



## BIWEEKLY DISTRICT EVENTS NEWSLETTER

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## South Holland School District 151

August 29, 2025

[www.shsd151.org](http://www.shsd151.org)

(708) 339-1516



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9th

Coolidge 6:00 pm-7:00 pm



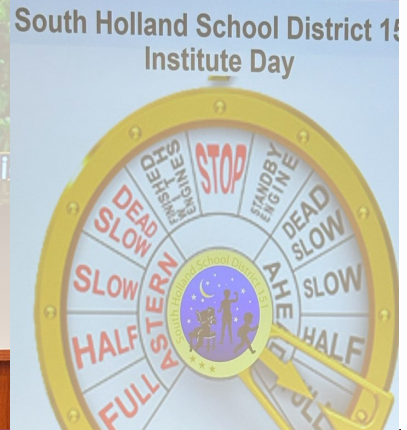
“Full Speed Ahead” is the focus of South Holland School District 151. The Board of Education and Superintendent Hill directed the staff to continue steering the students in the right direction. They will “batten down the hatches” and remain on their academic course of moving forward and upward.



Bake Sale Fundraiser -Nothing Bundt Cake will be at Eisenhower, Madison, and Taft's Open Houses, \$7.00 cash or card.

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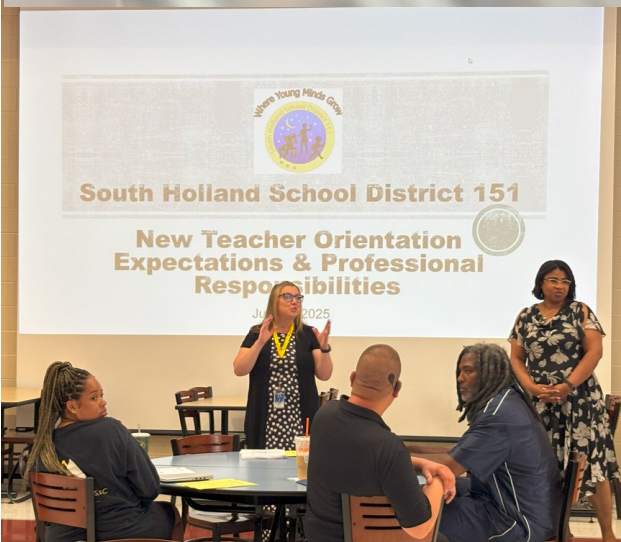


# OPEN KITCHENS

Two school days before the students were welcomed back into their classrooms, the lunch staff met to make sure they were ready to continue with nutritious breakfast and lunch options. This year, the school district has continued to use Open Kitchens. They offer a vegan lunch option as well as a hot or cold breakfast. They try to use local and organic products whenever they can.



Each year Superintendent Dr. Teresa Hill encourages the teachers and staff to help the students progress socially, emotionally, and academically. “Full Speed Ahead” initiative not only applies to the students it also applies to the teachers.



New teachers to the district receive monthly training provided by the Instructional Team. This ensures that the teachers are continuously learning and growing.



# WELCOME



"I am honored to join South Holland School District 151 as the new Special Education Director. With over 20 years of experience in education, I bring a diverse background that includes serving as a Middle School Special Education Teacher in an alternative setting for 10 years, Assistant Principal for 3 years, and Principal for 7 years. Prior to my work in education, I served as a Clinical Child & Adolescent Therapist, and I am also a certified life coach.

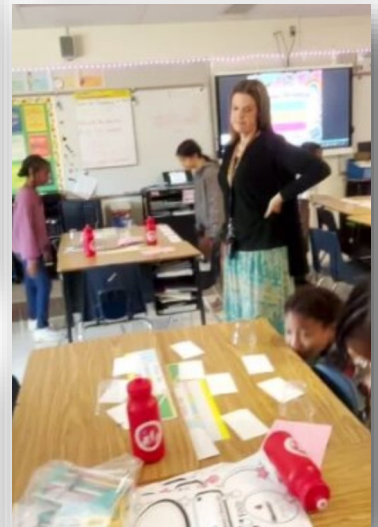
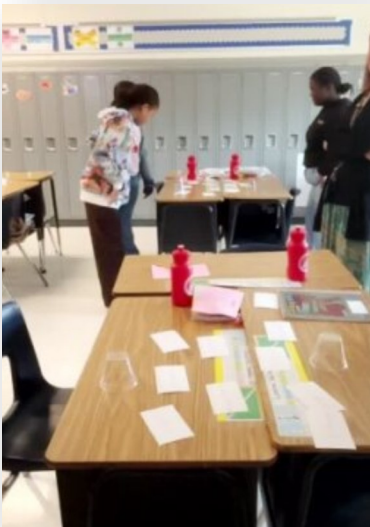
I am passionate about supporting students, families, and staff, and I am excited to collaborate with such a dedicated and welcoming community. I believe in maintaining an open-door policy and look forward to building strong partnerships as we work together to ensure every child receives the education and support they deserve."

