200 words**

(Please note this must be on its own page. Combining this on the same page as the Student Statement form will constitute disqualification of the application)

___ **A copy of the program or camp brochure (including cost information)**

___ **A copy of the application or registration form for the program or camp**

___ **A copy (not the original) or membership chairman written verification of the parent/guardian PTA/PTSA membership card for the 2011-12 academic year dated before November 1, 2011**

___ **This Final Checklist sheet**

Please note that any application not meeting ALL the criteria above will be disqualified.

It is recommended you make copies for your own records. No materials will be returned.

Submit your application to your school office as designated by the Elementary Scholarship Coordinator of your PTA/PTSA:

- Place all of the items listed above in a *sealed envelope*.
- Label the envelope **STC Elementary Scholarship Application**.