

Welcome Back!

Coolidge Students with Academic Pride (C-SWAP) concluded their Financial literacy program which began on January 24th. The program was sponsored by Douglas M. Taylor III. The program also included a presentation from South Holland's Providence bank. The boys were really engaged and asked some serious questions about financial independence. As part of his commitment to promoting the value of mentorship and financial literacy, Mr. Taylor will donate up to \$2,500.00 to the program's overall budget.



CSWAP Financial Literacy Program Objective

The primary goal of this program is to provide students with practical experience in managing their finances. Each student will receive a starting budget, and through guided activities and exercises, they will learn how to:

- Track expenses
- Set and achieve savings goals
- Manage a budget effectively

This experience will allow students to practice real-life financial skills in a supportive and structured environment.



Feel Good Friday at Madison



Today was FIRST FEEL GOOD FRI-DAY at Madison! They nominated their first staff member. They wanted to show appreciation for and Ms. Diggs is their first star!!!

Congratulations!

Room 7 at Madison





Coolidge Students with Academic Pride (C-SWAP)



CSWAP's Chicago Bulls outing was on February 26th. The boys were treated to a pre-game experience where they watched some of the NBA players from both the Bulls and the other team warm-up before the game.







Playing with Play-Doh at Eisenhower



Mrs. Tyderek's class at Eisenhower used Play-Doh to learn fractions. They started with a whole playdough ball and then divided the ball into halves, thirds, and fourths.







Science Experiments in Ms. Mickow class at Eisenhower School

The students in Ms. Mickow's class learned about weathering and erosion through a sugar cube and raining (water) experiment. They observed weathering with rain in a sped up demonstration how weather affects our earth and landforms over time. They also learned new vocabulary; discussed their observations; and learned a fun chant with actions to remember the difference between weathering and erosion.





The mobile SkyDome Planetarium visited Eisenhower School. The purpose of this in-school field trip was to teach the students about outer space. Currently, the second graders have been studying outer space in their classrooms, and this was a great way to bring space to them. They were able to learn more about the planets, sun, stars, and constellations. The students were very excited!





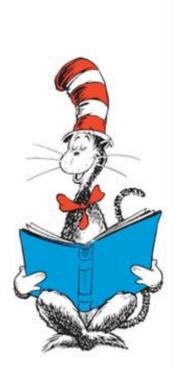




Read Across America



Eisenhower has been very busy. They had their annual "DONUT STOP READING" event to kick off READ ACROSS AMERICA. The students collaborated in the gym to listen to Donut Songs; watch how donuts are made; and listen to the a DONUT BOOK while they sat with their peers and ate donuts with milk. The students then paired into reading buddy groups and read their favorite books. The event ended with a discussion on the importance of reading.











Taft

Family Reading Night

Taft School hosted their annual Family Reading Night, this year with a pirate theme! Their families discovered their pirate names, read together in Pirate's Cove, created a make-and-take reading game, and had a pirate-tastic time!





Dr. Seuss Read Across America at Taft



Students at Taft School had a fun-filled Read Across America week! Staff and students alike took part in a reading-themed spirit week, enjoyed guest readers in the classroom, and every student was gifted a Pete the Cat book of their own!





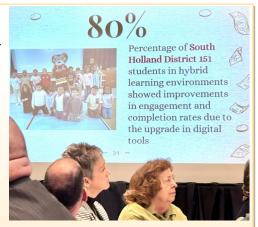
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From Mrs. Burton, Board President

On Thursday, March 13, 2025, I attended the Illinois Association of School Board's South Cook Division Meeting workshop entitled, "Dollars and Decisions: Leading Schools Through Uncertainty!"

Suddenly, I found the workshop's presenter, Dr. Ann Williams, mentioning our school district as one of her workshop examples of District/School successes!

She showed the slide below during her presentation



and I was so very proud of our District's work! The entire group of approximately 100 individuals applauded us!

Thanks so very much Superintendent Dr. Hill, Administrators, Faculty, and Staff for all of your hard work! It's appreciated and certainly lets others know, "What an AWESOME District we have!"