*Dr. Ayana Hartzol*

## Madison students playing with Cups

Mrs. Orth's class at Madison school played the game "Cups" as a warm up for math!  
The game focused on math vocabulary!

*The full video can be seen on the district's Facebook page.*



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# Meet the Administrative Team



## District Office

Superintendent, Dr. Teresa D. Hill

Asst. Superintendent, Ernest Clark (not photographed)

Directors, Dr. Kathryn Varner, Mr. Mario Moody, and Dr. Hartzol (not photographed)

Mr. Phillip Neal & Mrs. La'Trica Gamble-Greer (not photographed)

## Coolidge Middle School

Principal Mrs. Chevia Rush & Assistant Principal Mrs. Tiedra White-Mooty

## Madison School

Principal Dr. Jerald McNair & Assistant Principal Mrs. Erika Thomas

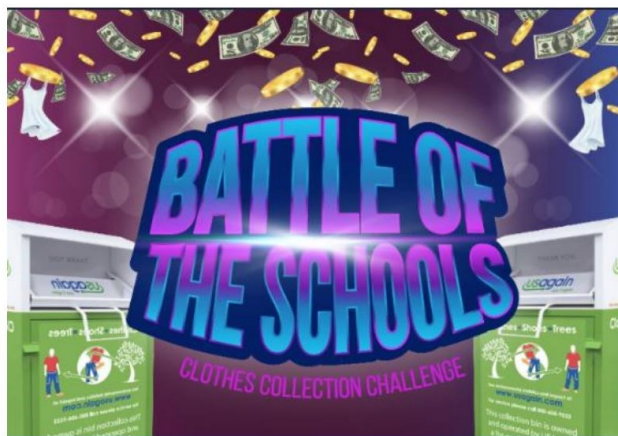
## Eisenhower School

Principal Mr. Peter Kolinski & Assistant Principal Mrs. Shirley Smith

## Taft School

Principal Mrs. Christine Wilson & Mrs. Angelica Guisinger

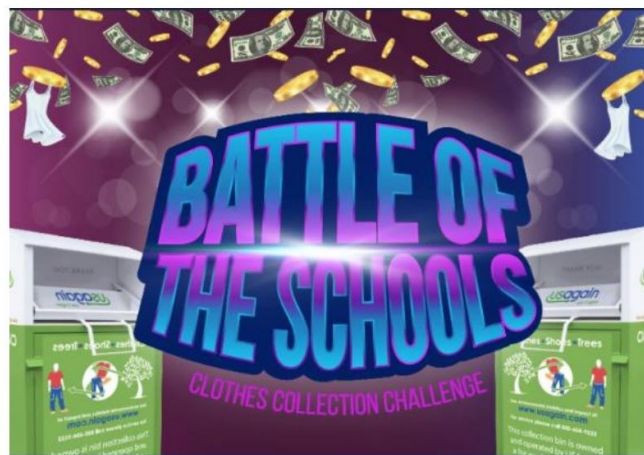




### The Battle of the Schools Clothes Collection Contest

Coolidge is one of the schools in the Battle of the Schools Clothes Collection Contest. We want to win bragging rights along with the possibility of a cash prize! Please drop off any gently worn clothes, shoes, or accessories to Ms. Jendrzejak, or you can place them directly into to our TreeMachine bin in the staff parking lot on 155<sup>th</sup> street. The contest starts on August 15<sup>th</sup> and ends on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Let's Win this Coolidge Tigers!**

