

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

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April 9, 2018

- **School Security Meeting**
- **Parent Workshop: Trends in Teen Substance Abuse – What Parents Need to Know**
- **District 7 Lunch Debt Solutions Trivia Night**
- **2018 PARCC Testing**

School Security Meeting

I want to thank our local law enforcement partners Chief Jay Keeven from the Edwardsville Police Department, Chief Todd Link from the Glen Carbon Police Department, and Madison County Sheriff John Lakin for their ongoing support of District 7 students and staff as we review and update the District's security measures and emergency procedures in each school.

Our annual meeting was held last week and follow-up meetings will take place this spring as we plan to implement increased school security measures and visitor procedures in all schools. The layers of security in place to protect students and staff are detailed and research-based. Additional security measures will begin in August 2018 as we open the new school year; parents will receive information about these procedures at registration this summer.

These agencies have also agreed to partner to provide intensive professional development on updated emergency responses and procedures for all 950 District 7 employees throughout the fall of 2018.

District 7 students and staff are extremely grateful for the strong support shown by these law enforcement agencies.

Parent Workshop: Trends in Teen Substance Abuse – What Parents Need to Know

District 7 parents are invited to attend a meeting about trends in teen drug abuse, including vaping, presented by District 7 in conjunction with the Edwardsville Police Department. Information presented will include the changes in drug use trends over the last few years and the impact drug use and vaping have on brain development of youth.

DATE: Wednesday, April 11

TIME: 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

PLACE: Liberty Middle School

RSVP to Patty Beeler at pbeeler@ecusd7.org or by calling 656-1182. The workshop is free but reservations are encouraged.

Trivia Night

The **District 7 Lunch Debt Solutions** community group is holding a **Trivia Night** on Friday, April 20, 2018, at Woodland Elementary School. This group of dedicated citizens is hoping to help

District 7 offset the costs of food service debt that is frequently incurred as families struggle with financial setbacks and cannot pay and/or qualify for the federal free and reduced meal program.

DATE: Friday, April 20
TIME: Doors open at 5:45 p.m. and the contest begins at 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: Woodland Elementary School
COST: 10 Family/Friend Members per team - \$100 per team
CHECKS: Please make checks payable to School Lunch Debt Solutions

Registration forms and more details can be found on the District 7 website www.ecusd7.org.

2018 PARCC Testing

District 7 students in 3rd through 8th grade began the state reading and math assessments known as the PARCC exams today. We know that our students are well-prepared for these important assessments as teachers and curriculum committees have integrated required skills into the daily curriculum. Results from the 2018 tests should be sent to districts across Illinois in late summer, according to the Illinois State Board of Education.