

Dear Winfield 34 Parents and Guardians,

Summer is here and Winfield 34 is an active construction zone. Demolition work has been occurring on the patio outside of the commons as well as the ramp by the gym. We hope to see concrete being poured very soon. This week we had the crane parked outside of central placing roofing materials on the building and lifting the large HVAC units so that roofing work can be done below them. It is exciting to see, and we all feel a little like "Bob the Builder."

This past week some of our Middle School students have been in Washington DC with Cori Nelson and Kate Cyrus attending the National Energy Education Development - Youth Energy Conference. The students participated in many learning activities as well as sharing their findings. Several graduates of the Winfield 34 Energy Savers club also attended and helped facilitate the event. [Check out some of the pictures from twitter at #winfield34.](#)

On Thursday, June 22nd, the Winfield 34 Board of Education met. We reviewed our [student data progress](#) from the school year and discussed TIF 2. We also took a look at our budget progress from the current year and the proposed 2023-24 school budget. There were conversations about our construction projects and a new website that will be coming online next week. [Here is the video from the meeting.](#)

A few notes:

- 2023-24 Middle School students are asked to complete their [Special/Electives Form by July 15th.](#)
- As the school will have limited access this summer, Jennie Flemming and Caleb Svoboda will be hosting a summer Blood Drive at Winfield Wealth Management, just kitty corner to Winfield Primary on July 19th from 2:30 to 7pm. [Here is more information on the event.](#) A big thanks to Jennie and Caleb for making this possible.
- Medical debt is one the hardest issues for families. The DuPage Health coalition has resources to support. This non profit offers programs that help relieve any medical bills, past, or present, including those in collections. [Here is more information on their Silver Access Program.](#)
- Our first day of school for the 2023-24 school year will be Monday, August 21st.
 - AM Preschool will be from 8:20 am-10:55 am
 - PM Preschool will be from 12:40 pm-3:15 pm
 - K-8 will be from 8:20 am-3:15 pm.
 - First bell at 8:15 am
 - Staff Supervision begins at 8:10 am
- The Winfield Public Library is offering some great summer reading opportunities for our students and families. The theme this year is Find Your Voice. The Winfield Public Library is running the program between June 1 and July 31. Here are the informational fliers:
 - Children ages 5-12 can join the elementary reading program. [Click here for more details.](#)

- Individuals ages 12-18 can join the teen reading program. [Click here for more details.](#)
- Parents, Grandparents, and other adults ages 18+ can join the adult reading program. [Click here for more details.](#)
- The Illinois State Treasurer's Office has started a program to create low cost-tax free savings opportunities for families of students with special needs to save and invest money to support these individuals later in life. [Here is a brochure sharing the details of this new savings opportunity.](#)
- DuPage County has just launched 211, a free, confidential information and referral service that will provide a central access point to local health and human services 24-hours a day, 365 days a year. Dialing 211 in the County will provide anyone with the opportunity to obtain immediate referrals to mental health services, addiction support and rehabilitation, crisis counseling, supplemental food programs, shelter and affordable housing options, employment and education support, and/or financial support. Information can also be accessed through the Internet at 211dupage.gov.
- [SMART911](#) is an online registry used by first responders such as Police and Fire personnel to support families with diverse needs. It can be used to inform first responders if there is someone who has a medical condition, like Alzheimers, in the house, or a family pet that might need rescuing. We are partnering with Winfield Fire Protection District and Winfield Police Department to share information about [SMART911](#) so that they can be as supportive as possible when they are helping families in the community. Please note, the information you share in here is optional and designed to assist first responders when they come to support you.
- The Glenbard Parent Series hosts a variety of Parent Education Events. [Here is an overview of their parent learning opportunities for the year.](#) Events coming soon include:
 - **The Art, Power and ABC's of Talking With Young Children to Build Skills and Connection** (August 18, 12-1:00pm) [Please click here for more information](#) and (August 18, 7-8:00pm) [Please click here for more information.](#)
 - **Smart But Scattered: The Executive Functioning Approach to Help Kids Reach Their Potential — Start The Year Off Strong** (August 24, 12-1:30pm) [Please click here for more information](#) and (August 24, 7-8:30pm) [Please click here for more information.](#)
 - **Never Enough: Inspiring Balanced Achievement, Self-Confidence and The Power of Mattering** (August 29, 12-1:00pm) [Please click here for more information](#) and (August 29, 7-8:00pm) [Please click here for more information.](#)

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community.

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