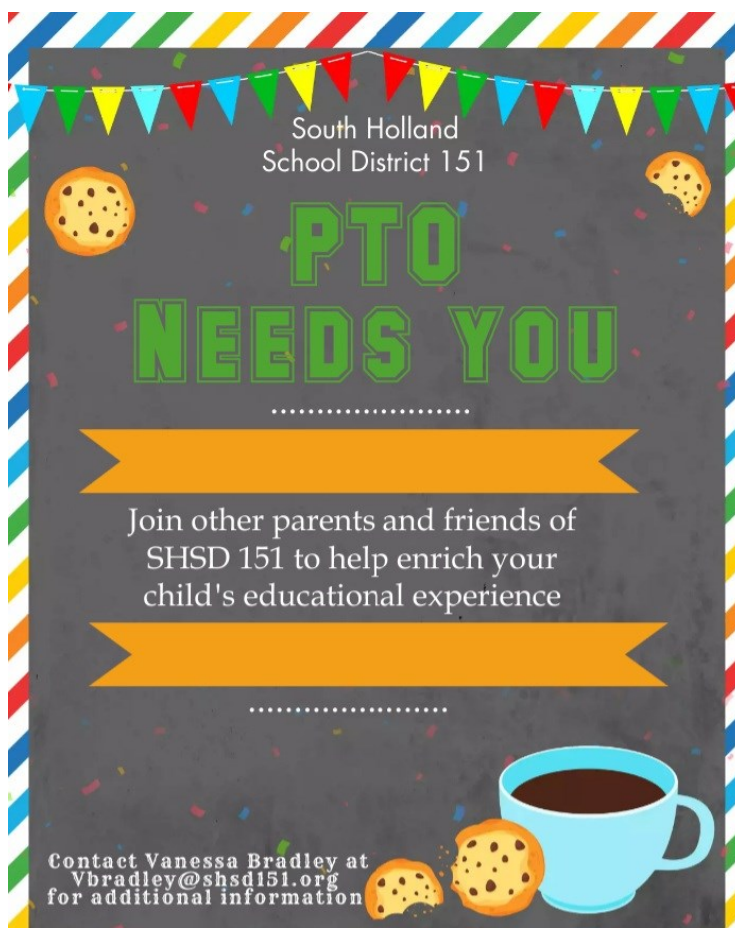


### Concurso de Recolección de Ropa Batalla de las Escuelas

Coolidge es una de las escuelas participantes en la Batalla de las Escuelas por la Recolección de Ropa. ¡Queremos ganar el derecho de presumir y la posibilidad de obtener un premio en efectivo! Por favor, dona cualquier ropa, calzado o accesorio en buen estado a la Sra. Jendrzejak, o colócalos directamente en nuestro contenedor TreeMachine ubicado en el estacionamiento del personal sobre la calle 155.

El concurso comienza el 15 de agosto y termina el 14 de septiembre.

