



## Superintendent's Message

### ISBE State Superintendent's Visit- Dr. Smith



State Superintendent Dr. Tony Smith visited Hillside School to learn about the new and exciting programs and opportunities for students. During his visit, he learned about the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Robotics Program, observed a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade STEM FUSION class on Mission to Mars, watched a 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade English Language Co-teaching class, interacted with 7<sup>th</sup> grade students using the MATHIA X Math Learning Tool, and talked to 6<sup>th</sup> grade students on their use of Heart Monitors during Physical Education class. In addition, Dr. Smith worked with 5<sup>th</sup> grade students on their Mental Karate Lesson that focused on goal setting. Hillside School will be featured in an upcoming ISBE weekly communication!!!



### Home to School Connections

We are excited to announce that we have changed the school/district website that will assist with the home to school connections.

When you go to [www.hillside93.org](http://www.hillside93.org), you will notice navigation links at the top of the page to help you locate information/resources. Under the Department & Service navigation link you find a Staff Directory Link with an alphabetical listing of all staff. When you click on a staff member's name, you will be directed to their page that includes a biography and email link.

#### **Do you want to stay connected with Hillside School District 93??**

*Text Messages Blast!!*

Please go to your Infinite Campus account and click on contact preferences and add text messages.

*Twitter!!!*

Please follow us on Twitter at **@HillsideD93** to receive news updates and latest happenings going on at Hillside School! <https://twitter.com/HillsideD93>

### Parent Advisory Committees

The Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee meetings are scheduled for the following dates:

Wednesday, October 25

Wednesday, January 24

Wednesday, March 21

Wednesday, May 23

All meetings will be from 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. and child care will be provided.

The purpose of this committee is to help facilitate communication between the bilingual parents and the district and to provide opportunities to discuss/provide input on the ELL program. This district wide committee is comprised of parents whose children are



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enrolled in the ELL program, ELL teachers, and Administrators. Please contact Cynthia Wagner, Bilingual Program Director, at 708-449-6490 ext. 7109, if you are interested in joining the committee.

### Student Opportunities

We are excited to announce a great opportunity for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. Our academic consortium, the West Suburban Consortium for Academic Excellence (WSCAE), is sponsoring the annual Civic Education Project (Civic Action Weekend).

Modeled after the weeklong Civic Week programs for high school students, this Civic Action Weekend will bring together outstanding middle school students from throughout the western suburbs for an intense service-learning immersion experience in the heart of Chicago. The program is designed to introduce middle level students to contemporary social issues facing urban communities and to promote civic engagement and leadership among promising young people.

All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be eligible to apply for the program the first week of October. Additional information will be forthcoming!!

Yours in education,

Dr. Kevin Suchinski  
Superintendent