Board Members of the South Cook Division of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) gathered on Thursday, March 13th to participate in board development & celebrate their achievements!

Pictured from left to right are: 1) Mable Chapman from West Harvey-Dixmoor SD 147 & Legacy Annual Board Leader Award Recipient; 2) Janet Rogers from Harvey SD 152 & Chairwoman of the IASB South Cook Division (SCD);3) Patrice Burton, Board President of South Holland SD 151 & Legacy Annual Board Leader Award Recipient; and 4) Joyce Dickerson from Prairie Hills ESD 144 and Director of the IASB SCD.

SHSD 151 Board members **Cynthia Shane** and **Michelle Turner** also attended and a great time was had by all with a workshop entitled, "Dollars and Decisions: Leading Schools Through Uncertainty" by Dr. Ann Williams.





Attention Coolidge Middle School Earth Day

Clothes Collection Contest March 15th to April 15th 2025

Cash Prizes for Top 10 Schools That Participate!

Let's earn some bragging rights and cash for our school! Please bring in your gently used clothes, shoes, and accessories during the contest period. You can bring these items directly to Ms. Jendrzejak or put them in our textile recycling bin in the Southwest corner of the staff parking lot on 155th Street.

Let's Win This!











Atención Coolidge Middle School Concurso de Recolección de Ropa por el Día de la Tierra

15 de marzo al 15 de abril de 2025

¡Premios en efectivo para las 10 mejores escuelas que participen!

Vamos a ganar reconocimiento y dinero para nuestra escuela!

Por favor, trae ropa, zapatos y accesorios usados en buen estado durante el período del concurso. Puedes dejarlos con Ms. Jendrzejak o ponerlos en el contenedor de reciclaje textil ubicado en la esquina suroeste del estacionamiento de personal en la Calle 155th.

Vamos a ganar esto!









Taft Kindergarten classes had an amazing and fun time exploring all the different exhibits at the Children's Museum at Navy Pier in Chicago!



Sprinkling Hope

Students from Mrs. Davis and Mrs. Orth/Beemsterboer's classes at Madison School created a kindness project named "Sprinkling Hope." Families from both classes along with administration and community members donated items for our "Sprinkle Bags." The bags contained items such as fuzzy socks, lotion, Chapstick, snacks, sanitizer, coloring books, journals, colors and so much more. On Tuesday March 18th, students from both classes along with Mrs. Orth, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Beemsterboer and Ms. VanDommelen visited the Cancer Support Center of Homewood to donate their "Sprinkle Bags." The students made 72 bags to donate. They received a tour of the Center and learned about all the FREE services offered to members of the community impacted by cancer. The Center offers art therapy, yoga, cooking classes, group therapy, individual therapy, therapy for children, free wigs and so much more! People who visit the Center for therapies will receive a "Sprinkle Bag" from our students. Our hope is that the bag can brighten their day!

























Madison's Deep Sea Explores' Club

The Deep Sea Explorers' Club studied coral reefs around the world. After they learned about different types of coral, they created their own coral reef. Some of the corals featured include tube coral, plate coral, bubble coral, brain coral and so many others. The club also included sea anemone, sea urchin, turtles, crabs and a variety of fish!



2025 Coolidge 8th Grade Cook-off Challenge

Please congratulate all of the finalists of the Coolidge 8th grade Cook-off Challenge. They will compete on Friday, March 21st to see who are named "2025 Best Chefs at Coolidge".

<u>First Place - Lobster Alfredo Casserole</u>

Macen Harper

Janiyah Hanes

Brandon Thomas

Janiyah Fielder

Second Place - (tie for second) - Buffalo Chicken

<u>Casserole</u>

Tristany Cole

Kamari Land

Alana Thigpen

Johnylah Williams-Green

Second Place - (tie for second) - Enchilada Casserole

Leslie Elizalde

Emely Perez

Yanari Rojas

Asia Taylor

Third Place - Churro Cheese Casserole

Jacqueline Asencio

Araceli Camacho

Sophia Estrada





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