**Vamos a ganar, Tigres de Coolidge!**



## ACE Before & After Care

**HOMEWORK HELP and Tutoring**

**FEES INCLUDE**

- ✓ Transportation
- ✓ Snacks
- ✓ Activities
- ✓ CCAP payments accepted

**STARTING 9/2**

**Monday - Friday**

Before Care: 7:00AM - 9:00AM

After Care: 2:30PM - 6:00PM

**K - 5th grade**

**NEW COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**14801 LINCOLN AVE**

**DOLTON, IL**

**Call 708-880-0468**

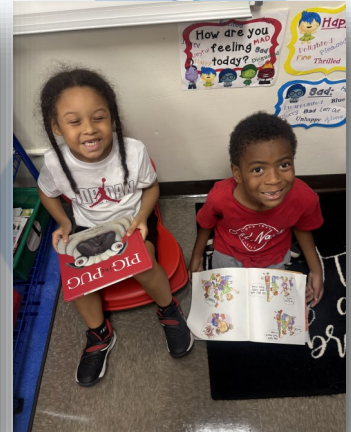
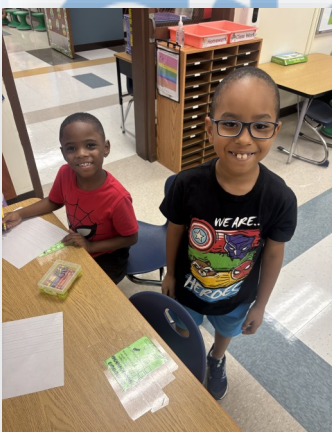
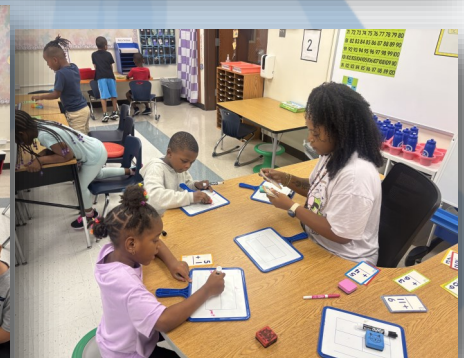
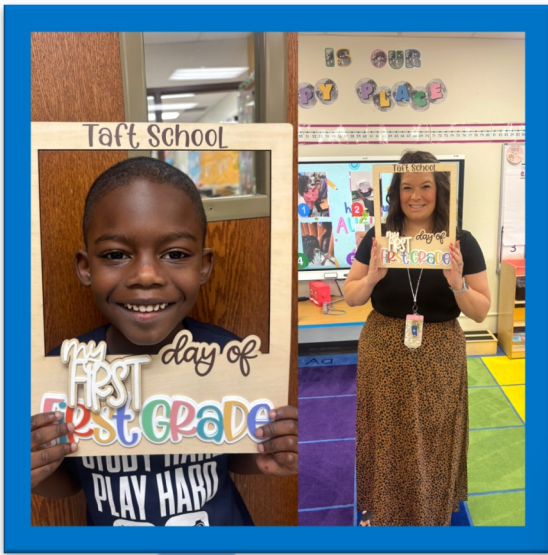
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# Welcome

## to Mrs. Carrie Olson's First Grade Class at Taft



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Come meet our fun and experienced staff!

ECHO'S FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM'S

# Open House

300 W. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
South Holland, IL 60473  
(708) 841-5950

Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2025  
5-6:30pm

A Bright Beginning for Your Child!

Services offered:

- Home Visits
- Parent/Child Playgroups
- Parenting Groups
- Family Field Trips
- Pops N Tots (Dad's Group)
- Health/Wellness Group
- Doula Program
- Prenatal Groups

Why Choose Us

- Learn fun ways to help your child grow and learn at every stage.
- Understand what to expect as your child develops.
- Build a strong, loving bond through play and everyday routines.
- Get personal support that fits your family's needs, culture, and language.
- Learn about community resources and services that can help your family.
- Catch any possible delays early with regular screenings.

Open to ALL families with a child age 0-3

Now Enrolling for 2025

For more information & registration:  
[www.fep.echoja.org](http://www.fep.echoja.org)

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ECHO FAMILY ENRICHMENT PROGRAM  
EMPOWERING PARENTS. CULTIVATING CHILDREN.

¡Ven a conocer a nuestro divertido y amable equipo!

DEL PROGRAMA DE ENRIQUECIMIENTO FAMILIAR DE ECHO

# Casa Abierta

300 W. 154<sup>th</sup> Street  
South Holland, IL 60473  
(708) 841-5950

Miércoles, 3 de Septiembre del 2025  
5- 6:30 p. m.

¡Un Comienzo Brillante para tu Niño!

Servicios ofrecidos:

- Visitas en casa
- Pops N Tots (Grupo de papás)
- Grupos de juego para padres y hijos
- Grupo de salud y bienestar
- Grupos de padres
- Programa de doulas
- Excursiones familiares
- Grupos prenatales

Abierta a todas las familias con niños de 0 a 3 años

por qué elegirnos

- Aprende maneras divertidas para ayudar a tu hijo a crecer y aprender en cada etapa.
- Entiende qué esperar a medida que tu hijo se desarrolla.
- Fortalece un vínculo fuerte y amoroso mediante el juego y las rutinas diarias.
- Recibe apoyo personal que se adapta a las necesidades, cultura y idioma de tu familia.
- Conoce recursos y servicios comunitarios que pueden ayudar a tu familia.
- Detecta posibles retrasos a tiempo con evaluaciones regulares.

Inscripciones abiertas para 2025

Para más información e inscripción:  
[www.fep.echoja.org](http://www.fep.echoja.org)

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MUST BE A THORNTON TOWNSHIP RESIDENT

THORNTON TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR  
**NAPOLEON B. HARRIS III**  
& THE THORNTON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
PRESENTS

THORNTON TOWNSHIP'S  
**AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**  
MONDAY - FRIDAY 3PM-6PM

2025 REGISTRATION BEGINS  
AUGUST 11TH-22ND  
MONDAY-THURSDAY  
10AM-4PM

2025 PROGRAM STARTS  
SEPTEMBER 2ND

LOCATION  
Thornton Township  
Youth & Family  
Service Center  
14323 South Halsted  
Riverdale, IL 60827

EBONY BRYANT  
(847) 269-7491  
PROGRAM MANAGER  
[ebryant@thorntontwp.com](mailto:ebryant@thorntontwp.com)

[WWW.THORNTONTOWNSHIP.COM](http://WWW.THORNTONTOWNSHIP.COM)

Hello Thornton Township Residents,

Thank you for considering the Thornton Township After-School program. On the date & time you signed up for, you will need to bring a few documentations to complete registration.

Please bring the following documentations

1. State ID or Driver's Licenses
2. Most Recent Grades
3. Birth Certificate
4. Utility Bill

Remember the After School Program Starts on September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 from 3:00pm-6:00pm.

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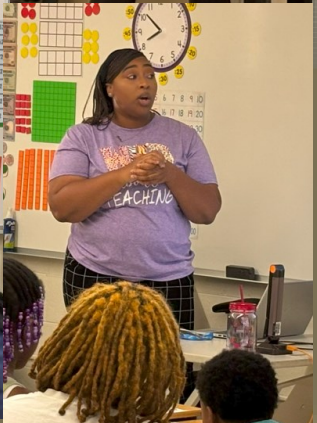
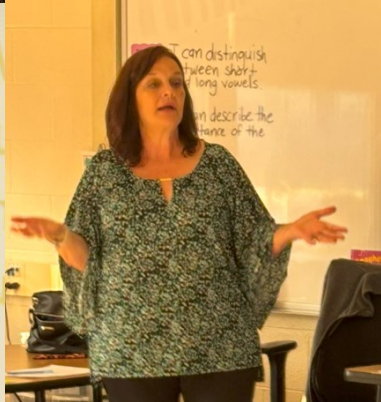
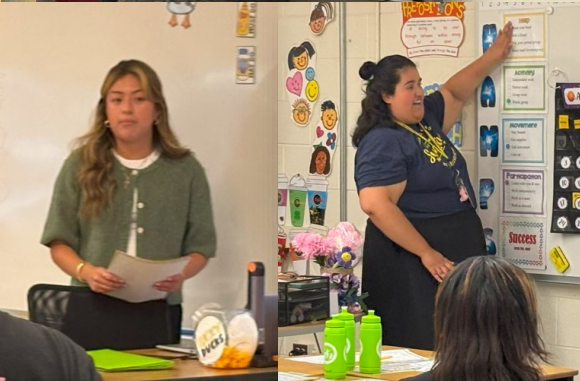
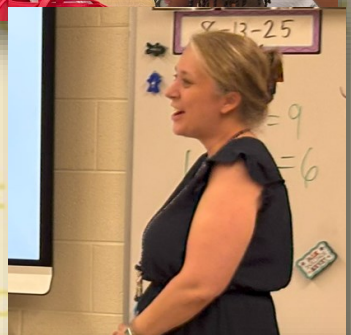
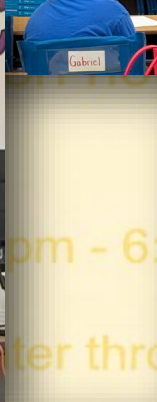
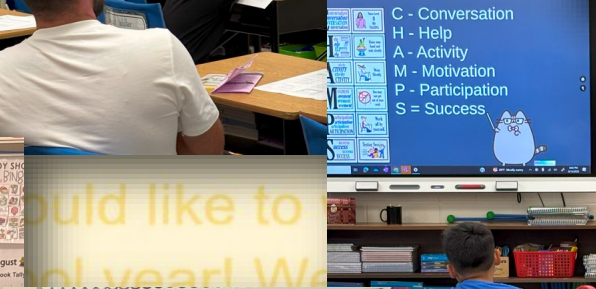
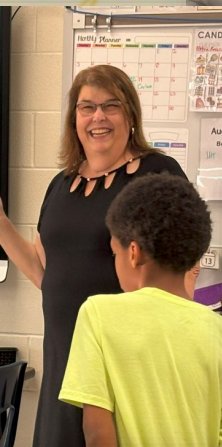
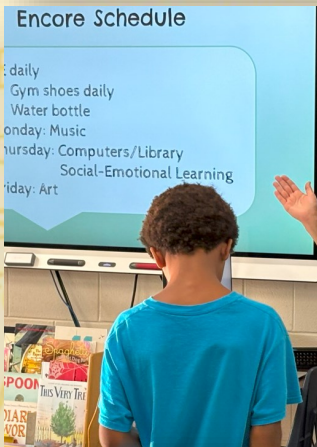
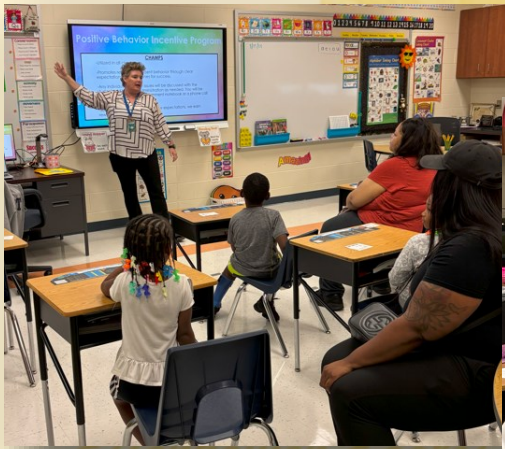


# Eisenhower's Open House



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VILLAGE OF  
PHOENIX LIBRARY DISTRICT  
**CALLING ALL**

**K-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Students, Parents  
and Residents**

**JOIN US AT OUR ANNUAL**

**THE SAFEWAY  
FAIR**

**August 16, 2019**

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

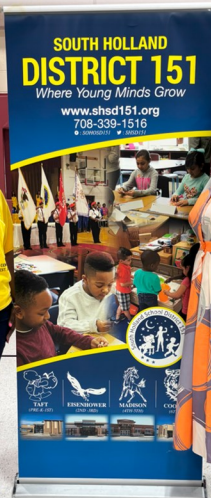
**South Holland Park and Playground**

**South & 9th Avenue**

**Phoenix**



**Vendor**  
**Phoenix Police**  
**South Suburban**  
**Solutions**  
**Top Teens**  
**Food**



**READING OPENS UP THE WORLD!**

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The South Holland Education Commission hosted a Parent Connect event on August 14, 2025, at the South Holland Community Center. The event featured South Holland schools, resource vendors, including a mental health specialist, providing parents with valuable information about programs and services available in the community. Each participant received a variety of school supplies along with the chance to win raffle prizes.



The Fine Arts department held their sign-up night for Band or Strings Orchestra. The parents were able to sign their children up, pay a deposit, and in most cases, leave with the instrument.

No musical experience is needed to join the Band or Orchestra. Two Fine Arts concerts will be held this school year in the Winter and Spring.

Mr. Moody, Fine Arts Director; Mrs. Madix, Band Director; and Ms. Smith, Orchestra Instructor



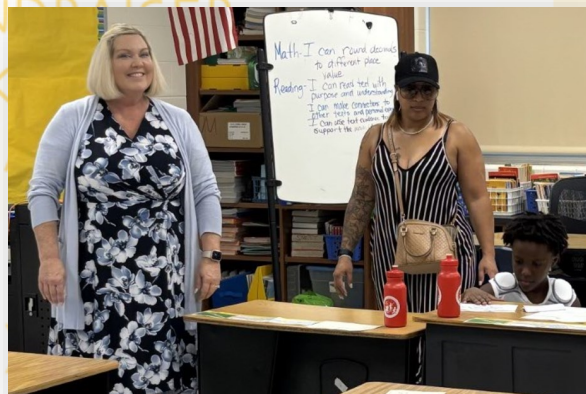




More photos are on the District's website!



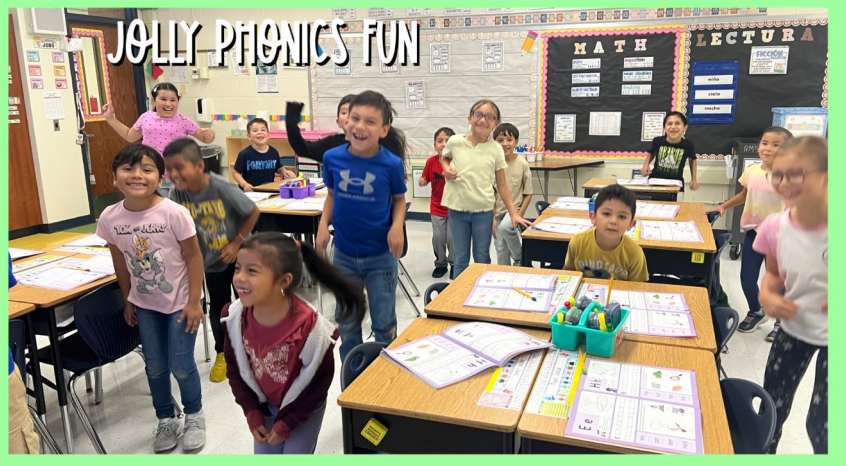
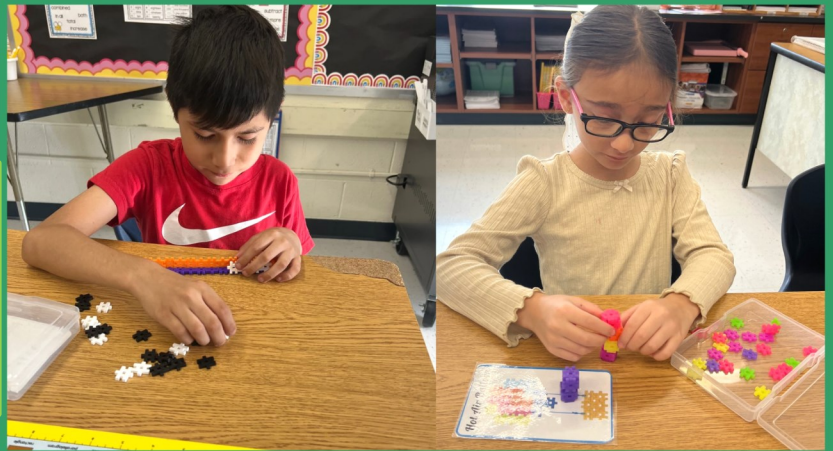
JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20TH



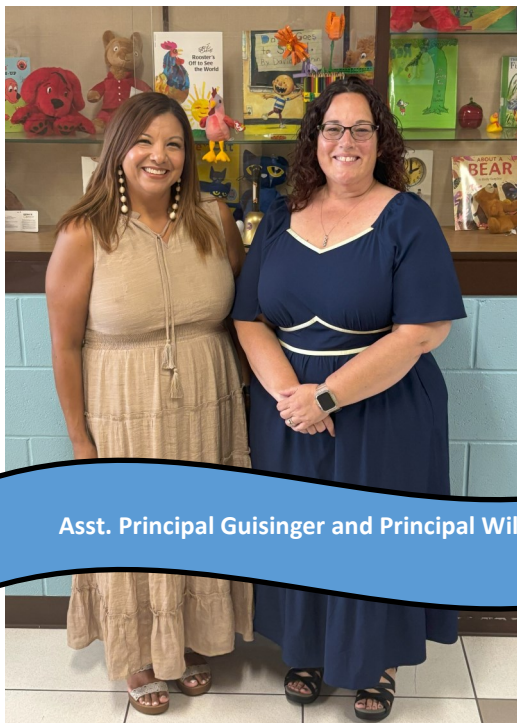




## Yolotzin Garcia's Eisenhower Class







Asst. Principal Guisinger and Principal Wilson

# Taft School

393 E. 163<sup>rd</sup> St., Harvey, IL 60426



Visit the District's Facebook page to see more photos.





# **SOUTH HOLLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT 151 OFFERS FREE BREAKFAST AND LUNCH TO ALL STUDENTS**

**SUMMER FOOD MEALS WILL BE OFFERED DURING INTERSESSION**

**OCTOBER 14-17, 2025, JANUARY 6-9, 2026, and APRIL 7-10, 2026**



**FREE**



**FOR ALL STUDENTS**

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**email:** [Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)

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LAS COMIDAS DE ALIMENTOS DE VERANO SE PROPORCIONARAN DURANTE LAS INTERSESIONES

14-17 DE OCTUBRE, 2025, 6-9 DE ENERO, 2026, Y 7-10 DE ABRIL DE 2026



# FREE



# FOR ALL STUDENTS

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2. FAX (833) 256-1665 o (202) 690-7442, o 3. correo electrónico:

[Program.Intake@usda.gov](mailto:Program.Intake@usda.gov)



### **Board of Education**

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